

# Atmosphere™ Air Duct Board

with ECOSE® Technology

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## Description

Knauf Insulation Atmosphere™ Air Duct Board with ECOSE® Technology is a rigid glass mineral wool board faced on one side with a foil-scrim-kraft (FSK) vapor retarder and with a lightweight non-woven mat on the airstream surface. It is used to fabricate rectangular or Max<sup>10</sup> air duct systems. Available in two stiffness ratings, EI-475 or EI-800. Both types are available with butt edge or factory molded male-female shiplap edges.

## ECOSE® Technology

ECOSE technology is a revolutionary binder chemistry that enhances the sustainability of our products. The “binder” is the bond that holds our glass mineral wool product together and gives the product its shape and brown color. ECOSE technology is a plant-based, sustainable chemistry that replaces the phenol/formaldehyde (PF) binder traditionally used in glass mineral wool products. Products using ECOSE technology are formaldehyde-free and have reduced global warming potential when compared to our products of the past.

## Application

Knauf Insulation Atmosphere™ Air Duct Board with ECOSE® Technology is designed for commercial and residential air handling installations for cooling, heating or dual-temperature service where good temperature control and noise absorption are required.

## Features

- Low thermal conductivity of 0.23 at 75°F (24°C) mean temperature
- Low installed cost pre-insulated duct system
- Excellent acoustical characteristics
- Assured insulation thickness, shiplap joints and FSK vapor retarder
- If necessary, can be cleaned in accordance with NAIMA's “Cleaning Fibrous Glass Insulated Air Duct Systems Recommended Practices” (AH122)
- Meets the fire and smoke safety regulations of most federal, state and local building codes.
- Fabrication in shop or on jobsite
- Low emitting for indoor air quality considerations

## Sustainability

- Carbon negative: Knauf Insulation's products used for thermal insulating purposes recover the energy that it took to make them in just hours or a few days, depending on the application. Once installed, the product continues to save energy and reduce carbon generation as long as it is in place.
  - Glass mineral wool insulation with ECOSE® Technology contains three key ingredients:
    - Sand, one of the world's most abundant resources
    - A minimum of 50% recycled glass content and UL Environment verification every 6 months
    - ECOSE® Technology which reduces binder embodied energy by up to 70%
      - It reduces its Global Warming Potential (GWP) by approximately 4%, a significant reduction in our carbon footprint

## Benefits

- Fabrication in shop environment lowers field installation time
- One trade required to fabricate and install system
- Minimum capital investment for fabrication equipment
- Portability allowing for assembly or fabrication at job site
- ECOSE mat facing ensures a smooth airstream surface for a clean cut and durability
- Lower installation cost than with duct wrap or duct liner with sheet metal
- Dark internal duct appearance
- Quiet, efficient air delivery
- Reduces noise generated by air turbulence and mechanical equipment

- Eliminates “booming” and “cracking” sounds caused by sheet metal duct contraction and expansion

## Specification Compliance

### In U.S.:

- UL 181; Class 1
- ASTM C 1136; Type II (FSK facing)
- ASTM G 21
- Corps of Engineers Guide Specifications
- International Mechanical Code
- International Building Code
- NFPA 90A and 90B
- California Title 24
- ASHRAE 62

### In Canada:

- CAN/ULC S102-M88
- CAN/CGSB 51-GP-52M (facing)
- CAN/CGSB 51.10-92

## Indoor Air Quality

- UL Environment GREENGUARD Air Quality Certified®
- UL Environment GREENGUARD Gold Certified<sup>SM</sup>
- UL Environment verified to be formaldehyde free
- Does not contain polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE) such as: Penta – BDE, Octa – BDE or Deca – BDE
- Tested and certified to meet all requirements of EUCEB

## Technical Data

### Surface Burning Characteristics

- Does not exceed 25 Flame Spread, 50 Smoke Developed when tested in accordance with UL 723, ASTM E 84, CAN/ULC S102-M88, and NFPA 255

### Flexural Rigidity

- Available in two stiffness values: EI-475 and EI-800
- Flexural rigidity (EI) is the product of Young's modulus of elasticity (E) and moment of inertia (I) as determined in accordance with NAIMA AHS-100-74.

### Service Temperature (ASTM C 411)

- Up to 250°F (121°C)

### Air Velocity (UL 181)

- Maximum 5000 fpm (1524 mpm)
- Tested to 12,500 fpm (3810 mpm)

### Corrosiveness (ASTM C 665)

- Does not accelerate corrosion on steel, copper or aluminum

### Corrosion (ASTM C 1617)

- The corrosion rate in mils/yr will not exceed that of the 5 ppm chloride solution.

### Internal Static Pressure (UL 181)

- Maximum ±2" water (498 pascals [Pa])

### Water Vapor Transmission Rate (ASTM E 96, Procedure A)

- Maximum water vapor permeance of 0.02 perms

### Water Vapor Sorption (ASTM C 1104)

- Less than 5% by weight

### Microbial Growth (UL 2824, UL 181)

- Resistant to microbial growth

## Application and Specification Guidelines

### Storage

- Protect stored duct board from water damage, construction damage and other abuse.
- If stored outside, proper protection from weather conditions should be provided.

