

# Back to Earth SW Ltd

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## Project Information

Reference

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## Construction Type

Element : Wall - Wall-masonry-cavity-internal-plasterboard

Internal surface emissivity : High External surface emissivity : High

|   | Thickness<br>(mm) | Thermal<br>Conductivity<br>(W/mK) | Thermal<br>Resistance<br>(m <sup>2</sup> K/W) | Pitch<br>(°) | Bridge details<br>Air gaps<br>(Level, Delta U")             |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--------------|---|
| Outside surface resistance                  | -                 | -                                 | 0.130   |              |   |
| Brick outer leaf                            | 105.0             | 0.770                             | 0.000   |              |   |
| Airspace, heat flow horizontal, 50 mm thick | 50.0              | -                                 | 0.000   |              |   |
| Brick inner leaf                            | 105.0             | 0.560                             | 0.188   |              |   |
| Clay Plaster                                | 10.0              | 0.800                             | 0.013   |              |   |
| UdiTHERM                                    | 40.0              | 0.038                             | 1.050   |              | L:0 0.000W/m <sup>2</sup> K                                 |
| Ampatex Variano                             | -                 | -                                 | -   |              |   |
| SteicoFlex                                  | 38.0              | 0.036                             | 1.050   |              | 11.800% Softwood<br>(38.0mm)<br>L:0 0.000W/m <sup>2</sup> K |
| Gyproc Wallboard                            | 12.5              | 0.190                             | 0.066   |              |   |
| Inside surface resistance                   | -                 | -                                 | 0.130   |              |   |

**Total thickness 360.5mm**

## U-value = 0.42W/m<sup>2</sup>K

U-value, Combined Method : 0.422W/m<sup>2</sup>K (upper/lower limit 2.506 / 2.380m<sup>2</sup>K/W, dUf 0.0128, dUg 0.0000, dUp0.0000, dUr0.0000, dUrc1 0.0000, dUrc2 0.0000)

## Correction factors

Mechanical fasteners :-

Insulation Fixings

Alpha : 0.80 per m lambda f : 50.0000W/mK nf : 4.000 per m<sup>2</sup> Af : 20.000mm<sup>2</sup> Recess : 0.0mm

Delta Uf for UdiTHERM : 0.0128

nf = fasteners per m<sup>2</sup> Af = fasteners cross-sectional area

Air gaps, Delta U<sub>g</sub> = 0.000W/m<sup>2</sup>K

(Based on the combined method for determining U-values of structures containing repeating thermal bridges)

|   | Thickness<br>(mm) | Thermal<br>Conductivity<br>(W/mK) | Thermal<br>Resistance<br>(m <sup>2</sup> K/W) | Vapour<br>Resistivity<br>(MNs/gm) | Vapour<br>Resistance<br>(MNs/g) |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Outside surface resistance                  | -                 | -                                 | 0.130   | -                                 | -                               |
| Brick outer leaf                            | 105.0             | 0.770                             | 0.000   | 50.00                             | 5.25                            |
| Airspace, heat flow horizontal, 50 mm thick | 50.0              | -                                 | 0.000   | -                                 | 0.00                            |
| Brick inner leaf                            | 105.0             | 0.560                             | 0.188   | 50.00                             | 5.25                            |
| Clay Plaster                                | 10.0              | 0.800                             | 0.013   | 25.00                             | 0.25                            |
| UdiTHERM                                    | 40.0              | 0.038                             | 1.050   | 25.00                             | 1.00                            |
| Ampatex Variano                             | -                 | -                                 | -   | -                                 | 21.00                           |
| SteicoFlex                                  | 38.0              | 0.036                             | 1.050   | 5.00                              | 0.19                            |
| Gyproc Wallboard                            | 12.5              | 0.190                             | 0.066   | 50.00                             | 0.63                            |
| Inside surface resistance                   | -                 | -                                 | 0.130   | -                                 | -                               |
| <b>Total thickness</b>                      | <b>360.5mm</b>    |                                   |   |                                   |                                 |

## Detailed U-value Calculation Results

Construction includes 1 bridged layer

### Non-bridged layers

|   |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Outside surface resistance                                | 0.130 m <sup>2</sup> K/W      |
| Brick inner leaf  | 0.188 m <sup>2</sup> K/W      |
| Clay Plaster  | 0.013 m <sup>2</sup> K/W      |
| UdiTHERM  | 1.050 m <sup>2</sup> K/W      |
| Gyproc Wallboard  | 0.066 m <sup>2</sup> K/W      |
| Inside surface resistance                                 | 0.130 m <sup>2</sup> K/W      |
| <b>Resistance of non-bridged layers, R<sub>NB</sub> =</b> | <b>1.576 m<sup>2</sup>K/W</b> |

### Bridged layer

SteicoFlex (L1) bridged by Softwood (B1)

