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**Agrément Certificate**

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Product Sheet 1

## URSA RAINSCREEN SLABS

### URSA WALLTEC BLACK AND URSAPAN BLACK FOR USE IN RAINSCREEN CLADDING SYSTEMS

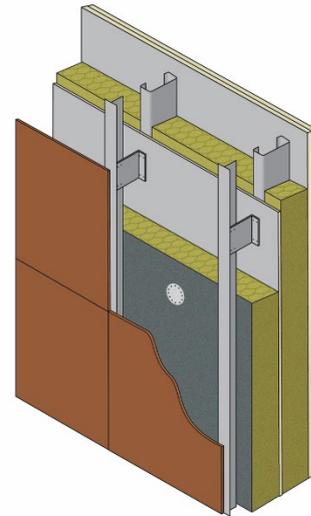
This Agrément Certificate Product Sheet<sup>(1)</sup> relates to URSA WALLTEC BLACK<sup>(2)</sup> and URSAPAN BLACK<sup>(2)</sup> for use in Rainscreen Cladding Systems, comprising mineral wool insulation slabs with black fibreglass facing on one side, for use as thermal insulation on new and existing timber-frame, steel-frame or masonry walls. The products are used in domestic and non-domestic buildings without height restrictions, in conjunction with ventilated cladding systems.

(1) Hereinafter referred to as 'Certificate'.

(2) URSA WALLTEC BLACK and URSAPAN BLACK are registered trademarks.

#### 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



#### KEY FACTORS ASSESSED

**Thermal performance** — the declared thermal conductivity for the WALLTEC BLACK and the URSAPAN BLACK is 0.032 and 0.035 W·m<sup>-1</sup>·K<sup>-1</sup> respectively (see section 6).

**Condensation risk** — the products can contribute to limiting the risk of condensation (see section 7).

**Behaviour in relation to fire** — the products are classified as Class A1 in accordance with BS EN 13501-1 : 2018 (see section 8).

**Durability** — the products will have a life equivalent to that of the wall structure in which they are incorporated (see section 12).

The BBA has awarded this Certificate to the company named above for the products described herein. The products have been assessed by the BBA as being fit for their intended use provided they are 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, URSA WALLTEC BLACK and URSAPAN BLACK for use in Rainscreen Cladding Systems, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying 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>	<b>B3(4)</b>	<b>Internal fire spread (structure)</b>
Comment:		The products are unrestricted by this Requirement. See section 8.1 of this Certificate.
<b>Requirement:</b>	<b>B4(1)</b>	<b>External fire spread</b>
Comment:		The products are unrestricted by this Requirement. See section 8.1 of this Certificate.
<b>Requirement:</b>	<b>C2(c)</b>	<b>Resistance to moisture</b>
Comment:		The products can contribute to satisfying this Requirement. See sections 7.1, 7.2 and 7.4 of this Certificate.
<b>Requirement:</b>	<b>L1(a)(i)</b>	<b>Conservation of fuel and power</b>
Comment:		The products can contribute to satisfying this Requirement, but compensating fabric and/or services measures may need to be taken. See sections 6.1 and 6.2 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>7(1)</b>	<b>Materials and workmanship</b>
Comment:		The products are acceptable. See section 12 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>7(2)</b>	<b>Materials and workmanship</b>
Comment:		The products are unrestricted by this Regulation. See section 8.1 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>CO<sub>2</sub> emission rates for new buildings</b>
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>26A</b>	<b>Fabric energy efficiency rates for new dwellings (applicable to England only)</b>
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>26A</b>	<b>Primary energy consumption rates for new buildings (applicable to Wales only)</b>
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>26B</b>	<b>Fabric performance values for new dwellings (applicable to Wales only)</b>
Comment:		The products can contribute to satisfying these Regulations, but compensating fabric and/or services measures may need to be taken. See sections 6.1 and 6.2 of this Certificate.



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

<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>8(1)</b>	<b>Durability, workmanship and fitness of materials</b>
Comment:		The products are acceptable. See section 12 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Building standards applicable to construction</b>
Standard:	2.4	Cavities
Standard:	2.6	Spread to neighbouring buildings
Comment:		The products are unrestricted by these Standards, with reference to clauses 2.4.2 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 2.4.4 <sup>(1)</sup> , 2.4.6 <sup>(2)</sup> , 2.6.5 <sup>(1)</sup> and 2.6.6 <sup>(2)</sup> . See section 8.1 of this Certificate.
Standard:	3.15	Condensation
Comment:		The products can contribute to satisfying 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 7.1, 7.2 and 7.5 of this Certificate.

