

Part L 2021 update

Aircrete blocks in new build houses and flats and new extensions to existing buildings

Approved Document L1 of the Building Regulations sets out minimum fabric standards for heat loss areas, including external walls in new-build houses and flats. For external walls, this is 0.26W/m²K, however the actual figure required to satisfy SAP

will probably need to be much closer to the notional value of 0.18W/m²K. For extensions to existing dwellings, the maximum allowable external wall u-value is 0.18W/m²K.

Partial Fill Insulation - Brick Outer Leaf								
	50mm clear cavity50mm partial fill insulation	Inner Leaf Block	Insulation	Thickness Int. Finish		U-Value		
	Plasterboard on plaster dabs	Celcon Standard	Kingspan Kooltherm K108	75mm	PB on Dabs	0.18W/m²K		
	— Blockwork — Brickwork	Med. Density Block	Kingspan Kooltherm K108	80mm	PB on Dabs	0.18W/m²K		

Full Fill Insulation - Brick Outer Leaf								
	— 100mm full fill insulation	Inner Leaf Block	Insulation	Thickness	Int. Finish	U-Value		
	— Plasterboard on plaster dabs	Celcon Standard	Isover CWS 32	140mm	PB on Dabs	0.18W/m²K		
	BlockworkBrickwork	Med. Density Block	Isover CWS 32	170mm	PB on Dabs	0.18W/m²K		









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The required u-values can be easily achieved using H+H aircrete blocks. When compared to aggregate blocks, lower u-values or a reduction in the thickness of insulation can be realised. Aircrete

also meets the requirements of Part E of The Building Regulations and features in the Robust Details Handbook.

Partial Fill Insulation - Block Outer Leaf Outer Leaf **Inner Leaf** Ext. Finish **U-Value** Insulation Thickness 50mm clear cavity **Block Block** 50mm partial fill insulation Kingspan 20mm Celcon Celcon 0.18W/m2K Kooltherm 65mm Plasterboard on Standard Render Standard K108 plaster dabs Kingspan Med. Blockwork 20mm Celcon Density Kooltherm 70mm 0.18W/m²KRender Standard Blockwork* Block K108 Render Med. Med. Kingspan 20mm Density Density Kooltherm 80mm $0.18W/m^2K$ Render K108 Block Block

External Insulation - 215mm Thick Solid Block Leaf								
	— External insulation	Ext. Finish	Outer Leaf Block	Inner Leaf Block	Thickness	Int. Finish	U-Value	
	—— Plasterboard on plaster dabs	20mm Render	Celcon Standard	Kingspan Kooltherm K5	80mm	PB on Dabs	0.18W/m²K	
	Blockwork Render	20mm Render	Med. Density Block	Kingspan Kooltherm K5	100mm	PB on Dabs	0.18W/m²K	



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