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Test Results

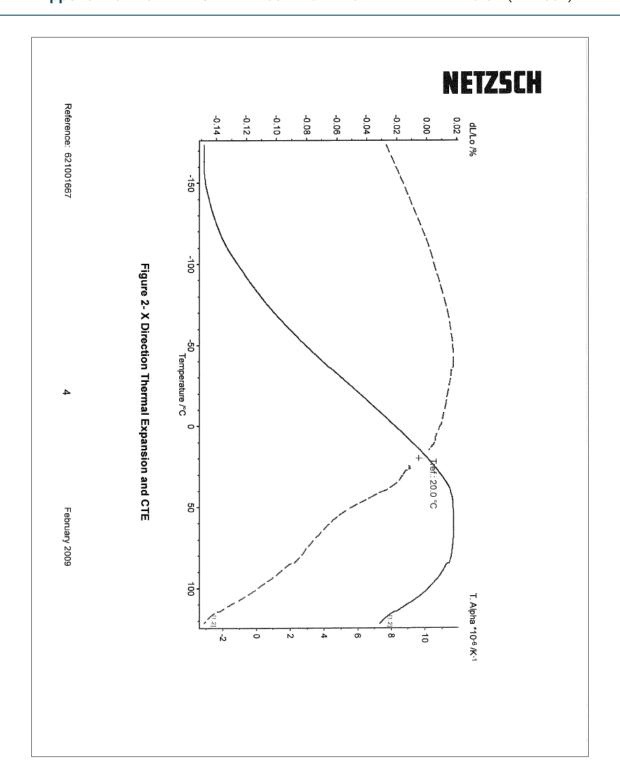
The system influence (sample holder expansion) was corrected by a calibration measurement of a sapphire standard. The calibration run was carried out under the same conditions as used for the sample.

Figures 2 and 3 plot the thermal expansion (solid line) and CTE (dashed line, technical alpha) curves of the sample. Table 1 gives expansion and CTE values at 5K intervals during the heating segment. The reference temperature is 20°C.

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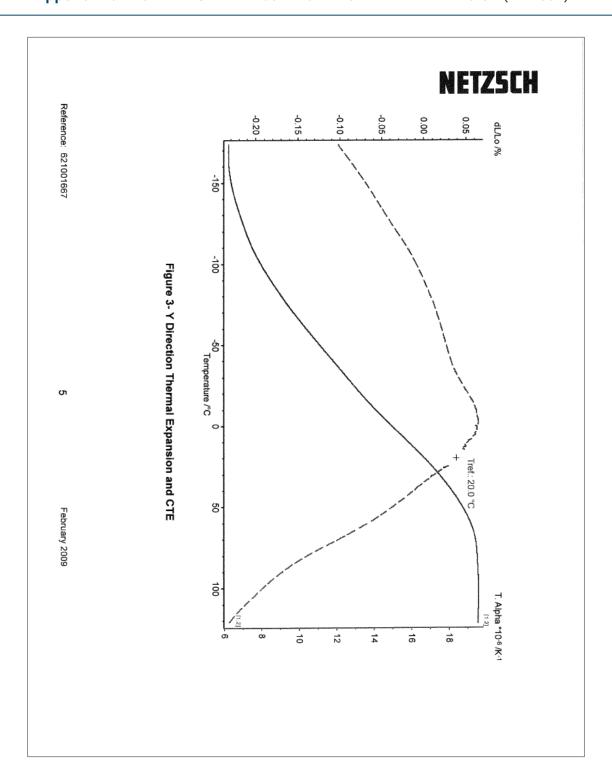


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Table 1 – Thermal Expansion and CTE