<b>Standard:</b> <b>Comment:</b>	6.1(b)	Carbon dioxide emissions The products can contribute to satisfying this Standard, with reference to clauses, or parts of, 6.1.1 <sup>(1)</sup> , 6.1.2 <sup>(2)</sup> , 6.1.3 <sup>(1)</sup> , 6.1.4 <sup>(1)</sup> , 6.1.6 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> and 6.1.8 <sup>(2)</sup> , but compensating fabric and/or services measures may need to be taken. See sections 6.1 and 6.2 of this Certificate.
<b>Standard:</b> <b>Comment:</b>	6.2	Building insulation envelope The products can contribute to satisfying this Standard, with reference to clauses, or parts of, 6.2.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 6.2.3 <sup>(1)</sup> , 6.2.4 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 6.2.5 <sup>(2)</sup> , 6.2.6 <sup>(1)(2)</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> , but compensating fabric and/or services measures may need to be taken. See sections 6.1 and 6.2 of this Certificate.
<b>Standard:</b> <b>Comment:</b>	7.1(a)(b)	Statement of sustainability The products can contribute to satisfying 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 products 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> [Aspect 1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> ]. See section 6.1 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b> <b>Comment:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Building standards applicable to conversions</b> Comments made in relation to the products under Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6, also apply to this Regulation, with reference to clause 0.12.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> and Schedule 6 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> .
		(1) Technical Handbook (Domestic). (2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).



## The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 (as amended)

<b>Regulation:</b> <b>Comment:</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Fitness of materials and workmanship</b> The products are acceptable. See section 12 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b> <b>Comment:</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>Condensation</b> The products can contribute to satisfying this Regulation. See sections 7.1 and 7.2 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b> <b>Comment:</b>	<b>35(4)</b>	<b>Internal fire spread – structure</b> The products are unrestricted by this Regulation. See section 8.1 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b> <b>Comment:</b>	<b>36(a)</b>	<b>External fire spread</b> The products are unrestricted by this Regulation. See section 8.1 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b> <b>Comment:</b>	<b>39(a)(i)</b>	<b>Conservation measures</b> The products can contribute to satisfying this Regulation. See sections 6.1 and 6.2 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b> <b>Comment:</b>	<b>40(2)</b>	<b>Target carbon dioxide emission rate</b> The products can contribute to satisfying this Regulation. See sections 6.1 and 6.2 of this Certificate.

## Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015

## Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

Information in this Certificate may assist the client, designer (including Principal Designer) and contractor (including Principal Contractor) to address their obligations under these Regulations.

See section: 3 *Delivery and site handling* (3.3) of this Certificate.

## Additional Information

### NHBC Standards 2020

In the opinion of the BBA, URSA WALLTEC BLACK and URSAPAN BLACK for use in Rainscreen Cladding Systems, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements in relation to *NHBC Standards*, Chapters 6.1 *External masonry walls*, 6.2 *External timber framed walls*, 6.9 *Curtain walling and cladding* and 6.10 *Light steel framing*. Current NHBC guidance precludes the use of façade systems not utilising a drained cavity.

### CE marking

The Certificate holder has taken the responsibility of CE marking the products in accordance with harmonised European Standard BS EN 13162 : 2012.

## Technical Specification

### 1 Description

1.1 URSA WALLTEC BLACK and URSAPAN BLACK for use in Rainscreen Cladding Systems are glass mineral wool (MW) slabs with a black glass tissue facer on one face. The slabs have the nominal characteristics shown in Table 1.

*Table 1 Nominal characteristics*

Length (mm)	1350
Width (mm)	600
Thickness (mm) <sup>(1)</sup>	100, 120, 140, 150 <sup>(1)</sup> , 160, 180 <sup>(1)</sup> and 200 <sup>(1)</sup>
Edge profile	Square

(1) only available for the WALLTEC BLACK products

1.2 Ancillary items for use with the products, but outside the scope of this Certificate, are:

- rainscreen cladding and subframe
- insulation fasteners/fixings
- sheathing and lining board
- breather membranes
- vapour control layer (vcl).

