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Agrément Certificate  
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Product Sheet 2

## ENEWALL EXTERNAL WALL INSULATION SYSTEMS

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This Agrément Certificate Product Sheet<sup>(1)</sup> relates to the Enewall External Wall Insulation System 2, a mechanically fixed (with supplementary adhesive when required) system, consisting of expanded polystyrene (EPS), mineral wool (MW) or polyisocyanurate (PIR) insulation boards, stainless steel reinforcing lath and render finishes, suitable for use on new or existing domestic and non-domestic buildings

(1) Hereinafter referred to as 'Certificate'.

#### CERTIFICATION INCLUDES:

- factors relating to compliance with Building Regulations where applicable
- factors relating to additional non-regulatory information where applicable
- independently verified technical specification
- assessment criteria and technical investigations
- design considerations
- installation guidance
- regular surveillance of production
- formal three-yearly review.

#### KEY FACTORS ASSESSED

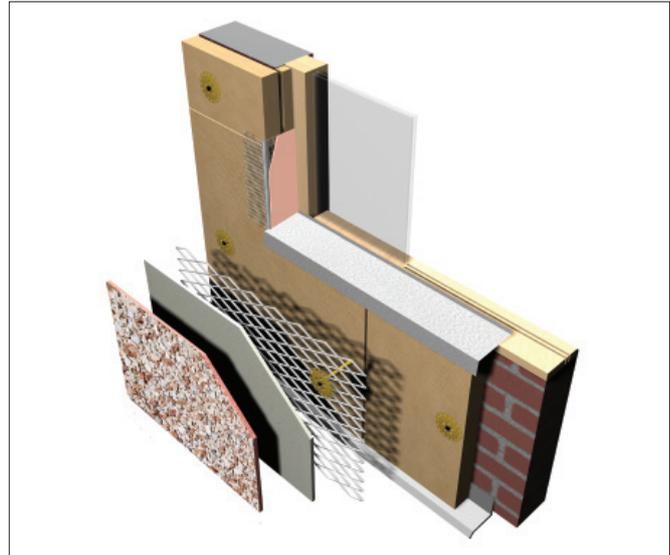
**Thermal performance** — the system can be used to improve the thermal performance of external walls and contribute to meeting the requirements of the building regulations (see section 6).

**Strength and stability** — the system can adequately resist wind loads and impact damage (see section 7).

**Behaviour in relation to fire** — the system has achieved a Class B-s1, d0 surface spread of flame classification in accordance with BS EN 13501-1 : 2007 (see section 8).

**Risk of condensation** — the system can contribute to limiting the risk of interstitial and surface condensation (see section 11).

**Durability** — when installed and maintained in accordance with the Certificate holder's recommendations and the terms of this Certificate, the system is expected to have a life in excess of 30 years. The durability of the system can be extended to 60 years by following a planned inspection and an effective maintenance schedule and observing the guidelines stated in section 13.



The BBA has awarded this Agrément Certificate to the company named above for the system described herein. This system has been assessed by the BBA as being fit for its intended use provided it is installed, used and maintained as set out in this Certificate.

On behalf of the British Board of Agrément

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# Regulations

In the opinion of the BBA, the Enewall External Wall Insulation System 2, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, will meet or contribute to meeting the relevant requirements of the following Building Regulations (the presence of a UK map indicates that the subject is related to the Building Regulations in the region or regions of the UK depicted):



## The Building Regulations 2010 (England and Wales) (as amended)

<b>Requirement:</b> A1	<b>Loading</b>
Comment:	The system can sustain and transmit wind loads to the substrate wall. See section 7.4 of this Certificate.
<b>Requirement:</b> B4(1)	<b>External fire spread</b>
Comment:	The system can meet or contribute to meeting this Requirement. See sections 8.1 to 8.4, 8.7, 8.8 and 8.11 of this Certificate.
<b>Requirement:</b> C2(b)	<b>Resistance to moisture</b>
Comment:	The system provides a degree of protection against rain ingress. See sections 4.5 and 10.1 of this Certificate.
<b>Requirement:</b> C2(c)	<b>Resistance to moisture</b>
Comment:	The system contributes to minimising the risk of interstitial and surface condensation. See sections 11.1, 11.2 and 11.4 of this Certificate.
<b>Requirement:</b> L1(a)(i)	<b>Conservation of fuel and power</b>
Comment:	The system can contribute to meeting this requirement. See sections 6.2 and 6.3 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b> 7	<b>Materials and workmanship</b>
Comment:	The system is acceptable. See sections 13.1 and 13.2 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b> 26	<b>CO<sub>2</sub> emission rates for new buildings</b>
Comment:	The system can contribute to meeting this Regulation. See section 6.2 and 6.3 of this Certificate.



## The Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

<b>Regulation:</b> 8(1)(2)	<b>Fitness and durability of materials and workmanship</b>
Comment:	The system can contribute to a construction meeting this Regulation. See sections 12.1, 12.2, 12.3, 13.1 and 13.2 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b> 9	<b>Building standards applicable to construction</b>
<b>Standard:</b> 1.1	<b>Structure</b>
Comment:	The system can sustain and transmit wind loads to the substrate wall. See section 7.4 of this Certificate.
<b>Standard:</b> 2.6	<b>Spread to neighbouring buildings</b>
Comment:	The MW system can meet this Standard. When using the other insulants, the system should be regarded as an unprotected area, with reference to clauses 2.6.4 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 2.6.5 <sup>(1)</sup> and 2.6.6 <sup>(2)</sup> . See sections 8.1 to 8.4 and 8.9 to 8.11 of this Certificate.
<b>Standard:</b> 2.7	<b>Spread on external walls</b>
Comment:	The system incorporates materials which would not be classed as 'non-combustible' as defined in this Standard, with reference to clauses 2.7.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> and 2.7.2 <sup>(2)</sup> and Annex 2A <sup>(1)</sup> . See sections 8.1 to 8.4 and 8.9 to 8.11 of this Certificate.
<b>Standard:</b> 3.10	<b>Precipitation</b>
Comment:	Walls insulated with the system will contribute to a construction satisfying this Standard, with reference to clauses 3.10.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> and 3.10.6 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> . See sections 4.5 and 10.1 of this Certificate.
<b>Standard:</b> 3.15	<b>Condensation</b>
Comment:	Walls insulated with the system can satisfy this Standard, with reference to clauses 3.15.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 3.15.4 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> and 3.15.5 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> . See sections 11.3 and 11.4 of this Certificate.
<b>Standard:</b> 6.1(b)	<b>Carbon dioxide emissions</b>
<b>Standard:</b> 6.2	<b>Building insulation envelope</b>
Comment:	The system can contribute to satisfying these Standards, with reference to clauses (or part of) 6.1.1 <sup>(1)</sup> , 6.1.2 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 6.1.3 <sup>(1)</sup> , 6.1.6 <sup>(1)</sup> , 6.1.10 <sup>(2)</sup> , 6.2.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 6.2.3 <sup>(1)</sup> , 6.2.4 <sup>(2)</sup> , 6.2.5 <sup>(2)</sup> , 6.2.6 <sup>(1)</sup> , 6.2.7 <sup>(1)</sup> , 6.2.8 <sup>(2)</sup> , 6.2.9 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 6.2.10 <sup>(1)</sup> , 6.2.11 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 6.2.12 <sup>(2)</sup> and 6.2.13 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> . See sections 6.2 and 6.3 of this Certificate.
<b>Standard:</b> 7.1(a)(b)	<b>Statement of sustainability</b>
Comment:	The system can contribute to meeting the relevant requirements of Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6, and therefore will contribute to a construction meeting a bronze level of sustainability as defined in this Standard. In addition the system can contribute to a construction meeting a higher level of sustainability as defined in this Standard with reference to clauses 7.1.4 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> Aspects 1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> and 2 <sup>(1)</sup> , 7.1.6 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> Aspects 1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> and 2 <sup>(1)</sup> , and 7.1.7 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> Aspects 1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> . See section 6.2 of this Certificate. (1) Technical Handbook (Domestic). (2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).