Ref.temp.=20°C						
	X Dire	ction	Y Direction			
		T.		T.		
Temp./°C	(dL/Lo)/%	Alpha/(1/K)	(dL/Lo)/%	Alpha/(1/K)		
-170	-1.48E-01	7.84E-06	-2.33E-01	1.23E-05		
-165	-1.49E-01	8.05E-06	-2.33E-01	1.26E-05		
-160	-1.48E-01	8.27E-06	-2.32E-01	1.29E-05		
-155	-1.48E-01	8.49E-06	-2.31E-01	1.32E-05		
-150	-1.48E-01	8.70E-06	-2.30E-01	1.35E-05		
-145	-1.46E-01	8.90E-06	-2.28E-01	1.38E-05		
-140	-1.45E-01	9.10E-06	-2.25E-01	1.41E-05		
-135	-1.44E-01	9.30E-06	-2.22E-01	1.44E-05		
-130	-1.42E-01	9.50E-06	-2.19E-01	1.46E-05		
-125	-1.40E-01	9.70E-06	-2.16E-01	1.49E-05		
-120	-1.38E-01	9.90E-06	-2.12E-01	1.52E-05		
-115	-1.36E-01	1.01E-05	-2.09E-01	1.55E-05		
-110	-1.33E-01	1.03E-05	-2.04E-01	1.58E-05		
-105	-1.30E-01	1.04E-05	-2.00E-01	1.60E-05		
-100	-1.26E-01	1.05E-05	-1.94E-01	1.62E-05		
-95	-1.22E-01	1.07E-05	-1.89E-01	1.64E-05		
-90	-1.19E-01	1.08E-05	-1.83E-01	1.66E-05		
-85	-1.15E-01	1.10E-05	-1.76E-01	1.68E-05		
-80	-1.11E-01	1.11E-05	-1.70E-01	1.70E-05		
-75	-1.06E-01	1.12E-05	-1.63E-01	1.72E-05		
-70	-1.02E-01	1.13E-05	-1.55E-01	1.73E-05		
-65	-9.68E-02	1.14E-05	-1.48E-01	1.75E-05		
-60	-9.17E-02	1.15E-05	-1.40E-01	1.76E-05		
-55	-8.65E-02	1.16E-05	-1.32E-01	1.77E-05		
-50	-8.11E-02	1.17E-05	-1.24E-01	1.78E-05		
-45	-7.55E-02	1.17E-05	-1.16E-01	1.80E-05		
-40	-6.98E-02	1.17E-05	-1.08E-01	1.81E-05		
-35	-6.33E-02	1.16E-05	-1.00E-01	1.83E-05		
-30	-5.72E-02	1.15E-05	-9.19E-02	1.85E-05		
-20	-4.50E-02	1.13E-05	-7.55E-02	1.90E-05		
-15	-3.90E-02	1.13E-05	-6.69E-02	1.92E-05		
-10	-3.31E-02	1.12E-05	-5.78E-02	1.94E-05		
-5	-2.72E-02	1.10E-05	-4.84E-02	1.95E-05		
0	-2.14E-02	1.09E-05	-3.87E-02	1.95E-05		
5	-1.56E-02	1.07E-05	-2.87E-02	1.94E-05		
10	-1.01E-02	1.06E-05	-1.86E-02	1.90E-05		
15	-4.69E-03	1.02E-05	-8.98E-03	1.88E-05		
20	4.26E-04	9.64E-06	3.99E-04	1.84E-05		
25	4.96E-03	9.05E-06	9.35E-03	1.79E-05		
30	9.15E-03	8.72E-06	1.76E-02	1.72E-05		
35	1.30E-02	8.35E-06	2.54E-02	1.66E-05		
40	1.57E-02	7.62E-06	3.26E-02	1.61E-05		
45	1.70E-02	6.62E-06	3.93E-02	1.56E-05		
50	1.75E-02	5.68E-06	4.53E-02	1.50E-05		

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55	1.76E-02	4.92E-06	5.06E-02	1.44E-05
60	1.78E-02	4.35E-06	5.51E-02	1.37E-05
65	1.79E-02	3.87E-06	5.84E-02	1.29E-05
70	1.75E-02	3.41E-06	6.08E-02	1.21E-05
75	1.70E-02	3.01E-06	6.21E-02	1.12E-05
80	1.63E-02	2.65E-06	6.29E-02	1.04E-05
85	1.38E-02	2.05E-06	6.34E-02	9.69E-06
90	1.02E-02	1.40E-06	6.38E-02	9.06E-06
95	6.39E-03	7.96E-07	6.43E-02	8.52E-06
100	1.27E-03	1.06E-07	6.46E-02	8.02E-06

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Appendix D DIN 52275-2 DETERMINATION OF LINEAR DIMENSIONS AND DENSIT y (FRAUENHOFER INSTITUTE)





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Geprüftes Material: Aspen Aerogels Speceloft*

Dâmmmatie mit Aerogelpulver, Farbe: weiß

mittlere Dicke: 12 mm

mittlere Roholchte (lufttracken): 11 d kg/m²

Probennahme

Das zu prüfende Material wurde dem Fraunhofer-Institut für Bauphysik, Holzsinthen, vom Aufraggeber ragesendt und ist am 3. Februar 2009 eingegangen. Aus dem gelieferten Material and mehrere Proben für die Prüfungen herausgeschritten worden.

Probenbeschreibung und Probenbezeichnung

Die Proben zeigen keine Mängel oder Besonderheiten.

Proberbszeichnung: H997_1 bis H997_6: rochtackig, Länge x Breite: 200 mm x 100 mm. H997_21 bis H997_23: rochteckig, Länge x Breite: 200 mm x 100 mm. H997_7 bik H997_18: Stücke unterschiedlicher Griße

Prüfverfahren

- Bestimmung der Trockenrohdichte in Anlehaung an DIN 52275-2, Ausgebe Februar 1978.
- Bestimmung der Reindichte mit dem Heliumpyknometer.
- Bestimmung der Wesserdempfdurchlässigkeit nach DIN EN ISO 12572, Ausgabe September. 2001
- Bestimmung des Wasseraufnahmehreffigierten nach EN ISO 15148, Ausgebei Marz 2003.
- Bestimmung der hygroskopischen Scriptionseigenschaften nach DIN BN ISO 12571, Ausgabe April 2000.
- Bestimmung der freien Wasseraufnahme nach DIN 52108, Ausgabe April 1968.
- Ermittlung der Kapillartrareportkoeffizienten aus dem w-Wert: M. Krus, A. Holm, T. Schmidt. Bauinstandsetzen 3 (1997), H. I, S. 219-234
- Bestimmung der Transportkoeffizierten für die Weitervertallung aus einfachen Trocknungsversuchen und rechnenscher Angazzung: A. Hnlm, M. Kriss Reuinstandsetzen 4 (1998), H.1, S.