### 2 Manufacture

2.1 The insulation slabs are manufactured using conventional fully automated techniques.

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

- agreed with the manufacturer the quality control procedures and products 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.

2.3 The management systems of URSA U.K. Ltd have been assessed and registered as meeting the requirements of BS EN ISO 9001 : 2015 by LGA InterCert GmbH (Certificate 01 100 1300949).

### 3 Delivery and site handling

3.1 Slabs are delivered to site in polyethene-wrapped packs. Each pack carries a label bearing the Certificate holder's name, product description and the BBA logo incorporating the number of this Certificate.

3.2 The slabs should be stored clear of the ground, on a clean, level surface and preferably under cover to protect them from prolonged exposure to moisture or mechanical damage.

3.3 Dust masks, gloves and long-sleeved clothing should be worn when cutting and handling the slabs.

3.4 Damaged, contaminated, or wet slabs must not be used.

## Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following is a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on URSA WALLTEC BLACK and URSAPAN BLACK for use in Rainscreen Cladding Systems.

## Design Considerations

### 4 Use

4.1 URSA WALLTEC BLACK and URSAPAN BLACK for use in Rainscreen Cladding Systems are effective in reducing the U value (thermal transmittance) of external walls of timber-frame, steel-frame or masonry buildings (where masonry includes clay and calcium silicate bricks, concrete blocks, and natural and reconstituted stone blocks). The products are for use in new or existing domestic and non-domestic buildings. It is essential that such walls are designed and constructed to incorporate the normal precautions against moisture ingress, including the use of a breather membrane over the timber sheathing in framing board applications.

4.2 Certain rainscreen systems, such as those with open joints, may require the addition of a breather membrane incorporated into their system. The requirement for a membrane is determined by the system designer and is outside the scope of this Certificate.

4.3 Care must also be taken in the overall design and construction of elements incorporating the products to ensure appropriate:

- sheathing or bracing for frame elements. The products must not be relied on to provide any structural contribution, eg racking strength
- fire resistance, for both elements and junctions
- continuity of insulation to minimise thermal bridging
- resistance to the ingress of precipitation and moisture from the ground.

4.4 The wall and sub-frame should be structurally sound, and should have been designed and constructed in accordance with the following Standards and, where appropriate, their UK National Annexes:

- BS 8000-3 : 2001
- BS EN 351-1 : 2007
- BS EN 845-1 : 2013
- BS EN 1993-1-2 : 2005 and its UK National Annex
- BS EN 1993-1-3 : 2006 and its UK National Annex
- BS EN 1995-1-1 : 2004 and its UK National Annex
- BS EN 1996-1-1 : 2005 and its UK National Annex
- BS EN 1996-1-2 : 2005 and its UK National Annex
- BS EN 1996-2 : 2006 and its UK National Annex
- BS EN 1996-3 : 2006 and its UK National Annex.

4.5 The designer should select a construction appropriate to the local wind-driven rain index to BS EN 1996-2 : 2006 and its UK National Annex, paying due regard to the design detailing, workmanship and materials to be used.

4.6 The air gap between the face of the insulation and the back of the rainscreen panels should be of sufficient width to allow any water passing the joints to run down the back of the panels and be discharged externally, without wetting the insulation or the backing wall. The minimum width for air gaps required by NHBC is:

- 50 mm, for panels with open joints
- 38 mm, for panels with baffled or labyrinth (rebated) joints.

4.7 For timber frame constructions, installation must not be carried out until the moisture content of the frame is less than 20%.

4.8 The construction should be made weathertight as soon as is practically possible, to ensure maximum protection of the products.

## 5 Practicability of installation

The products are designed to be installed by a competent general builder, or a contractor, experienced with these types of products.

## 6 Thermal performance



6.1 Calculations of the thermal transmittance (U value) should be carried out in accordance with BS EN ISO 6946 : 2017, BRE Report BR 443 : 2006, BRE Digest DG 465 and BS EN ISO 10211 : 2017 (where relevant), using the thermal conductivities ( $\lambda_D$ ) of the products shown in Table 2.