## The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012

<b>Regulation:</b> 23	<b>Fitness of materials and workmanship</b>
Comment:	The system is acceptable. See sections 13.1 and 13.2 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.

Regulation:	28(b)	Resistance to moisture and weather
Comment:		The system provides a degree of protection against rain ingress. See sections 4.5 and 10.1 of this Certificate.
Regulation:	29	Condensation
Comment:		The system contributes to minimising the risk of interstitial and surface condensation. See sections 11.2 and 11.4 of this Certificate.
Regulation:	30	Stability
Comment:		The system can sustain and transmit wind loads to the substrate wall. See section 7.4 of this Certificate.
Regulation:	36(a)	External fire spread
Comment:		The system can meet or contribute to meeting this Regulation. See sections 8.1 to 8.4, 8.7, 8.8 and 8.11 of this Certificate.
Regulation:	39(a)(i)	Conservation measures
Regulation:	40	Target carbon dioxide emission rate
Comment:		The system can contribute to satisfying these Regulations. See sections 6.2 and 6.3 of this Certificate.

## Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007

## Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007

Information in this Certificate may assist the client, CDM co-ordinator, designer and contractors to address their obligations under these Regulations.

See section: 3 *Delivery and site handling* (3.2) of this Certificate.

## Additional Information

### NHBC Standards 2013

NHBC accepts the use of the Enewall External Wall Insulation System 2, provided it is installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, in relation to *NHBC Standards, Part 6 Superstructure (excluding roofs), Chapter 6.9 Curtain walling and cladding*.

## Technical Specification

### 1 Description

1.1 Enewall External Wall Insulation System 2 consists of expanded polystyrene (EPS), mineral wool (MW) or polyisocyanurate (PIR) insulation boards, plus stainless steel reinforcing lath, and render finishes. The insulation systems are mechanically fixed, with supplementary adhesive when required.

1.2 There are three system variants available, depending on the insulation product used in the installed system, as specified below:

- Powerwall Expanded Polystyrene insulation boards — 1200 mm by 600 mm in a range of thicknesses between 20 mm and 200 mm, with a density range between  $13 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$  and  $15 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$  and a minimum compressive strength of  $70 \text{ kN}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$
- Powerwall Mineral Wool insulation boards — 1200 mm by 600 mm in a range of thicknesses between 30 mm and 200 mm with a nominal density of  $100 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$ ,  $128 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$  or  $140 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$
- Powerwall Polyisocyanurate insulation boards — 1200 mm by 600 mm in a range of thicknesses between 25 mm and 150 mm, with a minimum compressive strength of  $140 \text{ kN}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$ .

1.3 For each installed system, the insulation board is used in conjunction with the following system components as shown in Figure 1.

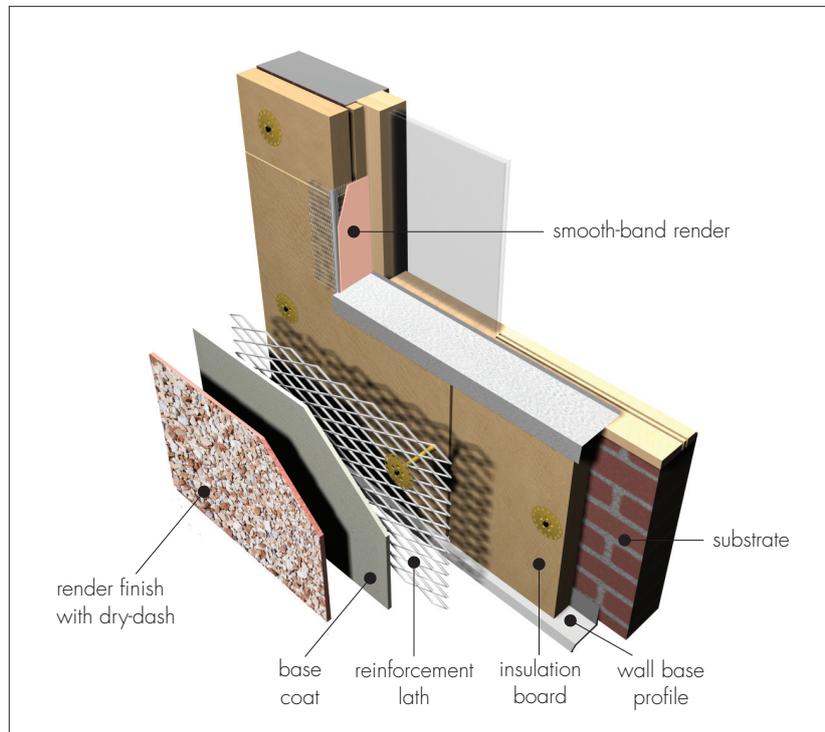
- Powerwall Adhesive Coat — a polymer-modified, cement-based adhesive supplied as a powder to which water is added, and available in white or grey
- Powerwall Stainless Steel Lath (expanded metal manufactured to form a diamond mesh pattern) — metal lath in stainless steel grade 1.4306 to BS EN 10088-1 : 2005 with a nominal weight of  $0.7 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$
- Powerwall Mechanical Fixings — available in stainless steel or polypropylene as follows:
  - NT U
  - STR U
  - EX-FIX
  - FM-ISOTHERM
- Powerwall Base Coat — a polymer-modified, cement-based mortar, supplied as a powder to which water is added, and available in white or grey
- Powerwall Exposed Aggregate Render — a polymer-modified, cement-based mortar supplied as a powder to which water is added, and available in a range of colours
- Powerwall Smooth Band Render — a polymer-modified, cement-based mortar supplied as a powder to which water is added, and available in a range of colours. This render is used on window and door reveals
- Powerwall Spar-dash Aggregate — available in a range of colours to suit the Powerwall Exposed Aggregate Render.

## Ancillary materials

The following ancillary items are used to aid the installation of the systems, but are outside the scope of this Certificate:

- Powerwall Fungicidal Wash
- a range of standard profiles (beading) for wall base, end stop, corner mesh, expansion joint
- profile fixings — driven pins with plastic expansion sleeves as approved by the Certificate holder
- silicone sealant.

Figure 1 Enewall External Wall Insulation System 2



1.4 Insulation boards are initially fixed to the external surfaces of walls using the Powerwall Adhesive Coat (adhesive made from powder as described in section 16.6) or one mechanical fixing per board. The metal lathing is placed against the boards and secured in position with mechanical fixings at the average frequency of eight fixings per square metre depending on the individual specifications (see Figure 7). Powerwall Base Coat (mixed as described in section 16.16) is applied to a minimum thickness of 8 mm to fully embed the mesh and allowed to dry.

1.5 The system is finished with Powerwall Exposed Aggregate render (see section 16.21), which is applied to a minimum thickness of 8 mm and dry-dashed with Powerwall Spar-dash Aggregate. Thinner insulation boards are secured to the window and door reveals before Powerwall Smooth Band render (see section 16.23) is applied to a minimum thickness of 8 mm (see Figure 1).

## 2 Manufacture

2.1 As part of the assessment and ongoing surveillance of product quality, the BBA has:

- agreed with the manufacturer the quality control procedures and product testing to be undertaken
- assessed and agreed the quality control operated over batches of incoming materials
- monitored the production process and verified that it is in accordance with the documented process
- evaluated the process for management of nonconformities
- checked that equipment has been properly tested and calibrated
- undertaken to carry out the above measures on a regular basis through a surveillance process to verify that the specifications and quality control operated by the manufacturer are being maintained.