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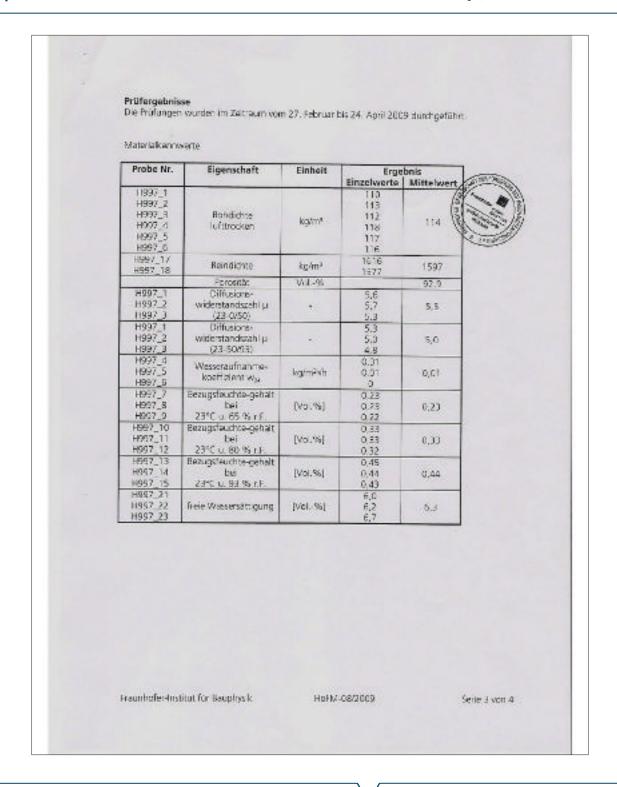
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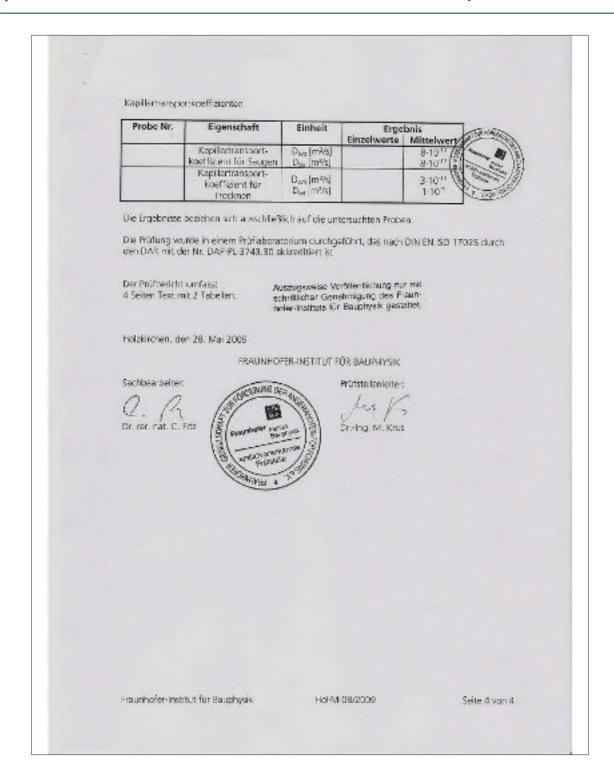
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Report on the

APPARENT THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY and THERMAL RESISTANCE of AEROGEL BLANKET

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Report on the

Apparent Thermal Conductivity and Thermal Resistance of Aerogel Blanket

NETZSCH Instruments was contracted by Aspen Aerogels to evaluate one aerogel blanket insulation material for apparent thermal conductivity at nominal mean temperatures of -160, -100, -50, 0, 100 and 150°C by the guarded hot plate method.

The sample was received as a pair of blankets approximately 305 mm square by 10 mm thickness and was identified as given in Table 1.

The test results are given in Table 1 after a description of the procedure.