Path 1 - SteicoFlex

Path 2 - Softwood

### Resistance and fraction of heat flow paths

$$R_{P1} = R_{NB} + R_{L1} = 1.576 + 1.050 = 2.626 \text{ m}^2\text{K/W} \quad F_{P1} = 88.200\%$$

$$R_{P2} = R_{NB} + R_{L2} = 1.576 + 0.292 = 1.868 \text{ m}^2\text{K/W} \quad F_{P2} = 11.800\%$$

### Upper resistance limit

$$R_{\text{upper}} = 1 / \left( \frac{F_{P1}}{R_{P1}} + \frac{F_{P2}}{R_{P2}} \right)$$

$$R_{\text{upper}} = 1 / \left( \frac{0.882}{2.626} + \frac{0.118}{1.868} \right) = 2.506 \text{ m}^2\text{K/W}$$

### Lower resistance limit

$$R_{\text{lower}} = R_{NB} + 1 / \left( \frac{F_{L1}}{R_{L1}} + \frac{F_{B1}}{R_{B1}} \right)$$

$$R_{\text{lower}} = 1.576 + 1 / \left( \frac{0.882}{1.050} + \frac{0.118}{0.292} \right) = 2.380 \text{ m}^2\text{K/W}$$

### Total resistance of wall

$$R_T = \left( R_{\text{upper}} + R_{\text{lower}} \right) / 2 = (2.506 + 2.380) / 2 = 2.44 \text{ m}^2\text{K/W}$$

### Mechanical fasteners :-

Calculations to BS EN ISO 6946:2007

Insulation Fixings

Alpha : 0.80 per m    lambda f : 50.0000W/mK    nf : 4.000 per m<sup>2</sup>    Af : 20.000mm<sup>2</sup>    Recess : 0.0mm

Delta Uf for UdiTHERM : 0.0128

Correction for air gaps, Delta Ug = 0.0000W/m<sup>2</sup>K

$$U = \left( 1 / R_T \right) + \left( \Delta U_f + \Delta U_g + \Delta U_p + \Delta U_{rc2} + \Delta U_{rc2} \right) = \left( 1 / 2.4431 \right) + 0.0128 + 0.0000 + 0.0000 + 0.0000 + 0.0000 = 0.42 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$$

Structure element : Wall  
Condensation calculations performed in accordance with BS5250:2021

**Condensation is occurring at the following layers interfaces:-**

| Month | Int<br>(C°) | Int<br>(%RH) | Ext<br>(C°) | Ext<br>(%RH) |
|-------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Jan   | 21.00       | 45.10        | 3.10        | 85.00        |
| Feb   | 21.00       | 44.60        | 3.10        | 83.50        |
| Mar   | 21.00       | 45.40        | 5.20        | 79.50        |
| Apr   | 21.00       | 46.70        | 7.60        | 75.50        |
| May   | 21.00       | 51.40        | 10.60       | 76.00        |
| Jun   | 21.00       | 57.20        | 14.00       | 74.50        |
| Jul   | 21.00       | 61.90        | 15.80       | 75.00        |
| Aug   | 21.00       | 62.60        | 15.40       | 77.50        |
| Sep   | 21.00       | 58.60        | 13.20       | 79.50        |
| Oct   | 21.00       | 53.90        | 10.00       | 83.00        |
| Nov   | 21.00       | 48.00        | 6.00        | 84.00        |
| Dec   | 21.00       | 46.40        | 4.20        | 85.50        |

Gc = Monthly moisture accumulation per area at an interface

Ma = Accumulated moisture content per area at an interface

Peak accumulated moisture content per area at interface (Ma) = 0.00000 Kg/m<sup>2</sup>

Annual moisture accumulation = 0.00000 Kg/m<sup>2</sup>

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**Thermal Mass Details**

|   | Thickness<br>assessed (actual)<br>(mm) | Density<br>(kg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | Specific heat<br>capacity<br>(J/kgK) | Heat<br>capacity<br>(kJ/m <sup>2</sup> K) |
|---|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Brick outer leaf                            | 0.0 (105.0)                            | 1700.0                          | 840.0                                | 0.0                                       |
| Airspace, heat flow horizontal, 50 mm thick | 0.0 (50.0)                             | 1.2                             | 1008.0                               | 0.0                                       |
| Brick inner leaf                            | 0.0 (105.0)                            | 1700.0                          | 840.0                                | 0.0                                       |
| Clay Plaster                                | 0.0 (10.0)                             | 1700.0                          | 1000.0                               | 0.0                                       |
| UdiTHERM                                    | 0.0 (40.0)                             | 160.0                           | 2100.0                               | 0.0                                       |
| Ampatex Variano                             | 0.0 (-)                                | 280.0                           | 850.0                                | 0.0                                       |
| SteicoFlex                                  | 0.0 (38.0)                             | 60.0                            | 2100.0                               | 0.0                                       |
| Gyproc Wallboard                            | 12.5 (12.5)                            | 0.0                             | 0.0                                  | 0.0                                       |
| Total                                       |  |                                 |                                      | 0.0                                       |
| kappa value                                 |  |                                 |                                      | 0.0000                                    |
| Limiting condition:                         | insulation                             |                                 |                                      |   |