Table 2 Declared thermal conductivity value

Insulation	Thermal conductivity ( $W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$ )
URSA WALLTEC BLACK	0.032
URSAPAN BLACK	0.035

6.2 The U value of a completed wall construction will depend on the insulation type and thickness, number and type of fixings, the rainscreen support systems, the insulating value of the substrate and its internal finish. Calculated U values for example constructions are given in Tables 3 to 5.

Table 3 Example U values — timber frame rainscreen system<sup>(1)(2)</sup>

U Value ( $W \cdot m^{-2} \cdot K^{-1}$ )	Insulation thickness installed against the sheathing board – no insulation in the 140 mm timber frame (mm) <sup>(3)</sup>		Insulation thickness installed against the sheathing board – fully filled with insulation in the 140 mm timber frame (mm) <sup>(4)</sup>	
	URSA WALLTEC BLACK	URSAPAN BLACK	URSA WALLTEC BLACK	URSAPAN BLACK
	0.18	360 <sup>(5)</sup>	— <sup>(6)</sup>	280 <sup>(5)</sup>
0.19	320 <sup>(5)</sup>	— <sup>(6)</sup>	240 <sup>(5)</sup>	280 <sup>(5)</sup>
0.25	200	220 <sup>(5)</sup>	100	120
0.26	180	200 <sup>(5)</sup>	100	100
0.27	180	200 <sup>(5)</sup>	100	100
0.28	160	200 <sup>(5)</sup>	100	100
0.30	140	160	100	100
0.35	120	120	100	100

- (1) Construction, external to internal:  
10 mm rainscreen cladding, open fully ventilated 50 mm clear cavity, URSA WALLTEC BLACK / URSAPAN BLACK Rainscreen Slab, breather membrane, 9 mm timber OSB (oriented strand board) sheathing board ( $\lambda = 0.13 W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$ ), 140 mm timber frame ( $\lambda = 0.13 W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$ ) (15% fraction), VCL and 15 mm plasterboard ( $\lambda = 0.25 W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$ ).
- (2) A fixing correction factor ( $\Delta U_f$ ) of  $0.1 W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$  has been applied, to allow for the thermal bridging of the fixings and rainscreen brackets.
- (3) Insulation installed against the timber sheathing board, with no insulation in the timber frame.
- (4) Insulation installed against the timber sheathing board, with 140 mm of insulation in the timber frame ( $\lambda = 0.035 W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$ ) with a 15% timber frame fraction.
- (5) Achieved by double layering with thicknesses specified in Table 1.
- (6) Additional insulation required.

**Table 4 Example U values — steel frame rainscreen system<sup>(1)(2)</sup>**

U Value (W·m <sup>-2</sup> ·K <sup>-1</sup> )	Insulation thickness installed against the sheathing board – no insulation in the 90 mm steel frame (mm) <sup>(3)</sup>		Insulation thickness installed against the sheathing board – fully filled with insulation in the 90 mm steel frame (mm) <sup>(4)</sup>	
	URSA WALLTEC BLACK	URSAPAN BLACK	URSA WALLTEC BLACK	URSAPAN BLACK
	0.18	360 <sup>(5)</sup>	— <sup>(6)</sup>	320 <sup>(5)</sup>
0.19	320 <sup>(5)</sup>	— <sup>(6)</sup>	280 <sup>(5)</sup>	320 <sup>(5)</sup>
0.25	200	220 <sup>(5)</sup>	160	160
0.26	180	200 <sup>(5)</sup>	140	160
0.27	180	200 <sup>(5)</sup>	140	140
0.28	160	200 <sup>(5)</sup>	120	140
0.30	140	160	100	100
0.35	120	120	100	100

- (1) Construction, external to internal:  
10 mm rainscreen cladding, open fully ventilated 50 mm clear cavity, URSA WALLTEC BLACK / URSAPAN BLACK Rainscreen Slab, breather membrane, 9 mm timber OSB (oriented strand board) sheathing board ( $\lambda = 0.13 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$ ), 90 mm light steel frame system (0.2% fraction), VCL and 15 mm plasterboard ( $\lambda = 0.25 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$ ).
- (2) A fixing correction factor ( $\Delta u_f$ ) of  $0.1 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$  has been applied, to allow for the thermal bridging of the rainscreen brackets.
- (3) Insulation installed against the timber sheathing board, with no insulation in the steel frame.
- (4) Insulation installed against the timber sheathing board, with 90 mm of insulation in the steel frame ( $\lambda = 0.038 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$ ) with a 0.2% steel frame fraction.
- (5) Achieved by double layering with thicknesses specified in Table 1.
- (6) Additional insulation required.