2.2 The management system of Enewall Ltd has been assessed and registered as meeting the requirements of BS EN ISO 9001 : 2008 by United Registrar of Systems (URS) (Certificate 1224/A/0001/UK/En).

## 3 Delivery and site handling

3.1 The insulation boards are delivered to site wrapped in polythene. Each pack carries the product identification and batch numbers.

3.2 The renders and spar dash aggregate are delivered to site in 25 kg bags. Each bag carries identification, manufacturer's batch number and the BBA logo incorporating the number of this Certificate.

3.3 The reinforcing mesh is supplied in sheets 1.2 m by 2.4 m.

3.4 The mechanical fixings are boxed separately by the manufacturer.

3.5 The insulation should be stored on a firm, clean, level base, off the ground and under cover until required for use. Care must be taken when handling the insulation to avoid damage.

3.6 The insulation boards should be protected from prolonged exposure to sunlight, either by storing opened packs under cover or re-covering with opaque polythene sheeting. The boards should not be exposed to open flame or other ignition sources.

3.7 Care must be taken when handling the expanded polystyrene insulation boards to avoid contact with solvents or materials containing volatile organic components.

3.8 The spar dash aggregate should be stored off the ground and protected with opaque polythene sheeting. The renders are cementitious materials and should be stored in dry conditions, off the ground, and be protected from frost at all times. Damaged, wet or contaminated products should not be used and must be discarded.

## Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following is a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on the Enewall External Wall Insulation System 2.

## Design Considerations

### 4 General

4.1 The Enewall External Wall Insulation System 2, when installed in accordance with this Certificate, is effective in reducing the thermal transmittance (U value) of external masonry walls in new and existing buildings. It is essential that the detailing techniques specified in this Certificate are carried out to a high standard if the ingress of water is to be avoided and the full thermal benefit obtained from the installed system. Only details approved by the Certificate holder must be used.

4.2 The mineral wool system may be used in installations in excess of 18 m in height; the other systems are restricted to a maximum height of 18 m (see section 8).

4.3 The system will improve the weather resistance of a wall and provide a decorative finish. However, the system may only be installed where other potential sources of moisture penetration have been dealt with separately and where there are no signs of dampness on the inner surface of the wall, other than those caused solely by condensation. The system can be used to combat internal condensation.

4.4 Existing buildings, subject to national Building Regulations, should have exterior wall surfaces in accordance with section 14 of this Certificate.

 4.5 New buildings subject to national Building Regulations should be constructed in accordance with the relevant recommendations of:

- BS EN 1996-2 : 2006 — the designer should select a construction appropriate to the local wind-driven rain index, paying due regard to the design detailing, workmanship and materials to be used
- BS 8000-3 : 2001.

4.6 Other new buildings, not subject to any of the previous requirements, should also be built in accordance with section 4.5.

4.7 The effect of the installation of the systems on the acoustic performance of a construction is outside the scope of this Certificate.

4.8 The fixing of rainwater goods, satellite dishes, clothes lines, hanging baskets and similar items is outside the scope of this Certificate.

4.9 It is essential that the system is installed and maintained in accordance with the conditions set out in this Certificate.

### 5 Practicability of installation

The system should be installed only by specialised contractors who have successfully undergone training and registration by the Certificate holder.

**Note:** The BBA operates a UKAS Accredited Approved Installer Scheme for external wall insulation; details of approved installer companies are included on the BBA website ([www.bbacerts.co.uk](http://www.bbacerts.co.uk)).

### 6 Thermal performance

6.1 Calculations of thermal transmittance (U value) should be carried out in accordance with BS EN ISO 6946 : 2007 and BRE Report BR 443 : 2006, using the thermal conductivity ( $\lambda_{90/90}$  value) as shown in Table 1.

Table 1 Thermal conductivity values

Insulation	$\lambda_{90/90}$ value ( $W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$ )
Expanded polystyrene	0.038
Mineral wool	0.037
Polyisocyanurate	0.026



6.2 The U value of a wall will depend on the selected insulation type and thickness, the number and type of fixings and the insulating value of the substrate masonry and its internal finish. Figures for typical design U values, calculated in accordance with section 6.1, are given in Table 2.

Table 2 Insulation thickness required to achieve design U values given in national Building Regulations

U value <sup>(1)</sup> ( $W \cdot m^{-2} \cdot K^{-1}$ )	Insulation type	Insulation thickness <sup>(2)</sup> (mm)
0.19	EPS	200
	Mineral wool	200
	PIR	150
0.26	EPS	150
	Mineral wool	150
	PIR	110
0.28	EPS	140
	Mineral wool	140
	PIR	100
0.30	EPS	130
	Mineral wool	130
	PIR	90

(1) Values derived using 200 mm dense concrete block with thermal conductivity of  $1.75 W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$  and six stainless steel fixings per  $m^2$  with 8 mm diameter.

(2) Based upon incremental insulation thicknesses of 10 mm.

6.3 The system can maintain, or contribute to maintaining, continuity of thermal insulation around openings and at junctions between external walls and other building elements. Details shown in Figures 9 and 10 will allow use of the default psi values for Accredited Construction details in Emission Rate calculations to SAP 2009 or the Simplified Building Energy Model (SBEM). Guidance on limiting heat loss at junctions can be found in:

**England and Wales** — Approved Documents to Part L and, for new thermal elements to existing buildings, Accredited Construction Details (version 1.0) (for new-build, see also SAP 2009, Appendix K, and the *iSBEM User Manual*)

**Scotland** — Accredited Construction Details (Scotland)

**Northern Ireland** — Accredited Construction Details (version 1.0).

## 7 Strength and stability

7.1 When installed on masonry or concrete walls, the system can adequately transfer to the wall the self-weight and negative and positive (suction and pressure) wind loads normally experienced in the United Kingdom.

7.2 Positive wind load (pressure) is transferred to the substrate wall directly via bearing and compression of the render, adhesive and insulation.

7.3 Negative wind pressure (suction) is resisted by the bond between each component. The insulation boards are retained by the external wall insulation system anchors and reinforcement mesh. The mechanical fixings must always be fixed through the reinforcement mesh.

7.4 The wind loads on the wall should be calculated in accordance with BS EN 1991-1-4 : 2005. Special consideration should be given to locations with high wind-load pressure coefficients as additional fixings may be necessary. In accordance with BS EN 1990 : 2002, it is recommended that a load factor of 1.5 is used to determine the ultimate wind load to be resisted by the system.

7.5 Assessment of structural performance for individual buildings must be carried out by a suitably qualified and experienced individual to confirm that:

- the substrate wall has adequate strength to resist the additional loads that may be applied as a result of installing the system, ignoring any positive contribution that may occur from the insulation system
- the proposed system and associated fixing layout (see Figure 7) provides adequate resistance to negative wind loads [based on the results of the site investigation and test results given in Table 3 (see section 7.7)]
- an appropriate number of site-specific pull-out tests should be conducted on the substrate of the building to determine the minimum resistance to failure of the fixings. The characteristic pull-out resistance should be determined in accordance with the guidance given in ETAG 014 : 2002, Annex D (ie by calculating the mean of the lowest five values and multiplying by 0.6).

7.6 The number of fixings and the span between fixings should be determined by the system designer. Provided the substrate wall is suitable and an appropriate fixing is used, the mechanical fixings will transfer the weight of the system to the substrate wall. The fixing must be selected to give adequate support to the weight of the system at the minimum spacing given in this Certificate.

7.7 Typical characteristic pull-out strengths for the fixings taken from the corresponding European Technical Approval (ETA) are given in Table 3; however, these values are dependent on the substrate and the fixings must be selected to suit the loads and substrate concerned.