Thermal Conductivity

Thermal conductivity is the material property that determines the amount of heat that will flow through an object when a temperature difference exits across the object. Thermal conductivity is a steady state property; it can only be directly measured under conditions in which the temperature distribution is not changing and all heat flows are steady. The fundamental equation that governs steady-state heat flow in a slab geometry is:

 $Q = (\lambda \times \Delta T \times A) / \Delta x \quad (1)$

where

Q = the rate of heat flow through the slab (W or Btu/h)

λ = the thermal conductivity of the slab material (W/m K or Btu/h-ft-°F)

 ΔT = the temperature difference across the slab (°C or °F)

 $\Delta x =$ the thickness (m or ft)

A = the cross sectional area $(m^2 \text{ or } ft^2)$

Materials that have low values of thermal conductivity allow only a small amount of heat flow and are called thermal insulators. Materials with large values of thermal conductivity allow more heat to flow across the slab with the same temperature difference. Thermal conductivity is a material property and does not depend upon the

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geometry of the sample. In general, thermal conductivity is a function of the mean sample temperature. The material comprising the slab is often a mixture of materials. It could be a layered composite or a material containing gas cells in which heat can be transferred by convection and radiation as well as by conductivity through the material. In these cases the parameter, λ , defined in Equation (1) is an "effective" or "apparent" thermal conductivity for the heterogeneous material.

Experimental Procedure for Testing by ASTM C 177-97

Testing was performed in accordance with ASTM C 177-97, Steady-State Heat Flux Measurements and Thermal Transmission Properties by Means of the Guarded Hot Plate Apparatus, utilizing a Holometrix Model TCFGM guarded hot plate instrument (SN 16A-0395-LAB-1). A schematic diagram of the test facility is shown in Figure 1. Two samples sandwiched a heating unit, which consisted of a central metering section and an annular guard section. This composite stack was mounted between two cooling units and surrounded with an environmental heater unit, a fluid-cooled shroud, and edge insulation. The metering section of the heating unit consisted of a metering area heater and metering area surface plates, while the guard section was comprised of a single guard heater and guard surface plates. The cooling units consisted of a cooling plate, a cooling unit heater, and a cooling surface plate. All surface plates were fabricated of 10 mm (0.38 inch) thick aluminum, were smoothly finished to conform to a true plane to within 0.025 percent, and were treated to have a total hemispherical emittance of 0.82 at 24 °C (75 °F).

The heating unit was fabricated by sandwiching a two-element mica heater unit between two thin sheets of ceramic fiber paper and two surface plates. The overall geometry of the heating unit was 300 mm (12 inches) square, with the metering area being the central 150 mm (6 inch) square section. The unit was bolted together at five points, one being in the metering section. The two sections of the heater unit were separated by a 3 mm (0.125 inch) gap around the perimeter of the metering section. The area of the gap represented 3.3 percent of the total metering section area. The area of the metering section was determined by measurements to the centers of the gap. A 16-junction differential thermopile was installed between the mica heating unit and the ceramic fiber sheets such that alternate junctions were in the metering and guard sections respectively and close to the annular gap between the sections. This thermopile was fabricated of 32-gauge Type-K Chromel/Alumel wire. The sensitivity of this thermopile was approximately 0.33 mV/°C (0.18 mV/°F) at 24 °C (75 °F).

The metering area heater was connected to a Sorenson DCS 40-25 DC Power Supply. A $0.001~\Omega$ precision resistor was connected in series with the heater and the voltage drop across this resistor (0.001 times the current) was monitored. The voltage across the heater was measured directly. The output of the differential thermopile was connected to a differential temperature controller which supplied power to the guard heater such that the

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thermopile output was minimized. The voltage drops, current, and thermopile output were metered with an Agilent Data Aquisition Unit, Model 34970A, having a range of \pm $1\mu V$ to 300V. The resolution of the meter is 1 microvolt with a maximum error of 0.01 percent of the output and \pm 2 microvolts over an eight-hour period.

The cooling units consisted of a 10 mm (0.38 inch) thick copper plate which had a series of interconnected 6 mm (0.25 inch) diameter copper tubes soldered to the plate and foamed in place with a spray urethane foam, a mica electric resistance heater unit, and a surface plate. The plates and heater were similar in cross section to the heating unit. The tubing was connected to a temperature controlled circulating chiller unit or a continuous flow of liquid nitrogen and a control thermocouple was attached to the underside of the surface plate and connected to a temperature controller. Temperature control at the surface plates was accomplished by cooling continuously and reheating with the electrical resistance heaters.

The environmental heating unit consisted of a sheathed electric resistance cable heater sandwiched between two tightly fitting passivated stainless steel plate sections 400 mm (16 inches) square by 100 mm (4 inches) high. The electric resistance heater was connected to a temperature controller. The environmental heating unit and a 610 mm (24 inch) square by 610 mm (24 inch) high shroud were placed concentrically around the test stack. The temperature of the environmental heating unit was controlled and monitored by thermocouples attached to its inner surface. The interspaces between the test stack, environmental heating unit, and shroud were filled with a loose fill insulation material.

Temperature measurements were performed by utilizing Type-K Chromel/Alumel thermocouples calibrated to the special limits of error specified in ASTM E 230-83, Temperature-Electromotive Force (EMF) Tables for Standardized Thermocouples. All thermocouple sensors were fabricated with #30 AWG wire. The thermocouples were fixed to the surface plates by cementing them into 1.6 mm (0.062 inch) square grooves that had been machine-cut into all the surface plates. A total of five thermocouples were cemented into each working surface; three in the metering section and two in the guard section. The temperature sensors were referenced to an Acromag Model 320 Electronic Ice Reference and their output measured with a Agilent Data Aquisition Unit, Model 34970A, having a range of ± 1µV to 300V. The setpoint accuracy for the reference is ± 0.5 °C (± 0.9 °F) with a 0.1 °C (0.2 °F) stability over an eight-hour period.

