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## Agrément Certificate

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Product Sheet 1

## CELOTEX INSULATION

## CELOTEX PIR PLASTERBOARD THERMAL LAMINATES

This Agrément Certificate Product Sheet<sup>(1)</sup> relates to Celotex PIR Plasterboard Thermal Laminates, comprising rigid polyisocyanurate (PIR) foam boards bonded to plasterboard, for use as an insulating dry lining system for internal wall applications in 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 insulation component of the systems has a declared thermal conductivity\* ( $\lambda_D$ ) of  $0.022 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$  (Celotex PL4000) and  $0.021 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$  (Celotex GD5000 and Celotex GS5000) (see section 6).

**Condensation risk** — the systems can limit the risk of surface condensation and the risk of interstitial condensation should be assessed for each case (see section 7).

**Behaviour in relation to fire** — the boards have a fire classification\* of Euroclass B-s1, d0 to BS EN 13501-1 : 2007 (see section 8).

**Durability** — under normal conditions, the boards are rot-proof, dimensionally stable and durable and will remain effective for the life of the building in which they are installed (see section 14).

The BBA has awarded this Certificate to the company named above for the systems described herein. These systems 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, Celotex PIR Plasterboard Thermal Laminates, 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>B2(1)</b>	<b>Internal fire spread (linings)</b>
Comment:		The systems are unrestricted under this Requirement. See section 8.1 of this Certificate.
<b>Requirement:</b>	<b>C2(c)</b>	<b>Resistance to moisture</b>
Comment:		The systems can contribute to satisfying this Requirement. See sections 7.1 and 7.6 of this Certificate.
<b>Requirement:</b>	<b>L1(a)(i)</b>	<b>Conservation of fuel and power</b>
Comment:		The systems can contribute to satisfying this Requirement. See section 6 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Materials and workmanship</b>
Comment:		The systems are acceptable. See section 14 and the <i>Installation</i> part 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 systems can contribute to satisfying this Regulation. See section 14 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Building standards applicable to construction</b>
Standard:	2.5	Internal linings
Comment:		The systems are unrestricted by this Standard, with reference to clause 2.5.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> . See section 8.1 of this Certificate.
Standard:	3.15	Condensation
Comment:		The systems 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 and 7.7 of this Certificate.
Standard:	6.1(b)	Carbon dioxide emissions
Standard:	6.2	Building insulation envelope
Comment:		The systems can contribute to satisfying these Standards, with reference to clauses or parts of 6.1.6 <sup>(1)</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> , 6.2.9 <sup>(1)</sup> , 6.2.11 <sup>(1)</sup> and 6.2.12 <sup>(2)</sup> . See section 6 of this Certificate.
Standard:	7.1(a)(b)	Statement of sustainability
Comment:		The systems 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. See section 6.1 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Building standards applicable to conversions</b>
Comment:		All comments given for the systems 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>23</b>	<b>Fitness of materials and workmanship</b>
Comment:		The systems are acceptable. See section 14 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>Condensation</b>
Comment:		The systems can contribute to satisfying this Regulation. See section 7.1 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>Internal fire spread — Linings</b>
Comment:		The systems are unrestricted by this Regulation. See section 8.1 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>39(a)(i)</b>	<b>Conservation measures</b>
Comment:		The systems are acceptable. See section 6 of this Certificate.

### Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015

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

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

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

## Additional Information

### NHBC Standards 2014

NHBC accepts the use of Celotex PIR Plasterboard Thermal Laminates, provided they are installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, in relation to *NHBC Standards*, Chapter 8.2 *Wall and ceiling finishes*.

### CE marking

The Certificate holder has taken the responsibility of CE marking the products in accordance with harmonised European Standard BS EN 13950 : 2005. An asterisk (\*) appearing in this Certificate indicates that data shown is given in the manufacturer's Declaration of Performance.