### Application

- Duct shall be fabricated and installed in strict accordance with NAIMA's “Fibrous Glass Duct Construction Standard,” “Residential Standard,”

or “2” Fabrication Manual” in accordance with the conditions of UL 181 listing. Duct systems shall have all transverse joints, longitudinal seams and duct wall penetrations sealed using 3” (76 mm) wide glass fabric and mastic, 2” (51 mm) minimum width heat sealable tape or 2” (51 mm) minimum width pressure sensitive tape with acrylic adhesive. Rubber-based adhesives are not approved.

- Only UL 181-A listed and labeled products shall be used for closure systems. A listing of specific approved closure products is available from your local Knauf Insulation sales representative.  
PRESSURE SENSITIVE TAPES: Only those tapes listed under and imprinted with designation UL 181-A-P and registered with UL.  
HEAT SEALABLE TAPES: Only those tapes listed under and imprinted with the designation UL 181 A-H and registered with UL.  
MASTICS: Mastic systems listed and registered with UL and carrying the designation UL 181 A-M used in conjunction with a 3” (76 mm) wide glass fabric.

## Procedures

### 1. PRESSURE SENSITIVE TAPE:

- a. All longitudinal and circumferential joints must be stapled with outward flaring, ½” (13 mm) minimum length staples 2” (51 mm) on centers.
- b. If necessary, follow the recommendations of the tape manufacturer for cleaning the surface to be taped.
- c. Center tape over staple flap and rub tape firmly in place immediately after application, using a plastic “squeegee” or similar tool, until the scrim reinforcement of the duct board facing can be clearly seen through the tape.
- d. A heat-sealing iron must be used to warm the surface of the board before applying the tape to assure a good bond when installed below 50°F (10°C).
- e. Tape should not be applied to surface of duct board when temperature is below 32°F (0°C) due to the possibility of entrapping ice crystals which, upon melting, will cause tape to loosen. Heat duct board facing surface first to drive off moisture.

### 2. HEAT SEALABLE TAPE:

- a. All longitudinal and circumferential joints must be stapled with outward flaring, ½” (13 mm) minimum length staples 2” (51 mm) on centers.
- b. If necessary, follow the recommendations of the tape manufacturer for cleaning the surface to be taped.
- c. Center tape over staple flap and seal down tape end with 500°F (260°C) iron. Do not use heat gun; both heat and pressure are required to effect a seal.
- d. Press down entire length of tape with iron using a smearing action to get a good bond. Be sure edges are sealed.
- e. Staples may be omitted when an automatic closure machine such as the Glassmaster Closemaster is used. In this case, iron temperature must be set at 650°F (343°C) minimum. Continuous production may require periodic pauses to allow sealing iron temperature to recover to the 650°F (343°C) minimum.
- f. Allow joint to cool before stressing.

### 3. MASTIC AND GLASS FABRIC:

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- Brush approved mastic onto joint and embed 3" (76 mm) wide glass fabric in mastic.
- Brush second coat of mastic over glass fabric until mesh is completely filled.
- Follow mastic manufacturer's instructions on curing the mastic prior to subjecting the joint to stress.

### Closure

If the closure system used is not one of the approved systems described above and if application is not in accordance with stated procedures, Knauf Insulation assumes no liability for duct system performance. Use of a non-UL registered and listed closure voids the UL 181 Class 1 rating as well as Knauf Insulation's product performance warranties.

### Reinforcements

Duct sections shall be additionally reinforced where necessary, according to NAIMA standards. Ductwork shall be supported as required on straight runs, at all turns and at transitions to maintain proper alignment. Hangers and supports shall be in strict accordance with NAIMA standards.

### Maintained Duct Systems are Key

The best way to ensure that an HVAC system, whether bare metal or internally insulated, will continue to provide efficient, quiet air delivery,

occupant comfort, and cost-effectiveness is by following a regular system operation and maintenance schedule. This, along with a high-efficiency filtration system, assures protection of both HVAC system components and building occupants. Maintenance procedures include inspection, detection and remediation of probable sources of airborne contaminants and moisture.

Glass mineral wool insulation will not sustain mold growth. However, mold can grow on almost any material when it becomes wet and contaminated. Carefully inspect any insulation that has been exposed to water. If it shows any sign of mold, it must be discarded. If the material is wet but shows no evidence of mold, it should be dried rapidly and thoroughly. If it shows signs of facing degradation from wetting, it should be replaced. Air handling insulation used in the air stream must be discarded if exposed to water.