In operation, a steady temperature equilibrium was established in the test system. The temperatures of the cooling surface plates were set to their required levels. The required temperature difference across each sample was maintained by the adjustment of the power to the metering area heater. If no specific temperature difference was requested, a 40 °C (75 °F) difference was used. The temperature of the environmental heating unit was controlled to the mean sample temperature level. The differential output was

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checked and adjusted such that the thermopile output was maintained between ± 0.01 mV. At equilibrium, established after ensuring that during twenty-one regular sets of ten one minute readings, the apparent thermal conductivity did not change by more than 0.5 percent and that there was no consistent drift, the power to the metering area heater was measured with the precision resistor network and the temperatures of the working surfaces were evaluated from thermocouple readings.

The apparent thermal conductivity was calculated from

$$\lambda = \frac{\mathbf{q} \times \Delta \mathbf{x}}{\mathbf{A} \times \Delta \mathbf{T}}$$

and the thermal resistance was calculated from

$$R \ = \ \frac{A \times \Delta T}{q}$$

where

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 λ = apparent thermal conductivity, W/m-K (Btu-in/hr-ft²-°F)

q = power dissipation in the metering heater, W (Btu/hr)

 $\Delta x = \text{total thickness of both test specimens, } m \text{ (inches)}$

A =the metering surface area taken twice, m^2 (ft²)

ΔT = total temperature difference across both specimens, °C (°F)

R = thermal resistance, m²-K/W (hr-ft²-°F/Btu)

The instrument performance was verified using the National Institute of Standards and Technology Standard Reference Material 1450b. The calibration specimen is a high-density fibrous glass material, 25.4 mm (1.00 inch) thick, having a thermal resistance of approximately 0.803 m²-K/W (4.56 hr-ft²-°F/Btu) at 24 °C (75 °F). The overall uncertainty of the thermal resistance of the standard is estimated by NIST to be 2 percent. The instrumentation is verified after any repair or modification.

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Test Results

The test results are given in Table 1 and are plotted in Figure 2. The results reported apply only to the specimens that were tested.

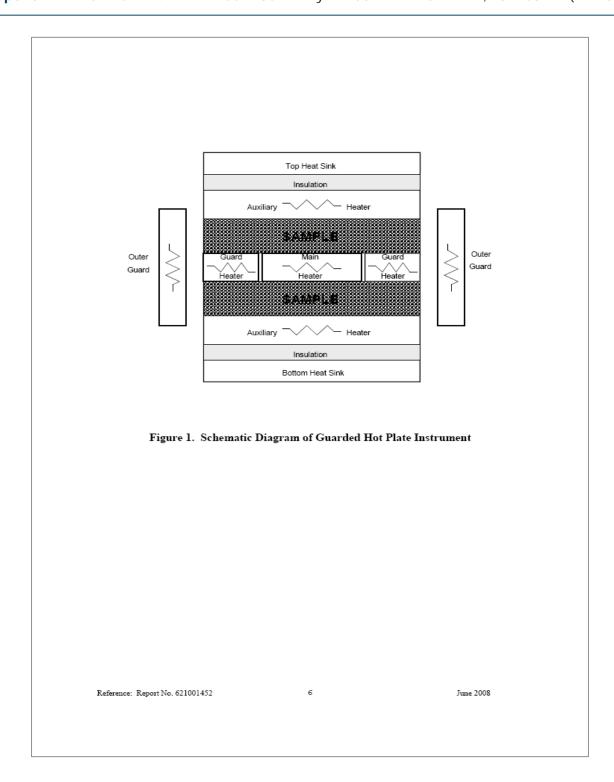
Rigid spacers were used for each sample at a thickness 10% lower than the sample thickness measured with a drop gauge. Under the testing stack load, the instrument plates made contact with the spacers to ensure a known and uniform plate gap and sample thickness.

The thermal conductivity and resistance results are estimated to be accurate to within ±5%