**Table 5 Example U Values — masonry rainscreen system<sup>(1)(2)</sup>**

U Value (W·m <sup>-2</sup> ·K <sup>-1</sup> )	Insulation thickness (mm)	
	URSA WALLTEC BLACK	URSAPAN BLACK
0.18	360 <sup>(3)</sup>	— <sup>(4)</sup>
0.19	320 <sup>(3)</sup>	— <sup>(4)</sup>
0.25	200	220 <sup>(3)</sup>
0.26	180	200 <sup>(3)</sup>
0.27	180	200 <sup>(3)</sup>
0.28	160	200 <sup>(3)</sup>
0.30	140	160
0.35	120	120

- (1) Construction, external to internal:  
10 mm rainscreen cladding, open fully ventilated 50 mm clear cavity, URSA WALLTEC BLACK / URSAPAN BLACK rainscreen slab, 140 mm dense concrete block ( $\lambda = 1.13 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$ ), 15 mm dot and dab adhesive cavity (20% adhesive bridge) and 15 mm plasterboard ( $\lambda = 0.25 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$ ).
- (2) A fixing correction factor ( $\Delta u_f$ ) of  $0.1 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$  has been applied, to allow for the thermal bridging of the rainscreen brackets.
- (3) Achieved by double layering with thicknesses specified in Table 1
- (4) Additional insulation required.

## Junctions

6.3 Care must be taken in the overall design and construction of junctions with other elements and openings to minimise thermal bridges and air infiltration. Detailed guidance can be found in the documents supporting the national Building Regulations.

## 7 Condensation risk

### Interstitial condensation



7.1 Walls will adequately limit the risk of interstitial condensation when they are designed and constructed in accordance with BS 5250 : 2011, Annexes D and G.

7.2 For the purpose of calculations, the insulation water vapour diffusion resistance factor ( $\mu$ ) of the products may be taken as 1.

7.3 A vapour control layer (vcl) should be used in all constructions should the condensation risk analysis show this is necessary.

### Surface condensation



7.4 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 are designed in accordance with the guidance referred to in section 6.3 of this Certificate.



7.5 In Scotland, 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, and the junctions with other elements are designed in accordance with the guidance referred to in BS 5250 : 2011, Annex G. Further guidance may be obtained from BRE Report BR 262 : 2002 and section 6.3 of this Certificate.

## 8 Behaviour in relation to fire



8.1 The products are classified as Class A1 in accordance with BS EN 13501-1 : 2018<sup>(1)</sup>. They are therefore 'non-combustible' as defined in the national Building Regulations and are not subject to any restriction on building height or proximity to boundaries.

(1) CSTB Report RA16-0051, 26 June 2019.

8.2 Designers should refer to the relevant national Building Regulations and guidance for detailed conditions of use, particularly in respect of requirements for substrate fire performance, cavity closers and barriers, fire stopping of service penetrations and combustibility limitations for other materials and components used in the overall wall construction.

## 9 Strength and stability

9.1 The wall and sub-frame to which the products are fixed, or which they are installed between, should be structurally sound and constructed in accordance with section 4.3 of this Certificate. However, when designing the wall for strength, stability and racking, no contribution from the insulation should be assumed.

9.2 Wind loads should be calculated by a suitably experienced and competent individual in accordance with BS EN 1991-1-4 : 2005 and its UK National Annex. The higher-pressure coefficients applicable to corners of buildings should be used.

9.3 The adequacy of fixing to the structural frame or substrate for specific installations is outside the scope of this Certificate and must be verified by a suitably experienced and qualified individual. Care is required around window and door openings to ensure that the structure is capable of sustaining the additional weight of reveal/frame details.

9.4 The cladding must be fixed to the frame or masonry substrate and designed by a suitably qualified and experienced individual in accordance with the relevant Standards and Requirements (see section 4.4).

## 10 Water resistance

10.1 External masonry walls should be in good condition and must resist the ingress of rain.

10.2 Care must be taken to ensure that the types of façades and wall finishes, and the design and detailing around openings, are appropriate for the anticipated exposure conditions and, if appropriate, resist the movement of the frame.

