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## PREMIER GLASSWOOL INSULATION

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THERMAL & ACOUSTIC GLASSWOOL

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## Product

- 1.1 Premier Glasswool Insulation is a range of thermal insulating materials manufactured from resin-bonded, glass wool fibres. Premier Glasswool Insulation is available in blanket and segment form to suit a wide range of thermal insulation requirements and framing set-outs in walls, ceilings and roofs of buildings.

## Scope

- 2.1 Premier Glasswool Insulation has been appraised as a thermal insulating material for framed or part-framed walls, ceilings and roofs of domestic and commercial buildings.

## Building Regulations

### New Zealand Building Code [NZBC]

- 3.1 In the opinion of BRANZ, Premier Glasswool 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, B2.3.1 [b] 15 years and B2.3.2. Premier Glasswool Insulation meets these requirements. See Paragraphs 8.1 and 8.2.

**Clause E3 INTERNAL MOISTURE:** Performance E3.3.1. Premier Glasswool Insulation contributes to meeting this requirement. See Paragraphs 13.1 and 13.2.

**Clause F2 HAZARDOUS BUILDING MATERIALS:** Performance F2.3.1. Premier Glasswool Insulation meets this requirement.

**Clause H1 ENERGY EFFICIENCY:** Performance H1.3.1 [a] and H1.3.2 E. Premier Glasswool Insulation contributes to meeting these requirements. See Paragraphs 14.1 and 14.2.



## Technical Specification

4.1 Premier Glasswool Insulation is resin-bonded, fibrous glass wool insulation manufactured of recycled and/or virgin glass, and phenolic resin binder. Premier Glasswool Insulation is available as set out in Table 1.

**Table 1: Premier Glasswool Insulation Product Range**

R-value	Nominal Thickness [mm]	Width [mm]	Length [mm]	Density [kg/m <sup>3</sup> ]
<b>Premier Glasswool 90 mm Wall, Mid-Floor and HD Ceiling Blankets</b>				
1.8	75	1,200	15,000	12
2.2	90	1,200	13,000	12
2.4	90	1,200	10,000	18
2.6	90	1,200	7,000	24
2.8	90	1,200	5,000	32
<b>Premier Glasswool 140 mm Wall, Mid-Floor and Skillion Roof</b>				
3.2	115	430	1,200	22
3.2	140	1,200	10,000	11
3.6	140	1,200	6,500	16
4.0	140	1,200	4,500	24
4.5	165	430	1,200	20
<b>Premier Glasswool Ceiling Blankets</b>				
3.3	145	1,200	8,500	12
3.6	155	1,200	8,000	12
4.1	175	1,200	7,000	12
<b>Premier Glasswool Ceiling Segments</b>				
3.6	175	430	1,200	8
4.1	195	430	1,200	8
5.2	230	430	1,200	10
7.3	275	430	1,200	16
<b>Premier Glasswool Masonry Wall and Service Cavity Blanket</b>				
1.0	40	1,200	30,000	13
1.3	50	1,200	15,000	16

*Note: Wall products, in some instances, are suitable for use in ceilings and ceiling products may be suitable for use in walls where the cavity space allows.*

- 4.2 Premier Glasswool Insulation is yellow in colour.
- 4.3 All products are packaged in clear polythene, with an outer 'compression' wrap. Each packet is supplied with labelling in compliance with AS/NZS 4859.1.
- 4.4 Accessories used with Premier Glasswool Insulation, which are supplied by the insulation installer, are wire netting, plastic strapping and fixings.



## Handling and Storage

- 5.1 Premier Glasswool Insulation must be stored under cover 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 in compression packaging. Product that does not recover to its nominal thickness may not achieve the stated thermal resistance [R-value].