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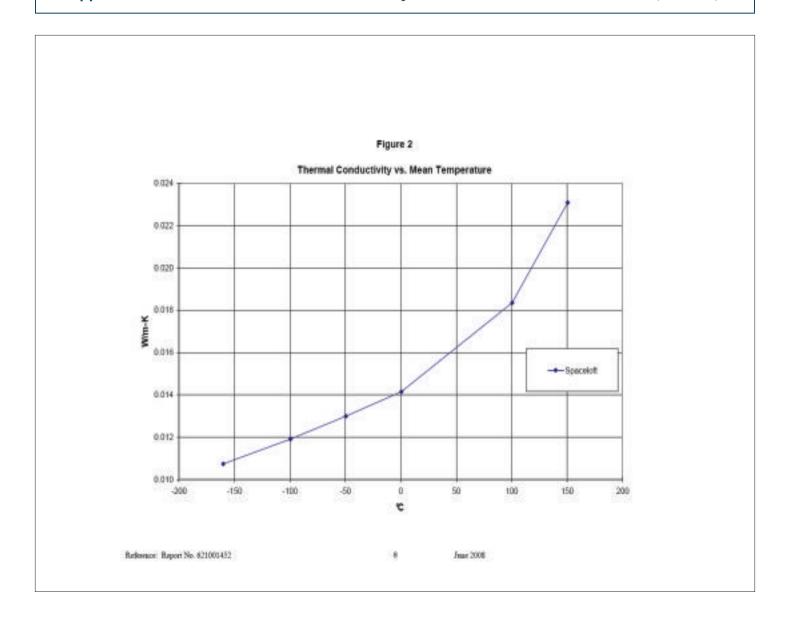
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~~~~~	~~~~~			Me	ean	Avg.	Delta	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~
mm	inch	kg/m ³	lbs/ft3	${\mathcal C}$	F	$\mathcal C$	F	SI	British	SI	British
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10.5	0.412	130	8.13	-160	-256	37	67	0.0107	0.0744	0.975	5.54
				-100	-147	39	70	0.0119	0.0826	0.879	4.99
				-50	-57	39	70	0.0130	0.0901	0.806	4.58
				0	33	39	70	0.0141	0.0981	0.740	4.20
				100	213	39	70	0.0183	0.127	0.571	3.24
				150	303	39	70	0.0231	0.160	0.454	2.58
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Appendix G EN 12667 ?THERMAL CONDUCTIVIT y VIA GUARDED HOT PLATE, 100 (FIW MNCHEN)







Appendix H SPECIFIC HEAT ?(TPRL)

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Specific Heat of Spaceloft

A Report to ASPEN Aerogels

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Specific Heat of Spaceloft

I. INTRODUCTION

A sample of aerogel material, identified as 08050092, Cryogel 10201, Blkt 801, (called also the Spaceloft), was submitted for thermophysical property testing. Specific heat (c_p) values were measured in temperature range from -60 °C to 150 °C using a differential scanning calorimeter (DSC).

Specific heat is measured using a standard Perkin-Elmer Model DSC-2 calorimeter with sapphire as the reference material (ASTM E1269) in combination with Netzsch 409 DSC. The standard and sample were subjected to the same heat flux as a blank and the differential powers required to heat the sample and standard at the same rate were determined using the digital data acquisition system. From the masses of the sapphire standard and sample, the differential power, and the known specific heat of sapphire, the specific heat of the sample is computed. The experimental data are visually displayed as the experiment progresses. All measured quantities are directly traceable to NIST standards.

II. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

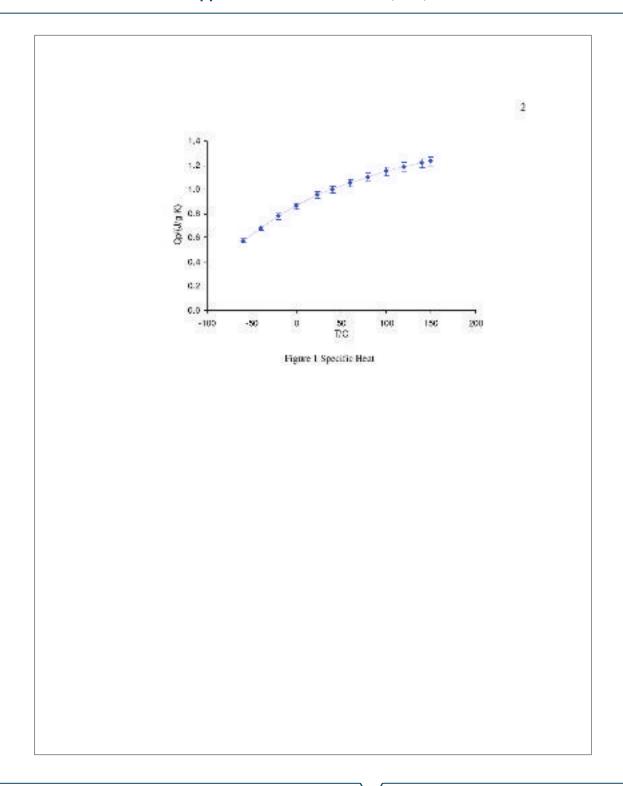
The specific heat results are given in Table 1 and Figure 1. Total relative expanded uncertainty (k = 2) of the specific heat measurement is $\pm 3\%$.

Table 1 Specific Heat Results

T/C	Cp / (J/g K)
-60	0.576
-40	0.683
-20	0.779
0	0.864
23	0.954
40	1.000
60	1.054
80	1.100
100	1.150
120	1.189
140	1.218
150	1.234



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Appendix I EN ISO 8497 DECLARATION OF CONFORMIT y

	ARATION OF CONFORMITY 1, art. 32 - D.M. (2/04/98, art. 3)
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director, technician() of the company.	Aspen Aerogels, Inc.
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	a laboratory according to the criteria of the rule ISO 8301 (c
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average temperature of 10°C. The values	s are taken 90 days after the production date.
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Appendix J EN ISO 15148 2DETERM. OF W ATER ABSORPTION COEFFICIENT, PARTIAL IMMERSION (GLASGOW CALDONIAN UNIV.)