## Technical Specification

### 1 Description

1.1 Celotex PIR Plasterboard Thermal Laminates consist of PIR insulation, bonded to plasterboard as listed in Table 1. Celotex PL4000 and Celotex GD5000 feature a bilaminate foil/kraft paper-facing allowing them to be installed either by direct bonding to the wall using plaster adhesive dabs, or by being mechanically fixed either directly to the wall or onto timber battens or metal furring systems. Celotex GS5000 features low emissivity foil-facings for mechanical fixing only, either directly to the wall or onto timber battens or metal furring systems (see the *Installation* part of this Certificate).

**Table 1 Product summary**

Product	Board size (mm)	Plasterboard thickness <sup>(1)</sup> (mm)	PIR insulation thickness (mm)	Board facings	Fixing method
Celotex PL4000	1200 x 2400	12.5	15 to 80	Bilaminate foil/kraft paper-facing	Direct bonding or mechanical fixing
Celotex GD5000	1200 x 2400	12.5	25 to 80	Bilaminate foil/kraft paper-facing	Direct bonding or mechanical fixing
Celotex GS5000	1200 x 2400	12.5	25 to 80	Aluminium foil-facing (unprinted)	Mechanical fixing only

(1) 12.5 mm is the standard plasterboard thickness supplied laminated to the insulation; however, 9.5 mm thickness plasterboard can be supplied upon request. The Certificate holder should be contacted for further details.

1.2 Ancillary items for use with the systems, which are outside the scope of this Certificate:

- gypsum-based dry lining adhesive compound (plaster dabs) to BS EN 14496 : 2005
- metal component furring systems to BS EN 14195 : 2005
- mechanical fasteners including dry wall screws, plasterboard nails and nailable plugs to BS EN 14566 : 2008
- metal edge and corner beads to BS EN 14353 : 2007
- jointing materials including scrim tape and jointing compound to BS EN 13963 : 2005
- softwood timber battens.

## 2 Manufacture

2.1 The insulation component of Celotex PL4000, Celotex GD5000 and Celotex GS5000 is manufactured by a lamination process whereby the board is formed between either a bilaminate foil/kraft paper-facing or aluminium foil-facing that is adhered in a continuous laminator, where the ‘adhesive’ is a mixture of two primary chemicals, polyol and MDI. An added blowing agent causes the adhesive to expand into foam that sets, which is then cut to its finished board size. The board is bonded to plasterboard.

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 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 being operated by the manufacturer are being maintained.

2.3 The management system of Celotex Limited has been assessed and registered as meeting the requirements of BS EN ISO 9001 : 2008 and BS EN ISO 14001 : 2004 by SGS UK Ltd (Certificates GB91/504 and GB11/83526).

## 3 Delivery and site handling

3.1 The boards are delivered to site in polythene wrapped packs. Each pack contains a label bearing the manufacturer’s name, board dimensions and the BBA logo incorporating the number of this Certificate.

3.2 The boards must be protected from prolonged exposure to sunlight and moisture and should be stored inside, under cover and protected with opaque polythene sheeting. The boards should be stacked flat and raised above ground level, and not in contact with ground moisture.

3.3 Care must be taken when handling the boards to avoid crushing the edges or corners, and to avoid contact with solvents or bitumen products. The boards must not be exposed to open flame or other ignition sources.

## Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following is a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on Celotex PIR Plasterboard Thermal Laminates.

### Design Considerations

#### 4 Use

4.1 Celotex PIR Plasterboard Thermal Laminates are satisfactory for use as an insulating dry lining system for solid or cavity masonry walls of existing domestic and non-domestic buildings. The boards should be installed in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions.

4.2 The boards may be installed on masonry construction including clay and calcium silicate bricks, concrete blocks, and natural and reconstituted stone blocks.

4.3 The systems are not intended to offer resistance to rain penetration, therefore walls must be already rain resistant and show no signs of water ingress, rain penetration or damp from ground moisture.

4.4 Services which penetrate the dry lining, eg light switches and power outlets, should be kept to a minimum to limit damage to vapour checks. All perimeters of the board, around service penetrations, openings, junctions and around the perimeter of suspended timber floors must be sealed with a suitable sealant.

4.5 It is essential that proper care and attention is given to maintaining the integrity/continuity of the insulation and facings.

