



**BRANZ Appraised**  
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## PREMIER POLYESTER CEILING INSULATION



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### BRANZ Appraisals

Technical Assessments of  
products for building and  
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## Product

- 1.1 Premier Polyester Ceiling Insulation is a range of thermal insulating materials manufactured from thermally bonded polyester fibres. Premier Polyester Ceiling Insulation is available in blanket form for building ceiling application.

## Scope

- 2.1 Premier Polyester Ceiling Insulation has been appraised as a thermal insulating material for accessible ceiling space applications.

## Building Regulations

### New Zealand Building Code (NZBC)

- 3.1 In the opinion of BRANZ, Premier Polyester Ceiling Insulation if designed, used, installed and maintained in accordance with the statements and conditions of this Appraisal, will meet or contribute to meeting the following provisions of the NZBC:

**Clause B2 DURABILITY:** Performance B2.3.1 [a] not less than 50 years and [b] 15 years. Premier Polyester Ceiling Insulation will meet this requirement. See Paragraph 8.1.

**Clause E3 INTERNAL MOISTURE:** Performance E3.3.1. Premier Polyester Ceiling Insulation will contribute to meeting this requirement. See Paragraphs 12.1 and 12.2.

**Clause F2 HAZARDOUS BUILDING MATERIALS:** Performance F2.3.1. Premier Polyester Ceiling Insulation will not present a health hazard to people.

**Clause H1 ENERGY EFFICIENCY:** Performance H1.3.1 [a] and H1.3.2 [E]. Premier Polyester Ceiling Insulation will contribute to meeting this requirement. See Paragraphs 14.1 and 14.2.

## Technical Specification

- 4.1 Premier Polyester Ceiling Insulation is manufactured from thermally bonded polyester fibres. The fibres are blended, carded and thermally bonded to produce blankets which are cut to the required size. Premier Polyester Ceiling Insulation is available as set out in Table 1.

**Table 1: Premier Polyester Ceiling Insulation product range**

R-value	Nominal Thickness (mm)	Width (mm)	Length (mm)	Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )
<b>Premier Polyester Ceiling Insulation Ceiling Blanket</b>				
R1.8	115	870	11,495	7.8
R2.4	175	870	8,620	8.0
R2.9	195	870	8,620	7.2
R3.3	200	870	8,620	8.0
R3.6	225	870	7,470	8.0

\*PIL Group Ltd provides additional to the listed width customised orders. These must be to the same R-value, thickness and density requirements as the products above.

- 4.2 Premier Polyester Ceiling Insulation is white in colour and is packaged in white compression polythene packaging with labelling in compliance with AS/NZS 4859.1.

## Handling and Storage

- 5.1 Premier Polyester Ceiling Insulation must be stored under cover, away from direct sunlight and in dry conditions. Heavy objects must not be stacked on the packs. The packs must be stored in an orientation that avoids excessive compression of the product.
- 5.2 In general, insulation products are sensitive to the length of time they are stored under compression packaging. Product that does not recover to its nominal thickness may not achieve the stated R-value.

## Technical Literature

- 6.1 Refer to the Appraisals listing on the BRANZ website for details of the current Technical Literature for Premier Polyester Ceiling Insulation. The Technical Literature must be read in conjunction with this Appraisal. All aspects of design, use, installation and maintenance contained in the Technical Literature and within the scope of this Appraisal must be followed.

## Design Information

### General

- 7.1 Premier Polyester Ceiling Insulation is intended for use as thermal insulation to meet the requirements of the NZBC. Premier Polyester Ceiling Insulation can be used to meet the minimum schedule method R-value of the NZBC Verification Method H1/VM1 or NZBC Acceptable Solution H1/AS1. Greater construction R-values can be achieved where specific design is used. For construction R-values refer to the BRANZ House Insulation Guide. Product R-values and dimensions are given in Table 1.
- 7.2 Premier Polyester Ceiling Insulation thermal resistance [R-value] has been determined by testing to AS/NZS 4859.1, which is an acceptable method in NZBC Acceptable Solution H1/AS1.
- 7.3 Premier Polyester Ceiling Insulation is designed to be friction-fitted between ceiling framing in accessible ceilings. Premier Polyester Ceiling Insulation can also be laid directly over ceiling lining, or over ceiling battens or joist/truss chords. In other horizontal situations, it must be adequately supported by wire netting or some other suitable durable material.
- 7.4 To prevent moisture transfer and to provide roof ventilation, a separation of 25 mm minimum is required between the insulation and any rigid substrate or flexible roof underlay.
- 7.5 The building envelope must be constructed to ensure the insulation remains dry during installation and throughout the life of the building.
- 7.6 The clearance requirements for heating appliances and downlights must be met and reference made to the manufacturer's instructions and NZS 4246. See Paragraphs 10.1 - 10.3.