*Table 3 Fixings — typical characteristic pull-out strengths*

Fixing type	Substrate	ETA Number	Drill diameter (mm)	Embedment depth (mm)	Typical pull-out strength <sup>(1)</sup> (kN)
NT U	Concrete/solid brick	ETA-05/0009	8	35	1.2 (concrete) 1.5 (brick)
STR U	Concrete/solid brick	ETA-04/0023	8	50	1.5 (concrete) 1.5 (brick)
EX-FIX	Concrete/solid brick	Test Report R4239	10	50	0.8 (concrete) 0.75 (brick)
FM/ISOTHERM	Concrete	ETA-11/0254	8	≥ 60	0.6 (concrete)

(1) Values are determined in accordance with ETAG 014 : 2002 and are dependent on the substrate. Pull-out strength figures are for concrete, concrete block and/or solid brick.

7.8 The design pull-out resistance is the average pull-out resistance multiplied by the number of fixings per board divided by a safety factor of 2 or by a method agreed by a suitably qualified and experienced individual.

### Impact resistance

7.9 Hard body impact tests<sup>(1)</sup> were carried out and the system is suitable for use in category I to category III<sup>(2)</sup>.

(1) These tests were conducted in accordance to MOAT No.22 : 1988.

(2) These categories are defined in ETAG 004 : 2011 as:

- Category I — a zone readily accessible at ground level to the public and vulnerable to hard body impacts but not subjected to abnormally rough use
- Category II — a zone liable to impacts from thrown or kicked objects, but in public locations where the height of the system will limit the size of the impact; or at lower levels where access to the building is primarily to those with some incentive to exercise care
- Category III — a zone not likely to be damaged by normal impacts caused by people or by thrown or kicked objects.

## 8 Behaviour in relation to fire

### General



8.1 The system has a surface spread of flame Class B-s1, d0 classification in accordance with BS EN 13501-1 : 2007.

8.2 The fire classification applies to the full range of insulation thicknesses covered by the Certificate (see section 1.2).

8.3 This classification applies to the range colours available on Powerwall Exposed Aggregate and Powerwall Smooth Band renders, and Powerwall Spar-dash Aggregate.

8.4 The MW insulation, reinforcing coat with glassfibre mesh and Powerwall Exposed Aggregate and Powerwall Smooth Band renders are classified as non-combustible.

8.5 In multi-storey applications, a minimum of one 8 mm diameter stainless steel anchor per square metre is required. The anchor is applied to prevent the system from collapsing in case the insulation is lost due to fire, and must be designed to resist the bending and shear stresses resulting from the dead load from the render.

8.6 Requirements under the various national Building Regulations are:

#### England, Wales and Northern Ireland



8.7 The system incorporating mineral wool insulation is suitable for use on, or at any distance from, the boundary and can be used without height restriction.

8.8 The system incorporating the EPS or PIR insulation are suitable for use on, or at any distance from, the boundary and in buildings up to 18 m in height.

#### Scotland



8.9 The system incorporating mineral wool insulation using non-combustible fixings is suitable for use on, or at any distance from, the boundary and can be used without height restriction.

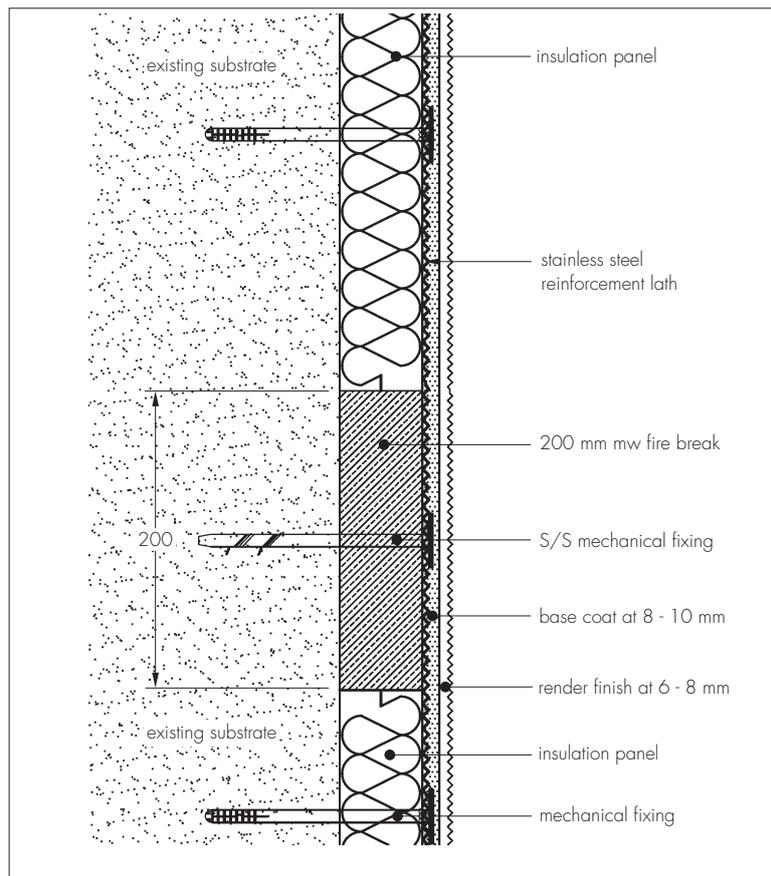
8.10 The systems incorporating the EPS or PIR insulation are classified as low risk combustible materials. These systems are suitable for use in buildings up to 18 m in height and must not be used within 1 m of the boundary.



8.11 Application to second storey walls and above should include at least one non-combustible fixing per square metre and fire breaks in line with compartment walls and floors. In Scotland, the systems must be included in calculations of unprotected areas (see Figure 2).

8.12 Designers must ensure that the completed wall provides any required period of fire resistance and refer to the documents supporting the national Building Regulations for detailed guidance.

Figure 2 Fire barrier



## 9 Proximity of flues and appliances

When the system is installed in close proximity to certain flue pipes, the relevant provisions of the national Building Regulations should be met:

**England and Wales** — Approved Document J

**Scotland** — Mandatory Standard 3.19, clause 3.19.4<sup>(1)(2)</sup>

(1) Technical Handbook (Domestic).

(2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).

**Northern Ireland** — Technical Booklet L.

## 10 Rain penetration



10.1 The system will provide a degree of protection against rain ingress. However, care should be taken to ensure that walls are adequately weather tight prior to the application of the insulation system. The insulation system may only be installed where there are no signs of dampness on the inner surface of the substrate other than those caused solely by condensation.

10.2 Designers and installers should take particular care in detailing around openings, penetrations and movement joints to minimise the risk of rain ingress; only details approved by the Certificate holder should be used.

10.3 Guidance given in BRE Report BR 262 : 2002 should be followed in connection with the weathertightness of solid wall constructions. The designer should select a construction appropriate to the local wind-driven rain index, paying due regard to the design detailing, workmanship and materials to be used.

10.4 At the tops of walls, the system should be protected by an adequate overhang or other detail designed for use with this type of system (see section 16.24).

## 11 Risk of condensation



11.1 Designers must ensure that an appropriate condensation risk analysis has been carried out for all parts of construction, including openings and penetrations at junctions between the insulation system, to minimise the risk of condensation. The recommendations of the BS 5250 : 2011 should be followed.

## Surface condensation



11.2 Walls will adequately limit the risk of surface condensation when the thermal transmittance (U value) does not exceed  $0.7 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$  at any point and the junctions with other elements and openings comply with section 6.3.