4.6 De-rating of any electrical cables in areas where the systems restrict the flow of air should be considered.

4.7 With installations that form a void of 20 mm or more (ie timber batten or metal furring systems), services can be incorporated behind the dry lining, making the chasing of the wall unnecessary. Where the services have a greater depth than the void, the wall should be chased rather than the insulation.

4.8 The installation of the systems require careful detailing around doors and windows to achieve a satisfactory surface for finishing. In addition, every attempt should be made to minimise the risk of thermal bridging at reveals and where heavy separating walls are attached to the external wall. Thinner boards should be selected from the Celotex PIR Plasterboard Thermal Laminates range to suit site-specific door and window reveal conditions. All work must be designed to accommodate the thickness of the dry lining, particularly at reveals, heads, sills and in relation to ceiling height. Where the dimensions of fixtures are critical (eg bathrooms), these should be checked before installation.

4.9 If present, mould or fungal growth should be treated prior to the application of the systems.

#### 5 Practicability of installation

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

#### 6 Thermal performance



6.1 Calculations of thermal transmittance (U value) of a specific construction using insulated dry lining should be carried out in accordance with BS EN ISO 6946 : 2007, BRE Report BR 443 : 2006 and BRE Digest 465: 2002 , using the declared thermal conductivity\* ( $\lambda_D$  value) for the insulation component as shown in Table 2, a design value of  $0.19 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$  for the plasterboard, and aged emissivity ( $\epsilon_D$ ) values of 0.9 for the bilaminate foil/kraft paper-facings and 0.03 for the single-layer foil-facings respectively. The single-layer foil-facing has an unprinted face.

Table 2 Thermal conductivities for the PIR insulation

Product	Declared thermal conductivity* ( $\lambda_D$ ) ( $W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$ )
Celotex PL4000	0.022
Celotex GD5000	0.021
Celotex GS5000	0.021



6.2 The U value of a completed wall construction will depend on the insulation thickness, number and type of fixings, the insulating value of the substrate masonry and its internal finish. Calculated U values for example constructions in accordance with the national Building Regulations are given in Table 3.

Table 3 Example U values — Solid brickwork wall<sup>(1)</sup>

Celotex PL4000, GD5000 and GS5000 Thickness of insulation <sup>(2)</sup> (mm), as dry lining					
Target U value ( $W \cdot m^{-2} \cdot K^{-1}$ )	Direct bond (plaster dabs) <sup>(3)</sup>		Mechanical fixing direct to wall <sup>(4)</sup>		Mechanical fixing to timber battens <sup>(5)</sup>
	GD5000	PL4000	GD5000	PL4000	GS5000
0.26	70	70	70	75	80
0.30	60	60	60	65	70

(1) 215 mm thick existing solid brickwork wall ( $0.77 W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$  thermal conductivity).

(2) Thickness of insulation specified excludes plasterboard thickness of 12.5 mm.

(3) Direct bonding with 15 mm plaster adhesive dabs (15 mm air cavity). Boards adhesively fixed in addition to 0.69 fully penetrating steel fixings ( $50 W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$ ) per square metre with a cross-sectional area of  $18.2 \text{ mm}^2$  (minimum of two nailable fixings, at midpoint of the board, 25 mm from board edge).

(4) Mechanical fixing direct to wall using 4.16 fully penetrating stainless steel fixings ( $17 W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$ ) per square metre with a cross-sectional area of  $9 \text{ mm}^2$  (stainless steel fixings at 300 mm centres from the vertical and horizontal board edges, with a minimum of 12 fixings per board).