## Durability

### Serviceable Life

- 8.1 Where the building is maintained so that the provisions of the NZBC E2 and E3 Clauses are met, and where the insulation is not crushed or exposed to conditions that will diminish its thermal performance, Premier Polyester Ceiling Insulation can expect to have a serviceable life of at least 50 years.

## Maintenance

- 9.1 Insulation that has become damp must be removed and the cause of dampness repaired. Cavities must be clean and dry before replacing with new Premier Polyester Ceiling Insulation. NZS 4246 gives guidance on thermal insulation maintenance due to water damage.

## Prevention of Fire Occurring

- 10.1 Separation or protection must be provided to Premier Polyester Ceiling Insulation from heat sources such as fire places, heating appliances, flues, chimneys and recessed luminaires. Refer to Part 7 of NZBC Acceptable Solution C/AS1, C/AS2 and NZBC Verification Method C/VM1.

### Downlights

- 10.2 Recessed luminaires shall be of type and installed in accordance with NZBC Acceptable Solutions C/AS1 or C/AS2, Section 7.4.
- 10.3 Insulation materials must maintain a clearance of 100 mm to undefined recessed luminaires in existing buildings.

## Fire affecting areas beyond the fire source

### Control of Internal Fire and Smoke Spread

- 11.1 Premier Polyester Ceiling Insulation consists of thermally bonded polyester fibres, therefore the interior surface finish must achieve a Group Number of not more than 3 as described in NZBC Acceptable Solution C/AS1 Section 4.3 and C/AS2 Paragraph 4.17.2. Premier Polyester Ceiling Insulation will not meet this requirement alone and will need to be enclosed by an interior surface lining so that the completed system achieves a Group Number of not more than 3.

## External Moisture

- 12.1 The total building envelope must be weathertight and comply with the requirements of NZBC Clause E2 to ensure that the insulation remains dry in use.
- 12.2 The moisture content of the construction materials at the time of installing and enclosing the insulation must meet the requirements of NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1 Paragraph 10.2 (a), or lower moisture content if required by the lining manufacturer.

## Internal Moisture

- 13.1 Buildings must provide an adequate combination of thermal resistance, ventilation and space temperature to all habitable spaces, bathrooms, laundries and other spaces where moisture may be generated or may accumulate. This does not apply to Communal Non-residential, Commercial, Industrial, Outbuildings or Ancillary buildings.
- 13.2 Roofs of housing complying with the Schedule Method for Compliance with Clause H1.3.2 E will have adequate thermal resistance. Other buildings may require more thermal insulation to satisfy the requirements of NZBC Acceptable Solution E3/AS1 than that to satisfy the energy efficiency provisions alone.

## Energy Efficiency

- 14.1 Premier Polyester Ceiling Insulation will contribute to meeting the requirements of NZBC Clause H1 Performance H1.3.1(a) and H1.3.2 E by compliance with NZBC Verification Method H1/VM1 or NZBC Acceptable Solution H1/AS1. Refer to Paragraphs 7.1 - 7.7.
- 14.2 Premier Polyester Ceiling Insulation R-values have been determined by BRANZ testing to AS/NZS 4859.1 and are given in Table 1.



## Installation Information

### Installation Skill Level Requirements

- 15.1 Installation of Premier Polyester Ceiling Insulation must be completed by an installer with an understanding of insulation installation.