11.3 Walls will adequately limit the risk of surface condensation when the thermal transmittance (U value) does not exceed  $1.2 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$  at any point. Guidance may be obtained from BS 5250 : 2011 (Section 4, Annex D) and BRE Report BR 262 : 2002.

## Interstitial condensation



11.4 Walls incorporating the systems will adequately limit the risk of interstitial condensation when they are designed and constructed in accordance with this Certificate.

11.5 Powerwall Exposed Aggregate Render has an equivalent air layer thickness ( $S_d$ ) of approximately 0.16 m. This corresponds to a water vapour resistance factor ( $\mu$ ) of approximately 20 for a render thickness of 8 mm.

11.6 The water vapour resistance factor ( $\mu$ ) for the insulation boards, as taken from BS EN ISO 10456 : 2007, Table 4, is:

- adhesive 20
- expanded polystyrene 60
- mineral wool 1
- polyisocyanurate 60
- Exposed Aggregate/Smooth Band renders 20.

## 12 Maintenance and repair



12.1 Regular checks should be made on the installed system, including:

- visual inspection of the render for signs of damage. Cracks in the render exceeding 0.2 mm must be repaired
- examination of the sealant around openings and service entry points
- visual inspection of architectural details designed to shed water to confirm that they are performing properly
- visual inspection to ensure that water is not leaking from external downpipes or gutters; such leakage could penetrate the rendering
- necessary repairs carried out immediately and the sealant joints at window and door frames replaced at regular intervals
- maintenance schedules, which should include the replacement and resealing of joints, for example between the insulation systems and window and door frame.

12.2 For a 60 year durability, a detailed maintenance plan must be prepared and provided to the building manager/owner on completion. As a minimum, this should include an inspection for evidence of defects 12 months after the application and subsequently every five years.

12.3 Damaged areas must be repaired using the appropriate components and procedures detailed in the Certificate holder's installation instructions and in accordance with BS EN 13914-1 : 2005.

## 13 Durability



13.1 The system will have a service life of not less than 30 years, provided any damage to the surface finish is repaired immediately and regular maintenance is undertaken including checks on joints in the system and on external plumbing fittings to identify leakage of rainwater into the system, enabling steps to be taken to correct the defects (see section 12). In order to achieve this, depending on the building's location, degree of exposure and detailing, it may be necessary to repair or replace isolated areas.

13.2 The system's service life can extend to 60 years provided a planned inspection and maintenance programme is introduced in accordance with Section 12. An extended 60 years' service life requires the use of stainless steel beads, stainless steel fixings [304 Grade (1.4301)], plastic anchor material such as polyamide (PA6 and PA6.6), polyethylene (PE) or polypropylene (PP) and the following of an appropriate repair and maintenance schedule as covered by the Certificate holder's Repair and Maintenance Manual. Any damage to the surface finish is repaired within a time period agreed by the Certificate holder.

13.3 Any render containing Portland cement may be subject to lime bloom. The occurrence of this may be reduced by avoiding application in adverse weather conditions. The effect is transient and is less noticeable on lighter colours.

13.4 The render may become discoloured with time, the rate depending on the initial colour, the degree of exposure and atmospheric pollution, as well as the design and detailing of the wall. In common with traditional renders, discoloration by algae and lichens may occur in wet areas. The appearance may be restored by a suitable power wash or, if required, by over coating.

13.5 To maintain a high quality aesthetic appearance, it may be necessary to periodically overcoat the building using a suitable masonry coating (ie one covered by a valid BBA Certificate for this purpose). Care should be taken not to adversely affect the water vapour transmission or fire characteristics of the system. The advice of the Certificate holder should be sought as to the suitability of a particular product.

## 14 Site survey and preliminary work

14.1 A pre-installation survey of the property is carried out to determine suitability for treatment and the need for any necessary repairs to the building structure before application of the Enewall External Wall Insulation System 2. A specification is prepared for each elevation of the building indicating:

- the position of beads
- detailing around windows, doors and at eaves
- damp-proof course (dpc) level
- exact position of expansion joints
- where required, additional corner mesh and reinforcement
- areas where flexible sealants must be used
- any alterations to external plumbing
- where required, the position of fire barriers.

14.2 The survey should include tests conducted on the walls of the building by the Certificate holder or their approved installers (see section 15) to determine the pull-out resistance of the proposed mechanical fixings for the specific substrate. An assessment and recommendation is made on the type and number of fixings required to withstand the building's expected wind loading, based on calculations using the fixing's pull-out resistance test data (see section 7).

14.3 External plumbing should be removed before installation and alterations made to underground drainage, where appropriate, to accommodate repositioning of the plumbing on the finished face of the systems.

14.4 Surfaces should be sound, clean and free from loose material. The flatness of surfaces must be checked; this may be achieved using a straight edge spanning the storey height. Any excessive irregularities, ie greater than 10 mm in one metre, must be made good prior to installation to ensure that the insulation boards are installed with a smooth, in-plane finished surface.

14.5 New buildings should be of sound masonry, dense or no-fines concrete construction.

14.6 On existing buildings, purpose-made window sills must be fitted to extend beyond the finished face of the system. New buildings should incorporate suitably deep sills.

14.7 Where surfaces are covered with an existing rendering, it is essential that the bond between the background and the render is adequate. All loose areas should be hacked off and reinstated.

14.8 Internal wet work, eg screed or plastering, should be completed and allowed to dry prior to the application of a system.

14.9 All modifications, such as provision for cavity barriers and fire stopping (see section 8) and necessary repairs to the building structure, are completed before installation commences.

## 15 Approved installers

Application of the system, within the context of this Certificate, is carried out by approved installers recommended or recognised by the Certificate holder. Such an installer is a company:

- employing operatives who have been trained and approved by the Certificate holder to install the system
- which has undertaken to comply with the Certificate holder's application procedures, containing the requirement for each application team to include at least one operative trained by the Certificate holder
- subject to at least one inspection per annum by the Certificate holder to ensure that suitable site practices are being employed. This may include unannounced site inspections.

## 16 Procedure

### General

16.1 Installation of the system should be carried out in accordance with the Certificate holder's current installation instructions.

16.2 One coat of Powerwall Fungicidal Wash is applied by brush, roller or spray to the entire surface of the wall.

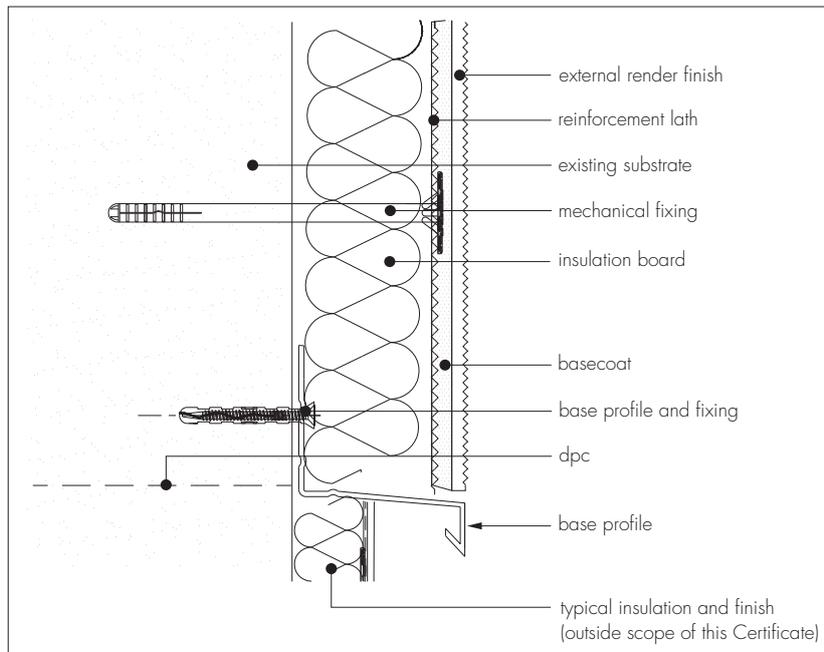
16.3 Weather conditions should be monitored to ensure suitable application and curing conditions. The insulation board adhesive and rendering must not be applied when exposure to frost is likely, in damp/wet conditions, at temperatures below 5°C or above 30°C, or where these temperatures are likely to be exceeded during the curing period. The render must be protected from rapid drying and should not be applied on elevations in direct sunlight.