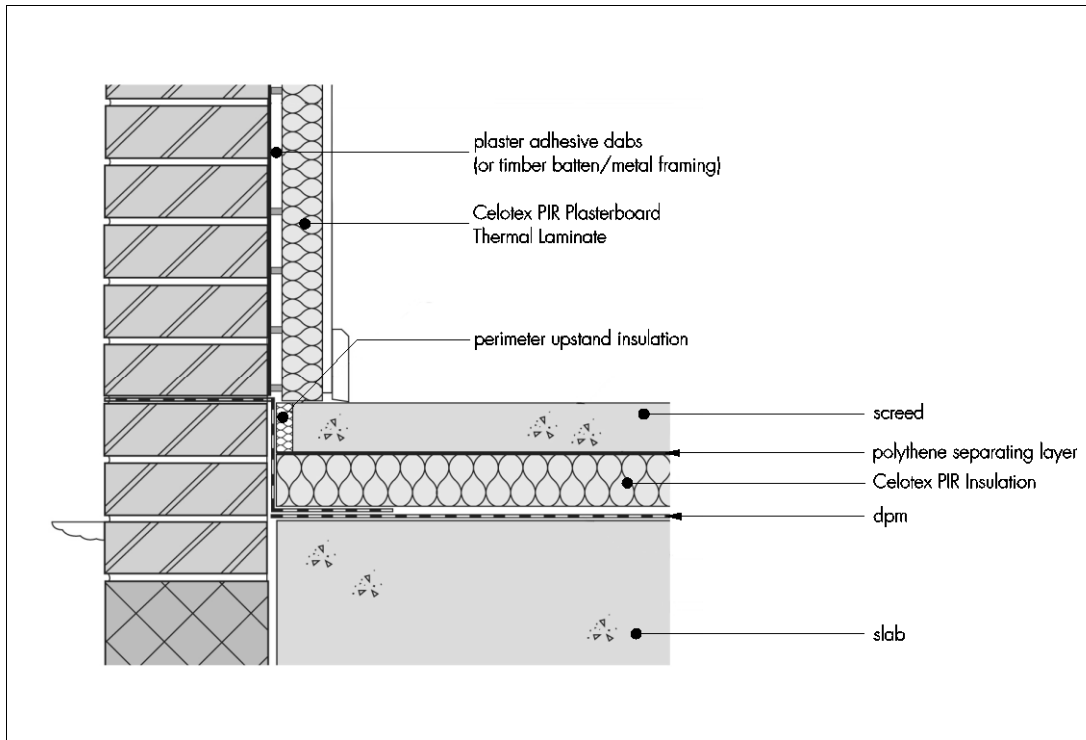
(5) Mechanical fixing to treated softwood timber battens, 22 mm batten cavity. Boards mechanically fixed with 10.35 fully penetrating steel fixings ( $50 W \cdot m^{-1} \cdot K^{-1}$ ) per square metre with a cross-sectional area of  $18.2 \text{ mm}^2$  (47 mm wide timber battens at 600 mm centres maximum).

## 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. An example of an acceptable junction detail is shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1 Junction between the wall and the floor



## 7 Condensation risk

### Interstitial condensation



7.1 Walls incorporating the systems 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 condensation risk analysis, the water vapour transmission factors for each component given in Table 4 are to be used as separate layers.

Table 4 Water vapour transmission factors

Material	Water vapour resistance ( $MN \cdot s \cdot g^{-1}$ )	Water vapour resistivity ( $MN \cdot s \cdot g^{-1} \cdot m^{-1}$ )
Plasterboard	10	—
PIR foam insulation	—	300
Bilaminare foil/kraft paper-facing	>70	—
Single-layer aluminium foil-facing	>70	—

7.3 For each construction, a condensation risk analysis should be carried out in accordance with BS EN ISO 13788 : 2012 and BS 5250 : 2011 using the values given in Table 4.

7.4 To reduce the risk of condensation, insulation should be continued behind ancillary items fixed to the wall, such as sinks and cupboards. Such ancillary items should be fixed through the insulation to the underlying structural substrate (see section 12 of this Certificate).

7.5 Provided all joints between the systems are sealed in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions, they can offer a significant resistance to water vapour transmission. This can be conducted by application of either a skim coat or taping and filling of the tapered edges of the plasterboards.

## Surface condensation



7.6 Walls incorporating the systems 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.



7.7 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, Annex G and BRE Report BR 262 : 2002.

7.8 As with other types of insulation applied to the inside of a wall, there may be a risk of cold bridging from the floors or ceilings, particularly in concrete slab construction. It has been demonstrated that use of coving at the wall ceiling joint will significantly reduce this risk.