Admittance : 0.56 W/m<sup>2</sup>K    Decrement : 0.15 factor    Decrement delay : -11.06 hours

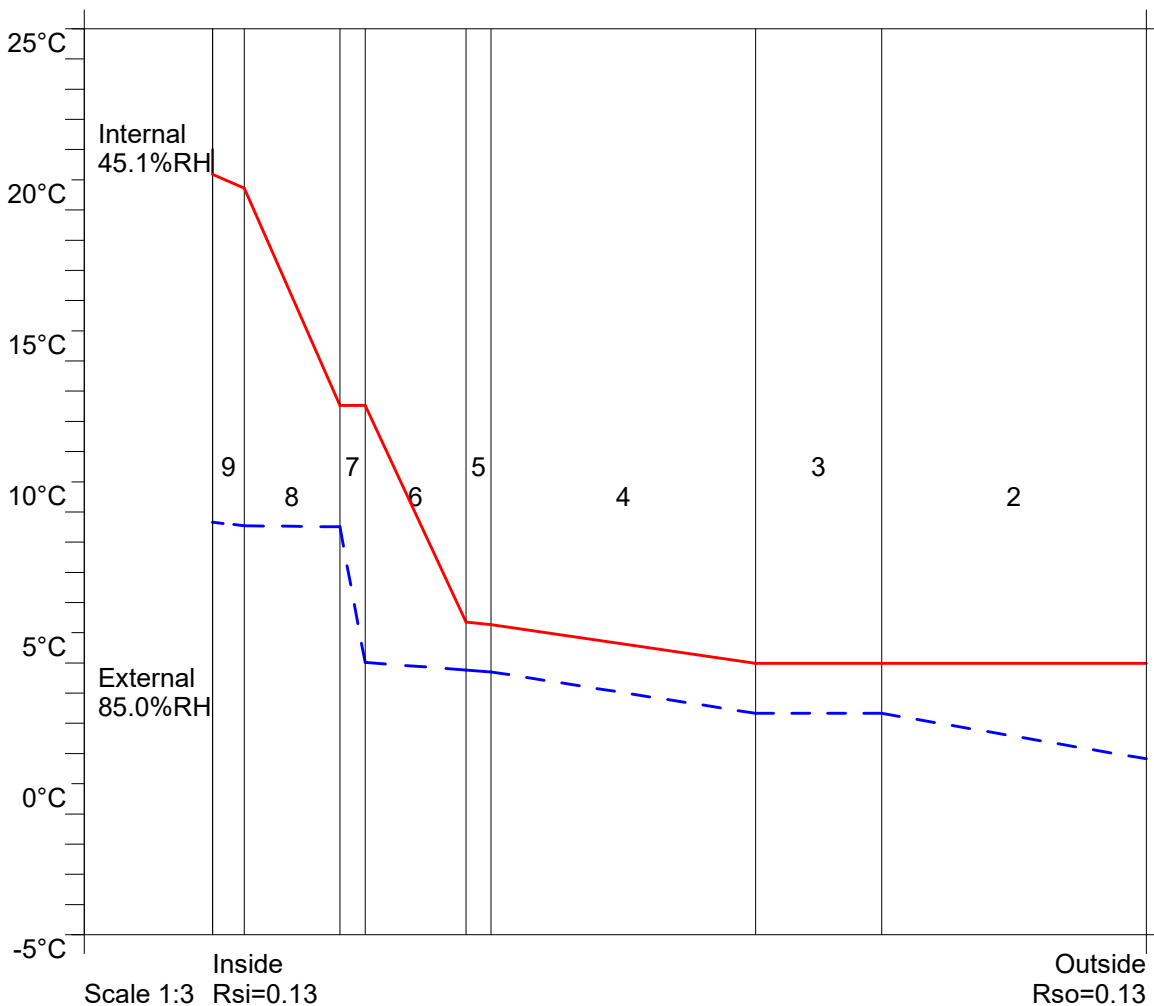
## Condensation Risk Analysis (no account taken of thermal bridges)

