



# STYROFOAM™ BRAND UTILITYFIT™ XPS 15 PSI EXTRUDED POLYSTYRENE FOAM INSULATION

## 1. PRODUCT NAME

STYROFOAM™ Brand UTILITYFIT™ XPS 15 PSI Extruded Polystyrene Foam Insulation

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## 3. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

### BASIC USE

STYROFOAM™ Brand UTILITYFIT™ XPS 15 PSI Extruded Polystyrene Foam Insulation is a versatile, utility-grade product manufactured for applications that require a high R-value\* and outstanding moisture resistance without the need for high compressive strength.

STYROFOAM™ Brand UTILITYFIT™ XPS 15 PSI Insulation is designed for use when a Type X, or lower-compressive-strength, product is needed. If the superior properties of a Type IV 25 psi product are not required, STYROFOAM™ Brand UTILITYFIT™ XPS 15 PSI Insulation is a good choice for your application.

## 4. TECHNICAL DATA

### APPLICABLE STANDARDS

STYROFOAM™ Brand UTILITYFIT™ XPS 15 PSI Insulation meets ASTM C578 Type X – Standard Specification for Rigid Cellular Polystyrene Insulation. Applicable standards include:

- C518 – Standard Test Method for Steady-State Thermal Transmission Properties by Means of the Heat Flow Meter Apparatus

- D1621 – Standard Test Method for Compressive Properties of Rigid Cellular Plastics
- C272 – Standard Test Method for Water Absorption of Core Materials for Structural Sandwich Constructions
- E96 – Standard Test Methods for Water Vapor Transmission of Materials
- D696 – Standard Test Method for Coefficient of Linear Thermal Expansion of Plastics between -30°C and 30°C with a Vitreous Silica Dilatometer

### CODE COMPLIANCES

STYROFOAM™ Brand UTILITYFIT™ XPS 15 PSI Insulation complies with the following codes:

- Meets IBC/IRC requirements for foam plastic insulation; see ICC-ES NER-699
- ICBO-ES ER 2257
- BOCA-ES RR 21-02
- Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL) Classified, see Classification Certificate D369

Contact your Dow sales representative or local authorities for state and local building code requirements and related acceptances.

### TYPICAL PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

STYROFOAM™ Brand UTILITYFIT™ XPS 15 PSI Insulation exhibits the typical properties and characteristics indicated in Table 2 when tested as represented.

Prolonged exposure to ultraviolet radiation may cause the surface of STYROFOAM™ Brand UTILITYFIT™ XPS 15 PSI Insulation to become faded and dusty. A light-colored, opaque protective covering should be used if excessive solar exposure is expected. The surface degradation will have no measurable effect on the insulating value of the plastic foam unless the deterioration is allowed to continue until actual foam thickness is lost. Since the dust would impair the performance of adhesives and finishes, the dusty surface should be brushed off before these products are applied.

### ENVIRONMENTAL DATA

STYROFOAM™ Brand UTILITYFIT™ XPS 15 PSI Insulation is manufactured with a zero ozone-depleting (ODP), no-VOC (volatile organic compound) foaming agent technology. STYROFOAM™ Brand UTILITYFIT™ XPS 15 PSI Insulation is reusable in many applications.

**TABLE 1: SIZES, R-VALUES AND EDGE TREATMENTS FOR STYROFOAM™ BRAND UTILITYFIT™ XPS 15 PSI EXTRUDED POLYSTYRENE FOAM INSULATION**

NOMINAL BOARD THICKNESS <sup>(1)</sup> , IN	R-VALUE <sup>(2)</sup>	BOARD SIZE, FT	EDGE TREATMENT
1.0	5.0	2 x 8, 4 x 8, 4 x 9	Square Edge, Tongue and Groove, Scoreboard
1.5	7.5	2 x 8, 4 x 8, 4 x 9	Square Edge, Tongue and Groove, Scoreboard
2.0	10.0	2 x 8, 4 x 8, 4 x 9	Square Edge, Tongue and Groove, Scoreboard
3.0	15.0	2 x 8, 4 x 8, 4 x 9	Square Edge, Tongue and Groove, Scoreboard

(1) Not all product sizes are available in all regions. Additional product sizes are available by custom order. Consult your Dow sales representative about other sizes and lead-time requirements.

(2) Aged R-value at 1" cured foam @ 75°F mean temperature. R-value expressed in ft<sup>2</sup>•h•°F/Btu. R-value determined by ASTM C518 using the aging process in ASTM C1289 (90 days @ 140°F).

**FIRE PROTECTION**

STYROFOAM™ Brand UTILITYFIT™ XPS 15 PSI insulation is combustible; protect from high heat sources. Local building codes may require a protective or thermal barrier. For more information, consult MSDS, call Dow at 1-866-583-BLUE (2583) or contact your local building inspector.

**5. INSTALLATION**

Boards of STYROFOAM™ Brand UTILITYFIT™ XPS 15 PSI insulation are easy to handle, cut and install. Contact a local Dow representative or access the literature library at [www.dowstyrofoam.com/architect](http://www.dowstyrofoam.com/architect) or [www.insulateyourhome.com](http://www.insulateyourhome.com) for more specific instructions.

**6. AVAILABILITY**

STYROFOAM™ Brand UTILITYFIT™ XPS 15 PSI insulation is manufactured in several locations across North America and is distributed through an extensive network. For more information, call 1-800-232-2436.

**7. WARRANTY**

Not applicable.

**8. MAINTENANCE**

Not applicable.

**TABLE 2: TYPICAL PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF STYROFOAM™ BRAND UTILITYFIT™ XPS 15 PSI EXTRUDED POLYSTYRENE FOAM INSULATION**

PROPERTY AND TEST METHOD	VALUE
Thermal Resistance per inch, ASTM C518 @ 75°F mean temp., ft <sup>2</sup> •h•°F/Btu, min., R-value <sup>(1)</sup> , min.	5.0
Compressive Strength <sup>(2)</sup> , ASTM D1621, psi, min.	15
Water Absorption, ASTM C272, % by volume, max.	0.3
Maximum Use Temperature, °F	165
Coefficient of Linear Thermal Expansion, ASTM D696, in/in•°F	3.5 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>

(1) Values are consistent with the criteria of ASTM C578 and the FTC R-value rule (16 CFR Part 460). R means resistance to heat flow. The higher the R-value, the greater the insulating power.  
 (2) Vertical compressive strength is measured at 10 percent deformation or at yield, whichever occurs first. Since STYROFOAM™ Brand Extruded Polystyrene Foam Insulations are visco-elastic materials, adequate design safety factors should be used to prevent long-term creep and fatigue deformation. For static loads, 3:1 is suggested. For dynamic loads, 5:1 is suggested. Contact Dow for design recommendations.

**9. TECHNICAL SERVICES**

Dow can provide technical information to help address questions when using STYROFOAM™ Brand UTILITYFIT™ XPS 15 PSI insulation. Technical personnel are available to assist with any insulation project. For technical assistance, call 1-866-583-BLUE (2583).

**10. FILING SYSTEMS**

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- [www.insulateyourhome.com](http://www.insulateyourhome.com)
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CAUTION: This product is combustible and shall only be used as specified by the local building code with respect to flame spread classification and to the use of a suitable thermal barrier. For more information, consult MSDS, call Dow at 1-866-583-BLUE (2583) or contact your local building inspector. In an emergency, call 1-989-636-4400.

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