7.9 Dry lining has been used successfully in the rehabilitation of buildings suffering from surface condensation of walls where the dampness has been caused by the lack of thermal insulation.

## 8 Behaviour in relation to fire



8.1 The systems have been classified for fire\* as Euroclass B-s1, d0 to BS EN 13501-1 : 2007 and are unrestricted with respect to surface spread of flame under the national Building Regulations.

8.2 When properly installed, the insulation will be contained between the wall and internal lining board until one is compromised. Therefore, the insulation will not contribute to the development of a fire or present a smoke or toxic hazard as the fire develops.

8.3 Any cavities formed by the systems (such as those formed between the thermal liner and the substrate wall) must have appropriate fire stopping in accordance with the relevant national Building Regulations:

**England and Wales** — Approved Document B, Volumes 1 and 2

**Scotland** — Mandatory Standard 2.4, clause 2.4.2<sup>(1)(2)</sup>

(1) Technical Handbook (Domestic).

(2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).

**Northern Ireland** — Technical Booklet E, paragraphs 4.36 to 4.42.

## 9 Proximity of flues and appliances

When the systems are installed in close proximity to certain flue pipes and/or heat-producing appliances, the relevant provisions of the national Building Regulations should be met:

**England and Wales** — Approved Document J

**Scotland** — Mandatory Standard 3.19, clauses 3.19.1<sup>(1)(2)</sup> to 3.19.4<sup>(1)(2)</sup>

(1) Technical Handbook (Domestic).

(2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).

**Northern Ireland** — Technical Booklet L, sections 1 to 5.

## 10 Materials in contact — wiring installations

10.1 Electrical cables likely to come into contact with the insulation component of the thermal liner are required to be protected by a suitable conduit or PVC-U trunking.



10.2 As with any other forms of insulation, de-rating of electrical cables should be considered where the insulation restricts the air cooling of cables.

## 11 Infestation

Use of the systems does not in itself promote infestation. The creation of voids within the structure, for example gaps between the wall lining and the systems, may provide habitation for insects or vermin in areas already infested. Care should be taken to ensure, wherever possible, that all voids are sealed, as any infestation may be difficult to eradicate. There is no food value in the materials used.

## 12 Wall-mounted fittings

The recommendations of the Certificate holder must be followed. Any object fixed to the wall, other than lightweight items, eg framed pictures, should be fixed through the lining board into the wall behind, using recommended proprietary fixings.

## 13 Maintenance

If the systems are damaged during use, they can be readily removed and replaced.

## 14 Durability



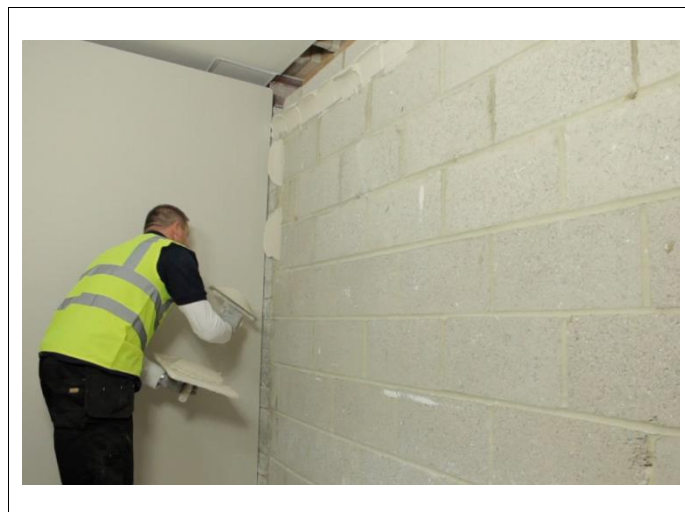
Provided the systems are fixed to satisfactory stable and durable backgrounds by an experienced contractor, they will have a life equal to the building in which they are installed. Under normal conditions of occupancy they are unlikely to suffer damage, but if damage does occur, repairs are easily carried out.

