

## **XPS PIB** EXTRUDED POLYSTYRENE PIPE INSULATION BILLET

# **DESCRIPTION**

XPS PIB (eXtruded PolyStyrene Pipe Insulation Billet) is a rigid thermoplastic foam manufactured by a proprietary extrusion process that forms a uniform, void-free, closed cell structure. This structure, along with the naturally water-repellent nature of the polystyrene resin, gives XPS PIB products high compressive strength, low friability and excellent resistance to water vapor and water absorption from freeze-thaw cycling. XPS PIB is nondusting and non-irritating and is not a known food source for mold and mildew.

## **APPLICATIONS**

XPS PIB is used extensively in industrial and commercial piping applications. With a service temperature range of -320°F to 165°F (-196°C to 74°C), XPS PIB is a preferred material for low-temperature systems, both for minimizing heat gain and preventing surface condensation.

XPS PIB maintains its key insulating properties in lowtemperature applications and other environments with high humidity and high-moisture conditions.

Typical applications for XPS PIB include:

- Ammonia refrigeration lines
- Freezer rooms
- Chilled water piping
- Transport pipelines
- Cold storage systems
- Refrigeration equipment
- Pharmaceutical plants
- Cryogenic systems

## SIZE

XPS PIB is extruded into billets. Height and width: 7" x 14" (18 cm x 36 cm) 8" x 16" (20 cm x 41 cm) 10" x 20" (25 cm x 51 cm) Length: 9' (2.75 m)

## **AVAILABILITY**

XPS PIB insulation is distributed through JM's extensive Authorized Fabricator Network

## **INSTALLATION**

XPS PIB is specifically formulated for easy fabrication into many shapes, such as pipe coverings, valve and fitting covers, and others to meet specific design needs. Because of the critical design aspects in many applications, JM recommends contacting qualified designers for system design.



### **PHYSICAL PROPERTIES**

XPS PIB exhibits the properties and characteristics indicated in Table 1 when tested as represented. Consultation with local code offcials and design engineers/specifiers are recommended before application. As with all cellular polymers, XPS PIB will degrade upon prolonged exposure to sunlight. A covering to block ultraviolet radiation must be used to prevent degradation. Other coverings to protect the insulation from the elements may be required.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DATA**

XPS PIB is manufactured without the use of CFC or HCFC blowing agents. XPS PIB is recyclable and can be reused in many applications.

## **FIRE PROTECTION & SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS**

XPS PIB requires care in handling. All persons working with this material must know and follow the proper handling procedures. The current Safety Data Sheet (SDS) and General Handling Recommendations for XPS PIB contain information on the safe handling, storage and use of this material, and can be found at www.jm.com.

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#### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF XPS PIB (1,2)

| ASTM C578, Type XIII  | Complies   |
|---|--|
| Density, ASTM D1622   | 1.6 lb/ft <sup>3</sup> (26 kg/m <sup>3</sup> )   |
| Compressive Strength, ASTM D1621                            | 20 lb/in² (138 kPa) parallel to rise             |
| k-Factor, ASTM C518, @75°F (24°C) mean temp, Aged 180 Days  | 0.259 Btu•in/hr•ft <sup>2</sup> •°F              |
|   | 0.037 W/m°C                                      |
| Water Absorption  |  |
| ASTM C272   | 1.0% by vol.                                     |
| ASTMD2842   | 1.0% by vol.                                     |
| Water Vapor Permeability, ASTM E96                          | 1.5 perms/inch (2.2 ng/Pa•s•m)                   |
| Dimensional Stability <sup>(3)</sup> , ASTM D2126 (%Change) | 1.0 @ 158° F (70°C), 97% R.H. 7 days             |
| Service Temperature (4)                                     | -320°F to 165°F                                  |
|   | (-196°C to 73.9°C)                               |
| Surface Burning Characteristics, ASTM E84 <sup>(5)</sup>    | ≤ 5 Flame Spread                                 |
|   | $\leq$ 10 Smoke Developed (up to 10cm thickness) |
| Color   | Blue   |

(1) All properties are measured at 74°F (23°C), unless otherwise indicated.

(2) Unless otherwise indicated, data shown are typical values obtained from representative production samples. This data may be used as a guide for design purposes but should not be construed as specifications. For property ranges and specifications, consult your JM representative.

(3) Average value through foam cross section.

(4) XPS PIB can be used at this temperature and below but for applications below -297°F certain system design precautions may be necessary. Please consult JM for more information.
(5) This numerical flame spread data is not intended to reflect hazards presented by this or any other material under actual fire conditions.



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