16.4 All rendering should be in accordance with the relevant recommendations of BS EN 13914-1 : 2005.

### Positioning the insulation boards and mechanical fixings

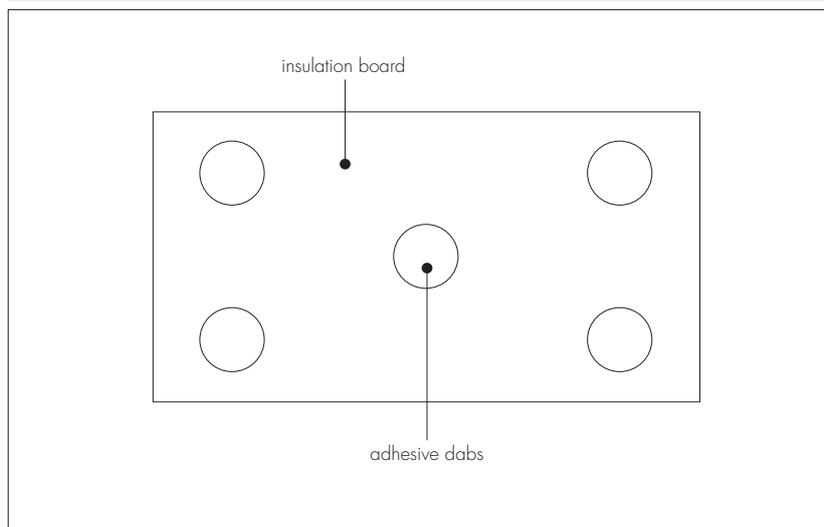
16.5 The Powerwall base profile is secured to the external wall above the dpc, using profile fixings at approximately 400 mm centres (see Figure 3).

Figure 3 Typical section at base level



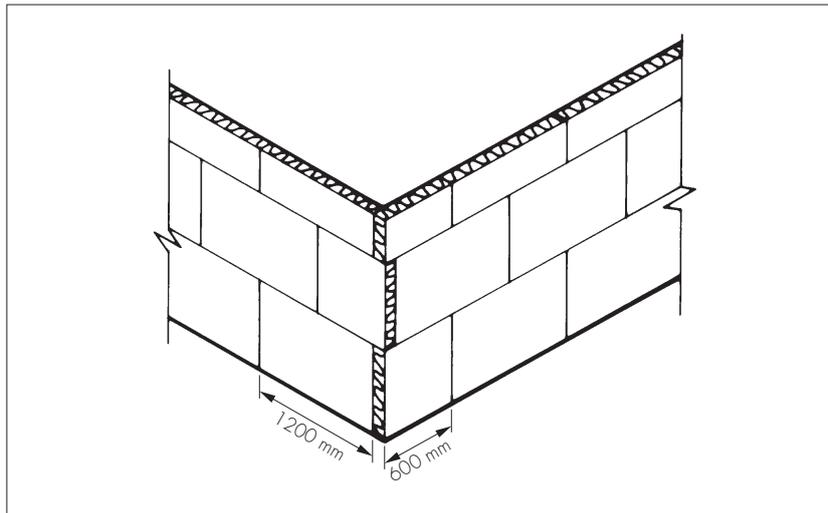
16.6 The insulation board adhesive is prepared using Powerwall Adhesive Coat powder, which is mixed for at least five minutes with water using an electric paddle mixer. One litre of water is used with 4.5 kg of powder. For wet fix installation, the adhesive is applied in dabs and should cover at least 30 per cent of the board. Four dabs are applied on each corner and one dab in the centre of the board (see Figure 4). Alternatively, a dry fix installation can be used by using one mechanical fixing in the centre of each board instead of applying adhesive dabs.

Figure 4 Insulation boards adhesive pattern



16.7 The first run of insulation boards are positioned on the base profile, and pressed firmly against the wall. Subsequent rows of boards are positioned so that the vertical board joints are staggered and overlapped at the building corners (see Figure 5). If required, the boards may be arranged with the longer edge positioned vertically. On flat surfaces the boards can be fixed using mechanical fixings at the centre of each board during the installation process, instead of using the adhesive.

Figure 5 Insulation boards — corner detail



16.8 For both, dry and wet-fix systems (ie with or without adhesive applied) the insulation boards are mechanically fastened to the substrate using the mechanical fixing pattern illustrated in Figure 7. The fixing pattern shown equates to eight fixings per square metre.

16.9 Care must be taken to ensure that all board edges are butted tightly together, and alignment should be checked as work proceeds. For the expanded polystyrene, any high spots or irregularities should be removed by lightly planing with a rasp. The window and door reveals should always be insulated. However, where clearance is limited, the thinner available size insulation boards should be used.

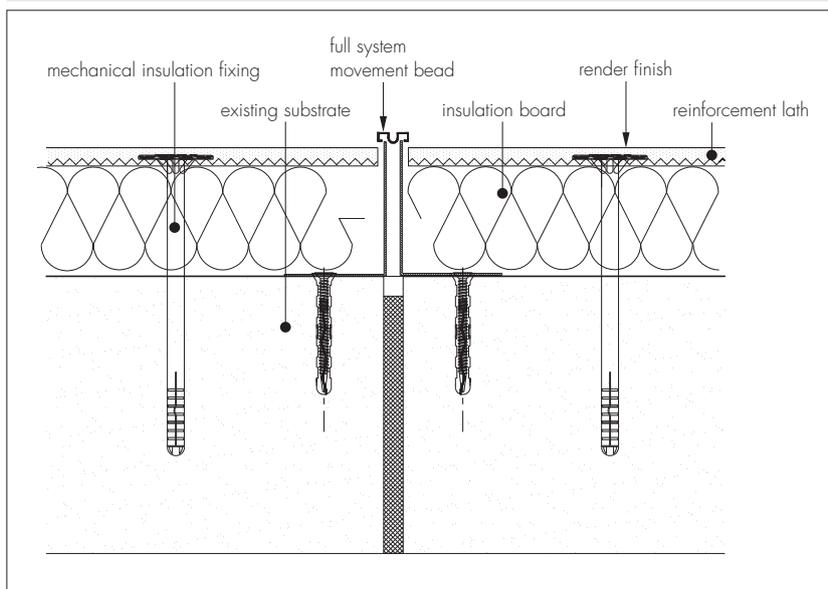
16.10 To fit around details such as doors and windows, insulation boards may be cut with a sharp knife or a fine-tooth saw. Where required, purpose-made window sills are fitted. They are designed to prevent water ingress and incorporate drips to shed water clear of the system.

16.11 Installation continues until the whole wall is completely covered and built up to the building soffits in an existing building (see Figure 9).

### Movement joints

16.12 Movement joints in the substrate must be continued through the system. These are normally at centres of approximately 7 m along a building but exact positioning will be dependent on the individual requirements of each job. The joint detail using purpose-made metal trims is illustrated in Figure 6.