## Installation

## 15 General

15.1 Celotex PIR Plasterboard Thermal Laminates are for use as an insulated dry lining system on internal walls. Celotex PL4000 and Celotex GD5000 feature bilaminate facings allowing them to be installed by either direct bonding to the wall using plaster adhesive dabs, or mechanically fixed either directly to the wall or onto timber battens or metal furring systems. Celotex GS5000 features low-emissivity foil-facings for mechanical fixing only, fixed either directly to the wall or onto timber battens or metal furring systems. Typical installation methods are shown in Figures 2 and 3.

*Figure 2 Direct bonding to wall*



*Figure 3 Mechanically fixed to timber battens or metal furrings*



15.2 Prior to installation it is important to ensure the wall is sound, secure, free from contaminants and dry. If present, mould or fungal growth should be treated prior to the application of the systems. Wallpaper, gloss paint, skirting, picture rails and projecting window boards should be removed and made good as necessary.

15.3 All insulated dry lining installations require careful planning and setting out. The direct bonding method allows for variable flatness of the wall. In all instances, the background should be plumbed for alignment, making allowances for high spots on the masonry. Chalk lines are marked on the floor and ceiling to establish the new wall plane. Vertical guidelines should be marked on the wall. Fixing positions are determined by lining system type.

15.4 Installation should be in accordance with BS 8212 : 1995, good dry lining practice and the Certificate holder's instructions. Before fixing the systems, sufficient time must be allowed for damp-proofing treatments, where applied, to dry out [see also BS 6576 : 2005 for dry lining in conjunction with a chemical damp-proof course (dpc) application].

15.5 The systems can be cut using a fine-toothed saw, to fit around windows, doors, air bricks. It is essential that cut pieces completely fill the spaces for which they are intended and are adequately secured.

15.6 Vertical guidelines on the wall should be marked at 1200 mm centres to indicate the positioning of the boards.

15.7 The installation should start from an internal corner or a window or door reveal.

15.8 Regardless of method used, additional consideration should also be given for the fixing of such features as cupboards, radiators (see section 12 of this Certificate).

## **16 Procedure**

### **Celotex PL4000 and Celotex GD5000 — Direct bonding using plaster adhesive dabs**

16.1 A continuous bed of adhesive should be applied around the perimeter of the wall as well as around any services or other openings. This is especially important when considering the airtightness of the building. All conduits and piping should be installed prior to commencement of all works. The insulating backing of the laminates should not be removed to accommodate services.

16.2 Adhesive dabs should be applied in three rows with each dab approximately 75 mm by 250 mm in dimension. Intermediate dabs at ceiling level should be applied and individual dabs should not bridge boards. Typically, the adhesive dabs should cover at least 20% of the board area.

16.3 The board should be cut approximately 15 mm short of the floor to ceiling height and positioned with the bottom edge resting on packing strips. The boards are tapped into position with a straight-edge, and alignment checked with the chalk lines.

16.4 Once positioned, the board should be lifted to the ceiling edge using a floor lifter and supported until the adhesive has set. Once set, a minimum of two nailable fixings should be applied at the mid-point of the board and approximately 25 mm from the board edge. Nailable plugs should penetrate the background through the dab by at least 40 mm.

16.5 Other boards should be installed closely butted together using the same technique.

### **Celotex PL4000, Celotex GD5000 and Celotex GS5000 — Mechanically fixed to timber battens or metal furrings**

16.6 Using suitable mechanical fixings, treated softwood timber battens (minimum 25 mm thick by 47 mm wide) or proprietary metal furrings are installed vertically at a maximum of 600 mm centres, along with horizontal battens at the top and bottom of the installation area. Additional lengths of timber batten or metal furring should be installed to coincide with horizontal board joints and around services, doors and windows. The framing must provide a minimum of 20 mm bearing to each system at joints and be of sufficient depth to accommodate the fixings for the system. Metal furring systems can also be bonded to the wall in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, and the same preparation and setting out procedure should be used. The adhesive dabs (approximately 75 mm by 200 mm) should be applied at centres suitable for the system, typically from 450 mm to 600 mm.