Report: Spacetherm: Water absorption by partial immersion

lo BS EN ISO 15148 : 2002

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Appendix J EN ISO 15148 2DETERM. OF W ATER ABSORPTION COEFFICIENT, PARTIAL IMMERSION (GLASGOW CALDONIAN UNIV.)

Testino

BS EN ISO 15148: 2002, Hygrothermal performance of building materials and products — Determination of water absorption coefficient by partial immersion specifies a method for determining, by partial immersion with no temperature gradient, the short-term liquid water absorption coefficient. It is intended to assess the rate of absorption of water, by capillary action from continuous or driving rain during on site storage or construction, by insulating and other materials, which are normally protected. The method is suitable for renders or coatings tested in conjunction with the substrate on which they are normally mounted. It is not intended to assess the absorption of water by materials used under water or in overall contact with saturated ground, where a total immersion test is more appropriate.

The water absorption by partial immersion is determined by measuring the change in mass of the test specimen, the bottom surface of which is in contact with water, over a period which is usually at least 24 h. The water adhering to the surface and not absorbed by the product is completely removed by, for example, blotting with a sponge before the specimen is weighed.

Plotting the mass of water absorbed against the square root of time gives a straight line, and the water absorption coefficient is defined by :

$$A_w = \frac{m_2 - m_1}{\sqrt{t}} kg/(m^2 \cdot h^{0.5})$$

Where: m_2 and m_1 are two points on the straight line , in kg t is the time between the two points in hours (usually 1hr)

Owing to the thin nature of the material, this test was difficult to carry out as it was difficult to maintain a constant level of water around the sample. Also the material appeared to be hydrophobic, it repelled water in contact with it.

Results

Four samples of Spacetherm, each 100mm square, were tested, giving the following results:

	Aw kg/(m ² ·h ^{0.5})
Sample 1	0.0041
Sample 2	0.0031
Sample 3	0.0110
Sample 4	0.0107

Mean 0.0072.

There is a considerable amount of variability in these results, reflecting the difficulty of carrying out this test with this material. We propose to repeat this test in the hope of refining the results.

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Appendix K EN ISO 12571 ?DETERM. OF HYGROSCOPIC SORPTION PROPERTIES (GLASGOW CALDONIAN UNIV .)

Report: Spacetherm: Moisture Adsorption Tests

to BS EN ISO 12571

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Testing

Moisture adsorption tests were carried out at four relative humidities (RH) according to BS EN ISO 12571:2000 Hygrothermal performance of building materials and products - Determination of hygroscopic sorption properties.

Saturated salt solutions were prepared to give conditions of 33.0%, 53.0%, 79.5% and 94.0% RH. Three samples $100 \mathrm{mm} \times 100 \mathrm{mm}$ were prepared for each RH condition. Samples were dried in oven at $50^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$ to determine dry weights. Samples were placed on a grid over the salt solutions in an sealed container. A Tinytag temperature and humidity sensor was also placed in each container to monitor actual conditions. The containers were then placed in an environmental chamber set to $23^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$. Each sample was periodically weighed until equilibrium moisture content was achieved. The start date of the test was 21/4/08 and the test was completed on 9/5/08.

Results

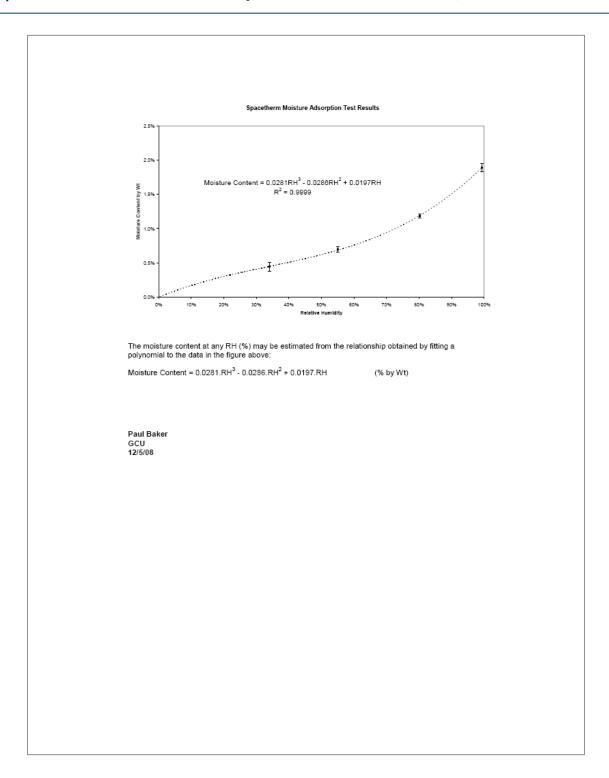
The results are given below in the table and figure. The average test temperature was 23.2°C.