### 2 - Offices, shops and dwellings with low occupancy

| Jan (worst) | Feb         | Mar         | Apr         | May         | Jun         | Jul         | Aug         | Sep         | Oct         | Nov         | Dec         |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 21.0C 45.1% | 21.0C 44.6% | 21.0C 45.4% | 21.0C 46.7% | 21.0C 51.4% | 21.0C 57.2% | 21.0C 61.9% | 21.0C 62.6% | 21.0C 58.6% | 21.0C 53.9% | 21.0C 48.0% | 21.0C 46.4% |
| 3.1C 85.0%  | 3.1C 83.5%  | 5.2C 79.5%  | 7.6C 75.5%  | 10.6C 76.0% | 14.0C 74.5% | 15.8C 75.0% | 15.4C 77.5% | 13.2C 79.5% | 10.0C 83.0% | 6.0C 84.0%  | 4.2C 85.5%  |

|   | Interface Temp. °C | Dewpoint Temp. °C | Vapour Pressure (kPa) | Saturated V.P. (kPa) | Worst Cond. (g/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Peak Buildup (g/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Condensation |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 Outside surface resistance                  |                    |                   |                       |                      |                                 |                                  |              |
| 2 Brick outer leaf                            | 4.0                | 0.8               | 0.65                  | 0.81                 |                                 |                                  | No           |
| 3 Airspace, heat flow horizontal, 50 mm thick | 4.0                | 2.3               | 0.72                  | 0.81                 |                                 |                                  | No           |
| 4 Brick inner leaf                            | 4.0                | 2.3               | 0.72                  | 0.81                 |                                 |                                  | No           |
| 5 Clay Plaster                                | 5.3                | 3.7               | 0.80                  | 0.89                 |                                 |                                  | No           |
| 6 UdiTHERM                                    | 5.3                | 3.8               | 0.80                  | 0.89                 |                                 |                                  | No           |
| 7 Ampatex Variano                             | 12.5               | 4.0               | 0.81                  | 1.45                 |                                 |                                  | No           |
| 8 SteicoFlex                                  | 12.5               | 8.5               | 1.11                  | 1.45                 |                                 |                                  | No           |
| 9 Gyproc Wallboard                            | 19.7               | 8.5               | 1.11                  | 2.30                 |                                 |                                  | No           |
| 10 Inside surface resistance                  | 20.2               | 8.7               | 1.12                  | 2.36                 |                                 |                                  | No           |

Worst case internal / external conditions for graph : 21.0°C @ 45.1%RH / 3.1°C @ 85.0%RH



## Condensation Risk Analysis (no account taken of thermal bridges)

### 2 - Offices, shops and dwellings with low occupancy

| Jan (worst) | Feb         | Mar         | Apr         | May         | Jun         | Jul         | Aug         | Sep         | Oct         | Nov         | Dec         |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 21.0C 45.1% | 21.0C 44.6% | 21.0C 45.4% | 21.0C 46.7% | 21.0C 51.4% | 21.0C 57.2% | 21.0C 61.9% | 21.0C 62.6% | 21.0C 58.6% | 21.0C 53.9% | 21.0C 48.0% | 21.0C 46.4% |
| 3.1C 85.0%  | 3.1C 83.5%  | 5.2C 79.5%  | 7.6C 75.5%  | 10.6C 76.0% | 14.0C 74.5% | 15.8C 75.0% | 15.4C 77.5% | 13.2C 79.5% | 10.0C 83.0% | 6.0C 84.0%  | 4.2C 85.5%  |

|   | Interface Temp. °C | Dewpoint Temp. °C | Vapour Pressure (kPa) | Saturated V.P. (kPa) | Worst Cond. (g/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Peak Buildup (g/m <sup>2</sup> ) | Condensation |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 Outside surface resistance                  |                    |                   |                       |                      |                                 |                                  |              |
| 2 Brick outer leaf                            | 16.1               | 11.4              | 1.35                  | 1.82                 |                                 |                                  | No           |
| 3 Airspace, heat flow horizontal, 50 mm thick | 16.1               | 11.7              | 1.38                  | 1.82                 |                                 |                                  | No           |
| 4 Brick inner leaf                            | 16.1               | 11.7              | 1.38                  | 1.82                 |                                 |                                  | No           |
| 5 Clay Plaster                                | 16.4               | 12.1              | 1.41                  | 1.87                 |                                 |                                  | No           |
| 6 UdiTHERM                                    | 16.5               | 12.1              | 1.41                  | 1.87                 |                                 |                                  | No           |
| 7 Ampatex Variano                             | 18.5               | 12.1              | 1.41                  | 2.13                 |                                 |                                  | No           |
| 8 SteicoFlex                                  | 18.5               | 13.4              | 1.53                  | 2.13                 |                                 |                                  | No           |
| 9 Gyproc Wallboard                            | 20.6               | 13.4              | 1.53                  | 2.43                 |                                 |                                  | No           |
| 10 Inside surface resistance                  | 20.8               | 13.4              | 1.54                  | 2.45                 |                                 |                                  | No           |

Worst case internal / external conditions for graph : 21.0°C @ 61.9%RH / 15.8°C @ 75.0%RH

