

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 cavityPartial 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									
	— 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 Insula	ntion - Block Outer Leaf						
	— 50mm clear cavity	Ext. Finish	Outer Leaf Block	Inner Leaf Block	Insulation	Thickness	U-Value
	Partial fill insulationPlasterboard on plaster dabs	20mm Render	Celcon Standard	Celcon Standard	Kingspan Kooltherm K108	65mm	0.18W/m²K
	BlockworkBlockwork	20mm Render	Med. Density Block	Celcon Standard	Kingspan Kooltherm K108	70mm	0.18W/m ² K
	— Render	20mm Render	Med. Density Block	Med. Density Block	Kingspan Kooltherm K108	80mm	0.18W/m²K

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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