RH generated by Salt Soln.	Relative Humidity	Jampie	Content [kg/kg]	Moisture Content [kg/kg]	Moisture Content [% by Wt]
		#5	0.0052		
33.0%	34.1%	#6	0.0039	0.0045	0.45%
		#12	0.0042		
		#1	0.0073		
53.0%	55.0%	#2	0.0071	0.0070	0.70%
		#7	0.0065		
		#9	0.0119		
79.5%	80.2%	#10	0.0116	0.0118	1.18%
		#11	0.0121		
		#3	0.0196		
94.0%	99.3%	#4	0.0185	0.0189	1.89%
		#8	0.0187		





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Appendix L EN ISO 12572 ?DETERM. OF W ATER VAPOUR TRANSMISSION PROPERTIES (GLASGOW CALDONIAN UNIV.)

Report: Spacetherm: Vapour Permeability Tests

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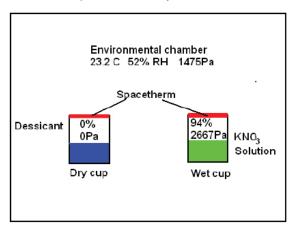


Appendix L EN ISO 12572 (DETERM. OF W ATER VAPOUR TRANSMISSION PROPERTIES (GLASGOW CALDONIAN UNIV.)

Testing

The vapour resistance of samples of Spacetherm insulation was tested at Glasgow Caledonian University to BS EN ISO 12572:2001. This note gives some preliminary results.

In the test samples of the material are sealed over the mouth of glass beakers, containing either a desiccant, which reduces the relative humidity in the cup to zero – the 'dry cup' or a solution of Potassium Nitrate (KNO $_3$), which stabilises the relative humidity in the cup to 94% - the 'wet cup'. The cups are placed in an environmental chamber in a constant temperature and humidity environment as shown below.



The weight of the dry cup increases as water vapour diffuses in through the Spacetherm and that of the wet cup falls as it diffuses out. After a period of stabilisation a constant rate of weight loss or gain is achieved. This is used to calculate the permanence of the sample from :

$$P = g/A.\Delta p$$
 g/s.m2.Pa

Where g is the rate of weight loss of gain in g/s A is the area of the sample in m^2 Δp is the vapour pressure difference in Pa.

This can be related to the more familiar vapour resistance R in MNs/g by

 $R = 10^6/P MNs/g$

Six wet and dry scups were prepared with circular samples of Spacetherm with diameter 94mm, giving an area of 0.00694m². After the material had been conditioned to the environmental chamber conditions testing started on the 25th March, with the samples weighed at daily intervals since until the 28th March.





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Results

The values for the vapour resistance of the individual samples of Spacetherm in MNs/g $\,$ are shown below.

Dry Cup	25/3 - 28/3
	0.325
	0.338
	0.339
	0.328
	0.346
	0.346
Mean	0.337
±	0.009

Wet Cup	25/3 - 28/3
	0.305
	0.204
	0.281
	0.356
	0.307
	0.198
Mean	0.275
±	0.062

- These values are low close to the value required for a low resistance underlay.
- The dry cup values are consistent.
- The wet cup values are much more variable, it is possible that these samples are absorbing water vapour from the air
- Most hygroscopic materials have significantly lower wet cup resistances than for the dry cup, however these initial results show little difference between the two.

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Appendix M EN ISO 12087 ?L ONG TERM WATER ABSORPTION By TOTAL IMMERSION (GLASGOW CALDONIAN UNIV.)

Report: Spacetherm: Long term water absorption by

total immersion to BS EN 12087

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Appendix M EN ISO 12087 7L ONG TERM WATER ABSORPTION By TOTAL IMMERSION (GLASGOW CALDONIAN UNIV.)

Testing

BS EN 12087: 1997 Thermal insulating products for building applications - Determination of long term water absorption by immersion, specifies a test for determining how much water is absorbed when an insulation material is totally immersed in water. The long term water absorption by total immersion is not directly related to the conditions on site, but has been recognized as a relevant condition of test for some products in some applications.

The long term water absorption by total immersion is determined by measuring the change in mass of the test specimen, totally immersed in water, over a period of 28 days. The excess water adhering to the surface, not absorbed by the test specimen, is removed by drainage.

The specimen is weighed when dry, to give m_0 kg, immersed in water for 28 days, and reweighed, after surface water has drained off to give m_{28} , kg.

The water absorption, by volume is then given by

$$W_{lt} = \frac{m_{28} - m_0}{V} \times \frac{100}{\rho_w} \%$$

Where V is the volume of the specimen in m^3 ρ_w is the density of water, assumed to be 1000 kg/m³

Results

Four samples of Spacetherm, each 200mm square, were tested giving the following results:

Sample 1 6.5% Sample 2 6.2% Sample 3 6.5% Sample 4 6.1%

The consistency of these results suggests that the average value of 6.3% is reliable.

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