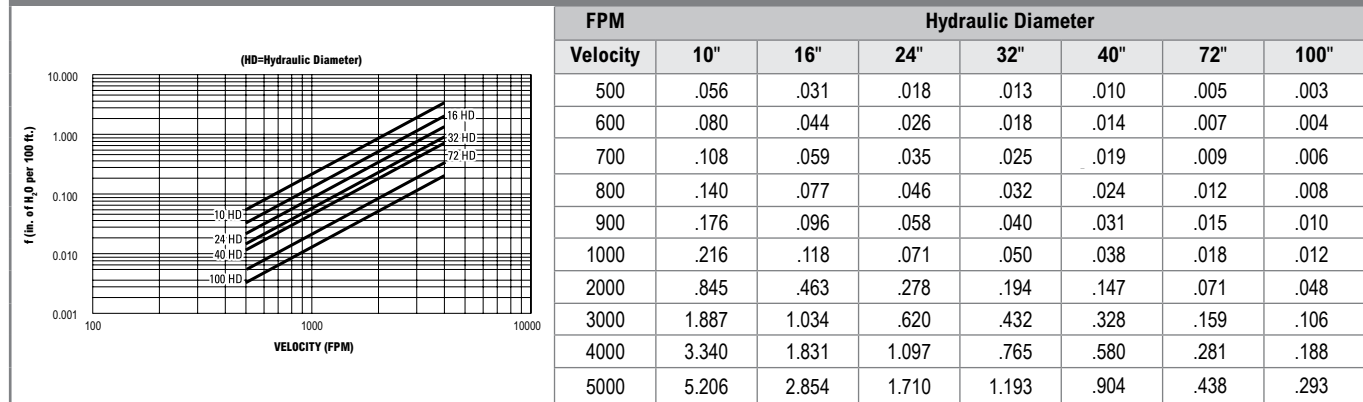
### Notes

When used in accordance with NAIMA's application instructions, the closure systems described herein meet UL 181 requirements, and the resulting system carries a Class 1 Air Duct rating. This data sheet is not intended to be a design or fabrication manual. For specific details and recommendations on fabrication, reinforcement, hanging and other details, refer to the latest edition of the NAIMA "Fibrous

Glass Duct Construction Standard," "Residential Standard," "2" Fabrication Manual." Application and installation procedure is at the discretion of and is the responsibility of the Design Engineer to meet specific job requirements. The chemical and physical properties of Knauf Insulation Atmosphere™ Air Duct Board with ECOSE® Technology represent typical average values determined in accordance with accepted test methods. The data is subject to normal manufacturing and testing variations. The data is supplied as a technical service and is subject to change without notice. References to numerical flame spread ratings are not intended to reflect hazards presented by these or any other materials under actual fire conditions.

Check with your Knauf Insulation sales representative to assure information is current.

## Friction Loss (Inches of water per 100')



## Recommended Maximum Duct Dimensions Without Reinforcement\*

Internal Pressure inches of water	EI-475-1"			EI-800-1", 1-1/2", 2"		
	.5 (125)†	1.0 (249)†	2.0 (498)†	.5 (125)†	1.0 (249)†	2.0 (498)†
Positive	36" (914 mm)	24" (610 mm)	15" (381 mm)	36" (914 mm)	24" (610 mm)	18" (457 mm)
Negative	34" (864 mm)	24" (610 mm)	14" (356 mm)	36" (914 mm)	24" (610 mm)	18" (457 mm)

\* The above table summarizes span/pressure limitations for unreinforced duct. For larger ducts, refer to NAIMA's "Fibrous Glass Duct Construction Standard" or Knauf Insulation's "Air Duct Fabrication Manual".  
†(Pressure—Pascals [Pa])

## Sound Absorption Coefficients (ASTM 423, Type A Mounting)

Thickness	Octave Band Center Frequency (Cycles/Sec.)							NRC
	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000		
1" (25 mm)	.03	.25	.62	.92	1.03	.97	.70	
1.5" (38 mm)	.02	.44	.96	1.17	1.16	1.12	.95	
2" (51 mm)	.19	.64	1.08	1.13	1.06	1.06	1.00	

## Forms Available

Type	Size*	Edge	Pieces/Carton**
EI-475, EI-800	1" (25 mm) 48" x 96" (1219 mm x 2438 mm)	Shiplap	8
EI-475, EI-800	1" (25 mm) 48" x 120" (1219 mm x 3048 mm)	Butt, Shiplap	6
EI-800	1.5" (38 mm) 48" x 120" (1219 mm x 3048 mm)	Shiplap	4
EI-800	2" (51 mm) 48" x 120" (1219 mm x 3048 mm)	Butt, Shiplap	3

\* Other lengths available on made-to-order basis. \*\* Palletized packaging available on request. \*\*\* EI-800 only.

## Thermal Conductivity k (ASTM C177) Mean Temperature 75°F (24°C)

k-Value	
EI-475 and EI-800	.23 (.033)
"k" Units:	$\frac{\text{BTU} \cdot \text{in}}{\text{ft}^2 \cdot \text{hr} \cdot ^\circ\text{F}}$ $\left( \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m} \cdot ^\circ\text{C}} \right)$

## Thermal Resistance R (ASTM C518) Mean Temperature 75°F (24°C)

Thickness	R-Value (R.S.I.)
1" (25 mm)	4.3 (.76)
1.5" (38 mm)	6.5 (1.14)
2" (51 mm)	8.7 (1.53)
"R" Units:	$\frac{\text{ft}^2 \cdot \text{hr} \cdot ^\circ\text{F}}{\text{BTU}}$ $\left( \frac{\text{m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C}}{\text{W}} \right)$