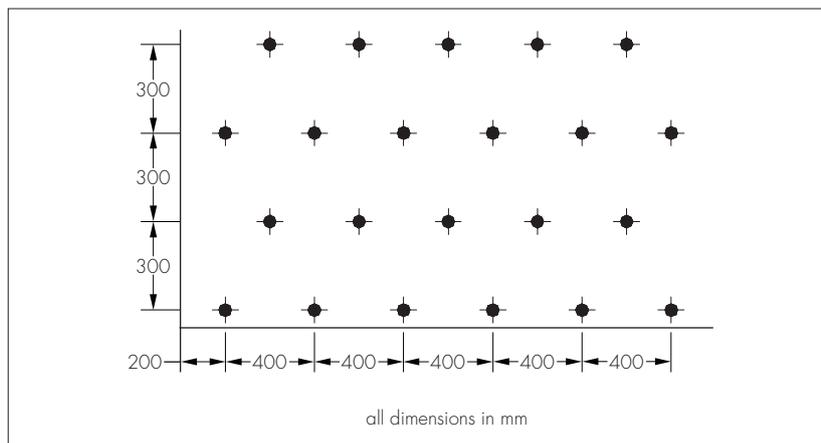
Figure 6 Movement joint



### Reinforcing and mechanical fixing

16.13 Powerwall Stainless Steel Lath is fixed against the insulation, using the mechanical fixings at the specified average rate of eight per square metre. The fixings are positioned typically at 300 mm centres vertically and at 400 mm centres horizontally (see Figure 7).

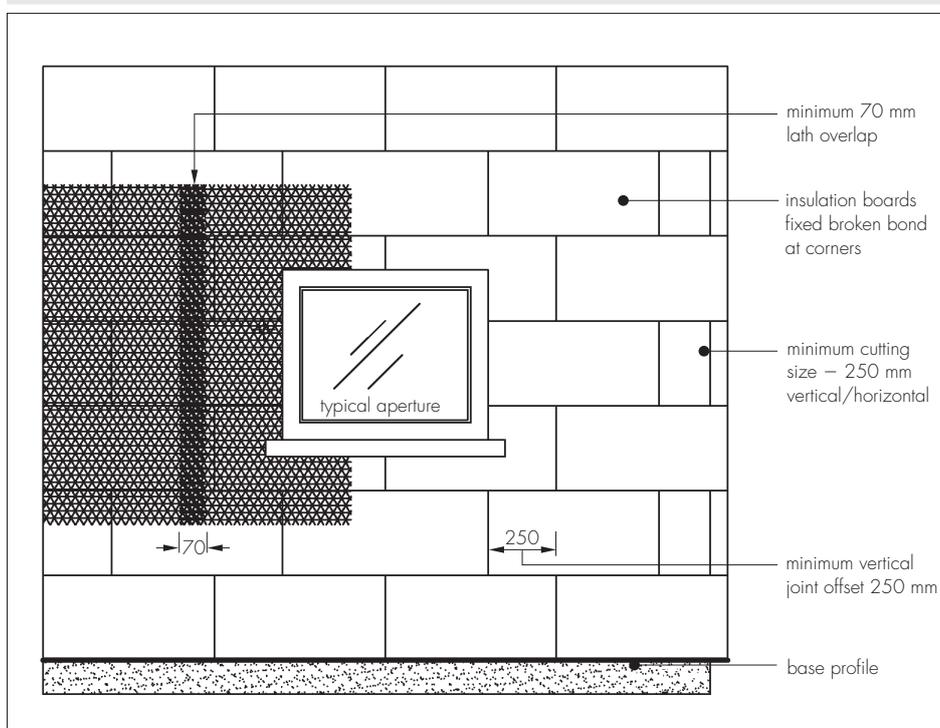
Figure 7 Fixing layout



16.14 Mechanical fixings are positioned 300 mm apart around window details and 300 mm vertical centres at building corners.

16.15 The lath joint should overlap by at least 70 mm in either a horizontal or vertical direction and should be tied together at 200 mm intervals by using stainless steel wire or snipping a strand of lath and bending it over the lapping mesh. Extra mesh is used around openings as illustrated in Figure 8.

Figure 8 Insulation boards — reinforcement details



16.16 The base coat is prepared using Powerwall Base Coat powder, which is mixed for at least five minutes with water using an electric paddle mixer. One litre of water is used with 4.5 kg of powder.

16.17 One coat of base coat is applied over the complete area (to a minimum thickness of 8 mm) ensuring the mesh is fully covered. Where the render meets abutting materials, eg window frames, door frames, fascias, gas and electric meter boxes, wall vents and pipes, the base coat should be cut back to create a 5 mm movement gap before it sets.

16.18 Corner beads are fixed to the building corners, door and window heads and jambs, and are formed using base coat in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions (see Figure 10). The base coat must be left to harden for at least one day before application of the render coat.

16.19 Stop beads are positioned vertically, eg at separating wall positions where the adjoining house does not require treatment.

### Rendering and finishing

16.20 Prior to application of the render coat (Powerwall Exposed Aggregate), a bead of silicone rubber sealant is gun-applied at window and door frames, overhanging eaves, gas and electric meter boxes, wall vents or where the render abuts any other building material or surface.

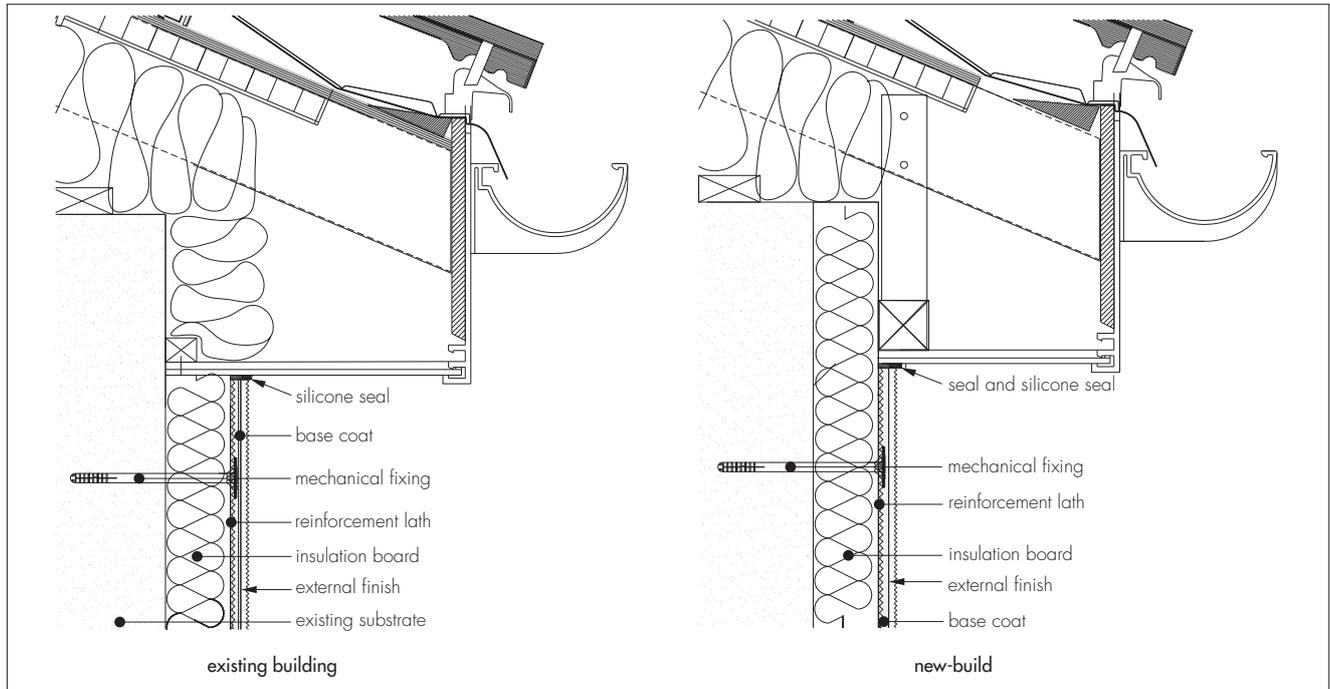
16.21 Powerwall Exposed Aggregate render is prepared for use by mixing one litre of water with 4.5 kg of powder for at least five minutes, using an electric paddle or concrete mixer.