### General

- 16.1 Installation of Premier Polyester Ceiling Insulation must be in accordance with the Technical Literature, Installation Instructions and this Appraisal. NZS 4246 should be used as a guide for installing insulation in residential buildings.
- 16.2 The product must be installed only when the building is enclosed and when the construction materials have achieved the required maximum moisture content or less.
- 16.3 Premier Polyester Ceiling Insulation must be released from the packaging and allowed to re-loft prior to installation. The time to loft will depend upon the length of time the product has been packaged and stored.
- 16.4 Premier Polyester Ceiling Insulation is supplied in blanket form [see Table 1] to suit framing layouts. The size must be selected to minimise the number of butt joints and to suit the spacing of framing members. The insulation must be neatly friction-fitted between framing members so that the potential for gaps and convective heat loss is reduced. In ceilings, the insulation may be fitted between framing members or fitted over framing members. The insulation must extend to the external top plate. The insulation must not be folded, tucked or compressed. A close even fit provides the most efficient thermal performance. Wherever possible, the insulation should be fitted beneath wiring or plumbing.
- 16.5 The clearance requirements for heating appliances, light fittings and downlights must be followed. Refer also to NZS 4246.

### Inspections

- 16.6 The Technical Literature, this Appraisal and NZS 4246 must be referred to during the inspection of Premier Polyester Ceiling Insulation.

### Health and Safety

- 17.1 Refer to the Technical Literature and NZS 4246 for guidance on health and safety requirements such as personal protective clothing and installation hazard assessment.



## Basis of Appraisal

The following is a summary of the technical investigations carried out.

### Tests

- 18.1 BRANZ has carried out thermal resistance testing of Premier Polyester Ceiling Insulation in accordance with AS/NZS 4859.1

### Other Investigations

- 19.1 An assessment of the durability of Premier Polyester Ceiling Insulation has been made by BRANZ technical experts.
- 19.2 The manufacturer's Technical Literature and Installation Instructions have been reviewed by BRANZ and found to be satisfactory.
- 19.3 Site inspections have been undertaken by BRANZ to assess the practicability of installation.

### Quality

- 20.1 The manufacture of Premier Polyester Ceiling Insulation has been examined by BRANZ including methods adopted for quality control. Details of the manufacturing processes and quality and composition of the raw materials used were obtained and found to be satisfactory.
- 20.2 PIL Group Ltd is responsible for the quality of the product supplied.
- 20.3 Quality of installation of the product on site is the responsibility of the installer.
- 20.4 Quality of maintenance of the building to ensure the insulation remains dry is the responsibility of the building owner.

### Sources of Information

- AS/NZS 4859.1: 2018 Materials for the thermal insulation of buildings.
- NZS 4214: 2006 Method of determining the total thermal resistance of parts of buildings.
- NZS 4246: 2016 Energy efficiency - Installing bulk thermal insulation in residential buildings.
- BRANZ House Insulation Guide, Fifth Edition 2014.
- Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment Record of Amendments - Acceptable Solutions, Verification Methods and Handbooks.
- The Building Regulations 1992.

## Amendments

### Amendment No. 1, dated 24 January 2020.

This Appraisal has been amended to update Table 1 and include the R3.6 product.



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In the opinion of BRANZ, **Premier Polyester Ceiling Insulation** is fit for purpose and will comply with the Building Code to the extent specified in this Appraisal provided it is used, designed, installed and maintained as set out in this Appraisal.

The Appraisal is issued only to **PIL Group Ltd**, and is valid until further notice, subject to the Conditions of Appraisal.

### Conditions of Appraisal

1. This Appraisal:
  - a) relates only to the product as described herein;
  - b) must be read, considered and used in full together with the Technical Literature;
  - c) does not address any Legislation, Regulations, Codes or Standards, not specifically named herein;
  - d) is copyright of BRANZ.
2. **PIL Group Ltd**:
  - a) continues to have the product reviewed by BRANZ;
  - b) shall notify BRANZ of any changes in product specification or quality assurance measures prior to the product being marketed;
  - c) abides by the BRANZ Appraisals Services Terms and Conditions;
  - d) warrants that the product and the manufacturing process for the product are maintained at or above the standards, levels and quality assessed and found satisfactory by BRANZ pursuant to BRANZ's Appraisal of the product.
3. BRANZ makes no representation or warranty as to:
  - a) the nature of individual examples of, batches of, or individual installations of the product, including methods and workmanship;
  - b) the presence or absence of any patent or similar rights subsisting in the product or any other product;
  - c) any guarantee or warranty offered by **PIL Group Ltd**.
4. Any reference in this Appraisal to any other publication shall be read as a reference to the version of the publication specified in this Appraisal.
5. BRANZ provides no certification, guarantee, indemnity or warranty, to **PIL Group Ltd** or any third party.

For BRANZ

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