10.3 The products should be kept dry before the cladding is applied.

10.4 To resist the passage of moisture from the ground, adequate damp-proof courses and membranes must be provided in accordance with conventional good practice. The slabs must not be used in situations where they bridge the damp-proof course in walls.

10.5 Weather resistance is provided by an external cladding system (outside the scope of this Certificate).

## 11 Maintenance

As the products are confined between the wall and the cladding and have suitable durability (see section 12) and, provided the integrity of the cladding is maintained throughout the life of the system, maintenance is not required.

## 12 Durability



The products are unaffected by the normal conditions in a wall and are durable, rot proof, water resistant and sufficiently stable to remain effective as insulation for the life of the building.

## 13 Reuse and recyclability

Mineral wool is recyclable and material waste during installation or at end-of-life can be recycled.

## Installation

### 14 General

14.1 Installation of the products should be in accordance with this Certificate, the Certificate holder's instructions, and current good building practice.

14.2 The products can be cut using a fine-toothed saw or sharp knife but care must be taken to prevent damage, particularly to edges.

14.3 Cavity barriers should be provided as required by the documents supporting the national Building Regulations.

14.4 It is important to ensure a tight fit between slabs. Trimming must be accurate, to achieve close-butt joints and continuity of insulation.

14.5 The slabs are fixed against the external face of the sheathing board or against the external face of masonry substrates, in conjunction with masonry cladding or weathertight rainscreen cladding<sup>(1)</sup>, maintaining a cavity to ensure drainage.

(1) Rainscreen cladding systems are proprietary and utilise various mechanisms for attaching cladding panels to the wall structure. Site work guidance should be sought from the system manufacturer.

### 15 Procedure

15.1 The products should be applied with the glass fleece side facing outwards.

15.2 Slabs should be close-butt at all vertical and horizontal joints. The horizontal joints of the insulation should be staggered in accordance with good practice.

15.3 Fixings should have a minimum head diameter of 70 mm. A typical fixing pattern has three fixings per slab with one metal fixing at the centre of every slab (see section 9.3 of this Certificate).

15.4 The products should be cut using a sharp knife and tightly fitted around wall brackets where these occur.

15.5 For a typical installation, a breathable membrane is placed between the sheathing board and the products (see Figures 1 and 2). A vcl is placed between the plasterboard and the frame (see Figures 1 to 3). Designers should, however, choose a suitable construction on a case-by-case basis for a particular installation.

## Double layering

15.6 The products may be installed in a two-layer system, which is identical to the single layer system but the vertical joints in the second layer must be staggered to the first layer.

15.7 The first layer of the insulation should be installed using one central mechanical fixing per board, ensuring this fixing does not interfere with the final fixing pattern for the products.

15.8 The second layer is positioned with the vertical joints staggered; the final fixings should be installed as per the Certificate holder's instructions.