16.22 One coat of the render is trowel-applied to a minimum thickness of 8 mm. While the render is still soft, Powerwall Spar-dash Aggregate is thrown onto the surface. On completion, the surface must be checked to ensure an even coverage of spar-dash has been achieved. Where necessary, the aggregate should be lightly tapped to ensure that a good bond is achieved.

16.23 The smooth band render is prepared for use by mixing one litre of water with 4.5 kg of powder for at least five minutes, using an electric paddle mixer. Powerwall Smooth Band render is trowel-applied to a minimum thickness of 8 mm to the insulated door and window reveals.

16.24 At the tops of walls the system must be protected by an adequate overhang or by an adequately sealed purpose-made flashing (see Figure 9).

Figure 9 Eaves detail



16.25 Care must be taken in the detailing of the system around openings and projections (see Figures 10 and 11). To achieve a 60 year service life, the system is finished against a stainless steel stop bead at reveals, to allow for replacement of windows.

Figure 10 Insulated window and door reveal detail

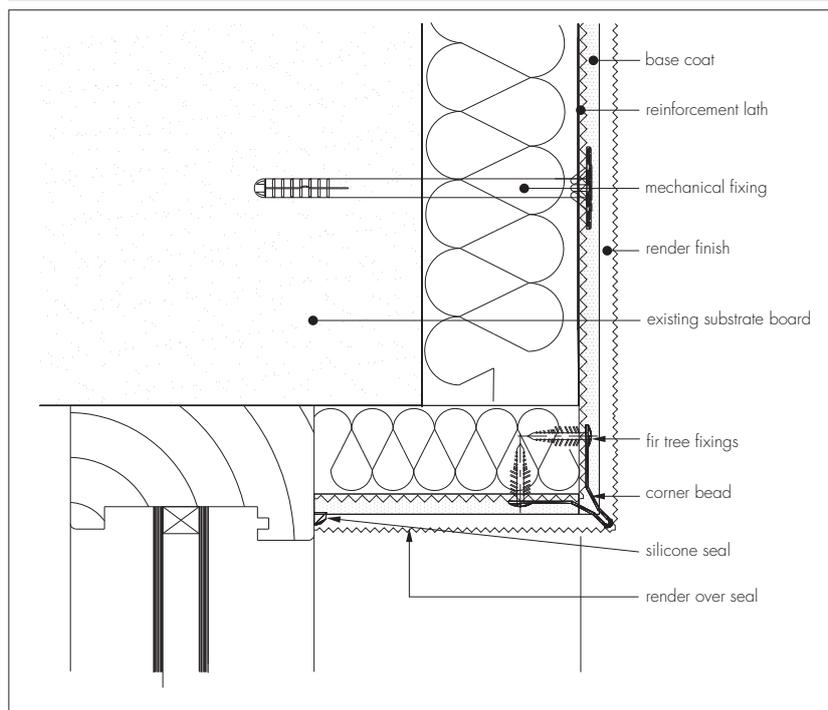
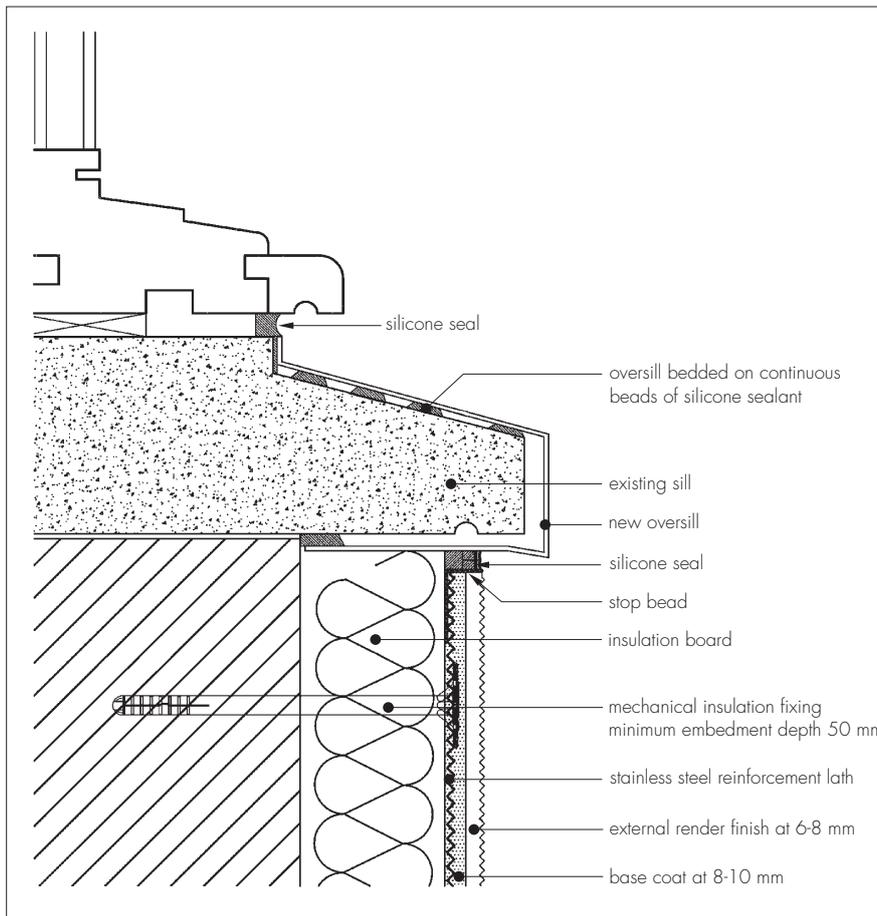


Figure 11 Oversill detail



16.26 To prevent the renders from drying too rapidly, they should not be applied in direct sunlight. Continuous surfaces must be completed without a break.

16.27 On completion of the installation, external fittings, eg rainwater goods, are re-fixed through the system into the substrate.

### Repair

16.28 Damaged areas must be repaired using the appropriate components and procedures detailed in the Certificate holder's installation instructions in accordance with BS EN 13914-1 : 2005.

## Technical Investigations

### 17 Tests

17.1 Tests were carried out on the system in accordance with MOAT No 22 : 1988 and ETAG 004 : 2011 to determine:

- component characterisation
- density of insulation board
- heat/spray cycling
- resistance to freeze/thaw
- water absorption of render
- water vapour permeability
- impact resistance.

17.2 An examination was made of data relating to:

- surface spread of flame tests
- pull-out strength of fixings
- durability of finish
- thermal conductivity.

## 18 Investigations

- 18.1 The manufacturing process, including the methods adopted for quality control of manufactured and bought-in components, and details of the quality and composition of the materials used, were examined.
- 18.2 A condensation risk analysis was undertaken.
- 18.3 A series of U value calculations were carried out.
- 18.4 A calculation was undertaken to confirm the thermal conductivity ( $\lambda_{90/90}$  value)
- 18.5 An assessment was made of the practicability of installation and the effectiveness of detailing techniques.

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## 19 Conditions

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- is issued only to the company, firm, organisation or person named on the front page — no other company, firm, organisation or person may hold or claim that this Certificate has been issued to them
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- are maintained at or above the levels which have been assessed and found to be satisfactory by the BBA
- continue to be checked as and when deemed appropriate by the BBA under arrangements that it will determine
- are reviewed by the BBA as and when it considers appropriate.

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