## Technical Literature

- 6.1 This Appraisal must be read in conjunction with:
  - Premier Insulation Datasheet: Glasswool insulation, version DS:PGW:1.3\_Jun24.
  - Premier Insulation Installation Guide: Blanket & Segment, version IG:PGW:2.1\_Jun24.
- 6.2 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 Glasswool Insulation is intended for use as thermal insulation to meet the requirements of the NZBC. Premier Glasswool Insulation can be used to meet the minimum schedule method R-values of the NZBC Verification Methods H1/VM1, H1/VM2, NZBC Acceptable Solutions H1/AS1 or H1/AS2. 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 Glasswool Insulation R-values have been determined by testing to AS/NZS 4859.1.
- 7.3 Premier Glasswool Insulation blanket is intended to be cut and friction-fitted between wall, ceiling or roof framing. Premier Glasswool Insulation can also be laid directly on a ceiling lining, over ceiling battens or joists/truss chords. In other horizontal situations, it must be adequately supported by wire netting or some other suitable durable material. Premier Glasswool Insulation segments are intended to be neatly friction-fitted between framing.
- 7.4 When insulation is installed in a double layer over new or existing insulation, the possibility of compression of the bottom layer must be avoided, or reduction of R-values for the bottom layer of the formed system must be taken into account.
- 7.5 Where the insulation is installed in exterior walls, the insulation material nominal thickness must be selected to provide a snug close fit which touches all sides of the insulation cavity between the wall underlay and the interior wall lining. Premier Glasswool Insulation must not be compressed into cavities less than the insulations nominal thickness
- 7.6 Where the insulation is retrofitted in external walls without a wall underlay, and with direct-fix claddings, the insulation must be at least 20 mm thinner than the framing to allow a gap of at least 20 mm between the insulation and the wall cladding. Horizontal straps must be stapled into the sides of the wall studs at 300 mm centres maximum as support before the insulation is installed. Refer also to NZS 4246, Section 5.4.2.
- 7.7 When the insulation is installed in walls with a drained cavity, it is recommended that specific wall products with a controlled nominal thickness be used. Where the stud spacings are greater than 450 mm, an intermediate means of restraining the insulation from bulging into the cavity must be installed in accordance with NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, Paragraph 9.1.8.5.
- 7.8 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. Selecting specifically designed skillion roof insulation products with a controlled thickness can assist with this requirement.



- 7.9 The building envelope must be constructed to ensure the insulation remains dry during installation and throughout the life of the building.
- 7.10 The clearance requirements for heating appliances and downlights must be met and reference made to the manufacturers instructions and NZS 4246. Refer to Paragraph 10.1.

### Durability

- 8.1 The durability assessment of Premier Glasswool Insulation to meet the requirements of the NZBC is based on the difficulty of access and replacement, and the ability to detect failure of the insulation, both during normal use and maintenance of the building.

### Serviceable Life

- 8.2 Where the building is maintained so that provisions of the NZBC Clauses E2 and E3 are met, and where the insulation is not crushed or exposed to conditions that will diminish its thermal performance [e.g. moisture], then it 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 fitting new insulation of an equivalent thermal rating. 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 Glasswool Insulation from heat sources such as fireplaces, heating appliances, chimneys and recessed luminaires. Part 7 of NZBC Acceptable Solution C/AS1 and NZBC Acceptable Solution C/AS2 provide methods for separation and protection of combustible materials from heat sources.

### Downlights

- 10.2 Insulation should maintain 100mm clearance from all undefined recessed luminaires, treating them as a heat source. For insulation to abut or cover recessed luminaires these must be clearly marked as being suitable for having insulation abutting and covering them and have been installed in accordance with NZBC Acceptable Solution G9/AS1.

### Control of Internal Fire and Smoke Spread

- 11.1 The Premier Glasswool Insulation is considered combustible and therefore when used in ceilings or walls, the insulation including any surface lining product enclosing the insulation from the adjacent occupied space, must achieve the Group Number for internal surface finish requirements as specified in NZBC Acceptable Solution C/AS1, Paragraph 4.2.2.1 or NZBC Acceptable Solution C/AS2, Paragraph 4.17.2 and Table 4.3.

### 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 a lower moisture content if required by the lining manufacture.

### 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 and walls of housing complying with the Schedule Method for Compliance with NZBC 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 Glasswool 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 Glasswool 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 All design and building work must be carried out in accordance with the Premier Glasswool Insulation Technical Literature and this Appraisal. All building work must be undertaken by competent and experienced tradespersons conversant with Premier Glasswool Insulation.

### General

- 16.1 Installation of Premier Glasswool Insulation must be in accordance with the Technical Literature 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 Glasswool 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 Glasswool Insulation is supplied in blanket and segment form (refer to Table 1). Blanket insulation will require cutting to suit wall cavities and when fitted between ceiling or roof framing. In wall cavities, the insulation must be neatly friction-fitted between framing members and must completely fill the cavity to prevent possible sagging and thermal convection. In ceilings or roofs, the insulation may be neatly friction-fitted between framing members or fitted over framing members or support wire netting and butted tightly. The insulation must extend to the external wall top plates. 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 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 Glasswool 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 Glasswool Insulation in accordance with AS/NZS 4859.1.



### Other Investigations

- 19.1 An assessment of the durability of Premier Glasswool Insulation has been made by BRANZ technical experts.
- 19.2 The manufacturer's Technical Literature including 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 Glasswool 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 material remains dry is the responsibility of the building owner.

### Sources of Information

- AS/NZS 4859.1:2018 Thermal insulation materials for buildings - Part 1: General criteria and technical provisions.
- BRANZ Bulletin Number 525 Preventing moisture problems in timber-framed skillion roofs.
- BRANZ House Insulation Guide [Sixth Edition], 2022.
- 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.
- Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment Record of amendments - Acceptable Solutions, Verification Methods and handbooks.
- The Building Regulations 1992.



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In the opinion of BRANZ, **Premier Glasswool 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.
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  - 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.
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