Figure 1 Timber frame substrate

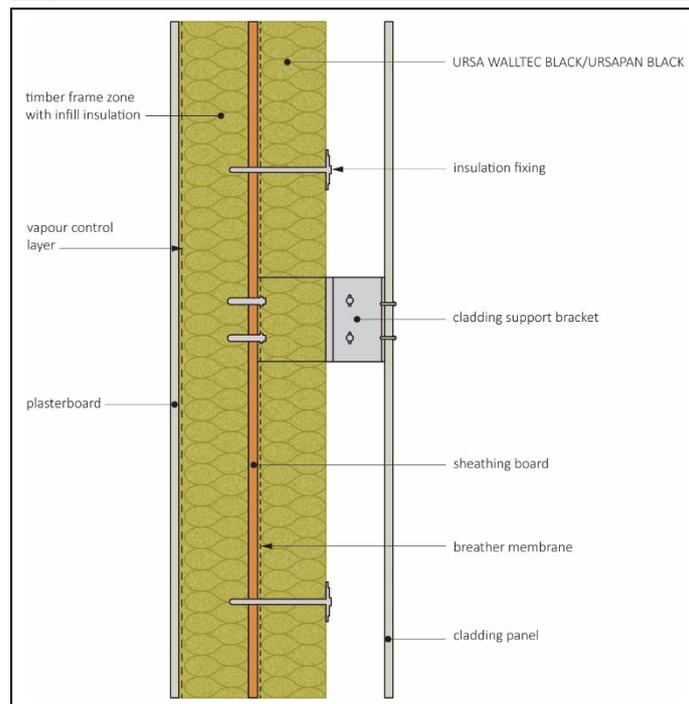


Figure 2 Lightweight steel frame substrate

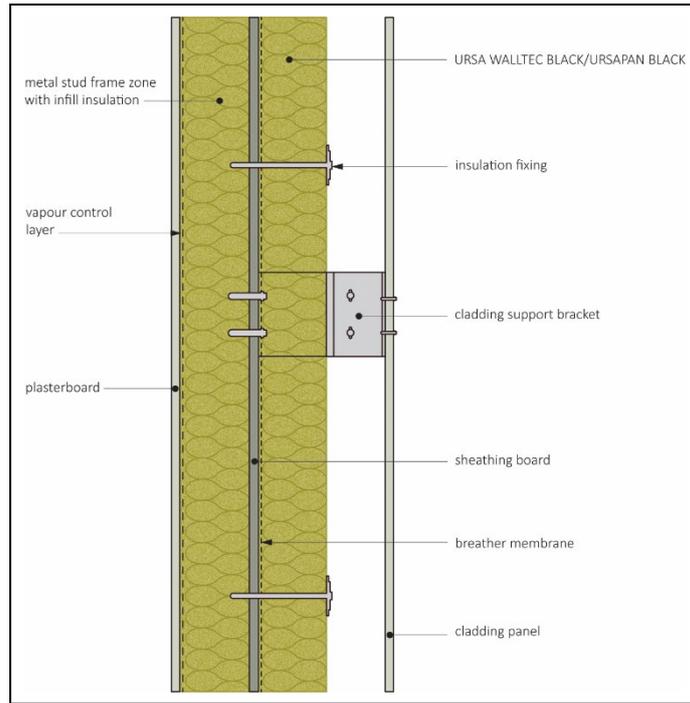
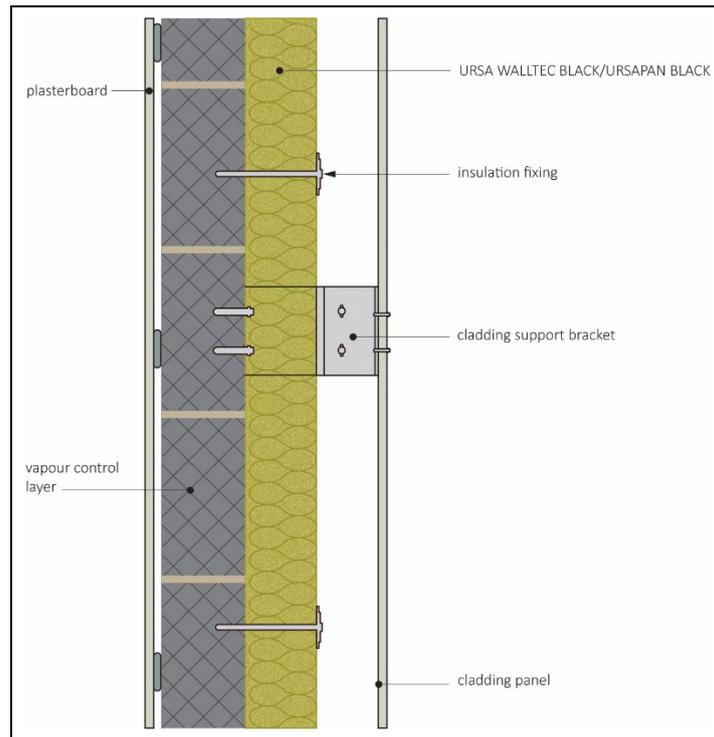


Figure 3 Masonry substrate



## Technical Investigations

### 16 Tests

Results of tests were assessed to determine:

- reaction to fire

- thermal conductivity
- dimensional stability
- slab dimensions
- short-term water absorption.

## **17 Investigations**

17.1 Existing data on durability and properties in relation to fire were evaluated.

17.2 A calculation was undertaken to confirm the thermal conductivity ( $\lambda_D$ ).

17.3 A series of U value calculations was carried out.

17.4 An assessment of the risk of interstitial condensation was made.

17.5 The manufacturing process was evaluated, including the methods adopted for quality control, and details were obtained of the quality and composition of the materials used.

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