16.7 The board should be cut approximately 15 mm short of the floor to ceiling height and positioned with the bottom edge resting on packing strips. The boards are placed onto the timber or metal frame, and alignment checked with the position of the timber batten or metal furring and chalk lines on the floor and ceiling.

16.8 Once positioned, the board should be lifted to the ceiling edge using a floor lifter and supported with additional packing at the base of the board. The board is fixed to the timber battens or metal frame using appropriate dry wall screws. Fixings should be installed at 300 mm centres across the horizontal and vertical elements of the frame.

16.9 Other boards should be installed closely butted together using the same technique.

### **Celotex PL4000, Celotex GD5000 and Celotex GS5000 — Mechanically fixed direct to wall**

16.10 The board should be cut approximately 15 mm short of the floor to ceiling height and positioned with the bottom edge resting on packing strips. The boards are placed into position, and alignment checked with the chalk lines on the floor and ceiling.

16.11 Once positioned, the board should be lifted to the ceiling edge using a floor lifter and supported with additional packing at the base of the board. The board should be fixed to the wall using suitable stainless steel mechanical fixings at 300 mm centres from the vertical and horizontal board edges with a minimum of 12 fixings per board.

16.12 Other boards should be installed closely butted together using the same technique.

## **17 Finishing and detailing**

17.1 To avoid thermal bridging, the systems should be used to line window reveals and suitable provisions will also need to be adopted at junctions and other details such as separating floors. Further guidance can be obtained from BRE Report BR 262 : 2002.

17.2 For windows, reveals and external angles, it is important to consider the junction of the installation to avoid thermal bridges. The board should be extended beyond the corner. The insulation is cut back to form a neat junction with the reveal board or wall lining. A bed of adhesive is applied and the cut board placed into it. Once the adhesive has dried, two nailable fixings should be installed half way up the board and 25 mm from each edge.

Figure 4 Window reveal installation



17.3 When using Celotex PL4000, Celotex GD5000 and Celotex GS5000 there are a variety of thicknesses available. Thin solutions are available for specific use in door and window reveals.

17.4 For board joints, an appropriate joint filler should be firmly placed into the tapered edge, with tape then set into the filler.

17.5 Two or three applications of jointing compound are trowel-applied, allowing each to set before the next application. Each application should be feathered out beyond the previous application. Screws and nails should receive the same number of applications.

17.6 In circumstances where square edges meet, it will result in a raised profile. In these situations, the secondary application of joint filler should be omitted and the feathering extended to conceal the joint.

17.7 For internal angles, a jointing tape is creased into the corner and the same procedure used as for board edges. At external angles, an appropriate corner tape can be used or, where extra protection is required, an angle-bead used.

17.8 A finishing skim coat of 2 mm of plaster should be applied to complete the installation. Clean non-contaminated tools and materials should be used for this process.

17.9 Plaster is applied to the boards and joints with firm pressure. The joint adhesive should be firm but not quite set. Two applications should be used to achieve the final thickness of 2 mm. The second coat is applied onto a wet primary coat and trowelled to a smooth flat finish.

17.10 Once dry, the final surface is ready to be decorated. Consideration should be given to the need to prime the surface prior to painting or papering.

## Technical Investigations

### 18 Tests

Results of test data carried out on Celotex Plasterboard Thermal Laminates were assessed to determine:

- flatness of the composite plasterboard thermal laminate to BS EN 13950 : 2005
- offset of the insulation over the plasterboard to BS EN 13950 : 2005
- adhesion/cohesion of the insulating material to BS EN 13950 : 2005
- soft body impact resistance of composite plasterboard thermal laminate to MOAT No 43 : 1987
- hard body impact resistance of composite plasterboard thermal laminate to MOAT No 43 : 1987.

## 19 Investigations

19.1 An assessment was made of the results of test data relating to:

- squareness
- vapour resistance
- density
- flatness
- dimension
- thermal conductivity
- dimensional stability at specific temperatures and humidity
- behaviour in relation to fire
- the declared lambda ( $\lambda_D$ ) value
- thermal performance and condensation risk analysis were carried out.

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

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