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Agrément Certificate
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Product Sheet 3

WEB DYNAMICS MULTIFOIL INSULATION

TLX SILVER FOR TIMBER FRAME AND MASONRY WALL APPLICATIONS

PRODUCT SCOPE AND SUMMARY OF CERTIFICATE

This Certificate relates to TLX Silver for Timber Frame and Masonry Wall Applications, a reflective insulation material, for use on the inside (warm side) of domestic and non-domestic walls.

AGRÉMENT 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 — when combined with other types of insulation, the product can contribute to meeting the U value requirement for a wall (see section 5).

Condensation risk — the product will contribute to minimising the risk of interstitial and surface condensation. It has a water vapour resistance in excess of 1200 MNsg^{-1} and may be used as a vapour control layer (see section 6).

Behaviour in relation to fire — the product is classified as combustible but may be used in suitably designed walls (see section 8).

Air leakage — the product may be used as an air barrier (see section 9).

Durability — the durability of the product is satisfactory and will have a life equivalent to the structure in which it is incorporated (see section 13).

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

On behalf of the British Board of Agrément

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Regulations

In the opinion of the BBA, TLX Silver for Timber Frame and Masonry Wall Applications, if used in accordance with the provisions of this Certificate, will meet or contribute to meeting the relevant requirements of the following Building Regulations:



The Building Regulations 2000 (as amended) (England and Wales)

Requirement:	C2(c)	Resistance to moisture
Comment:		The product will contribute to minimising the risk of surface and interstitial condensation. See sections 6.1 and 6.3 of this Certificate.
Requirement:	L1(a)(i)	Conservation of fuel and power
Comment:		The product can contribute to meeting this requirement. See sections 5.2 to 5.5 of this Certificate.
Requirement:	Regulation 7	Materials and workmanship
Comment:		The product is an acceptable material. See section 13 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.

In addition to the contribution which the product can make to meet the relevant Requirements, the following comments should be noted:

Requirement:	B3(4)	Internal fire spread (structure)
Comment:		Cavity barriers must be used to limit the extent of large cavities and to ensure integrity at junctions. See sections 8.1 and 8.2 of this Certificate.



The Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

Regulation:	8(1)(2)	Fitness and durability of materials and workmanship
Comment:		The use of the product satisfies the requirements of this Regulation. See sections 12 and 13 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
Regulation:	9	Building standards – construction
Standard:	2.6	Spread to neighbouring buildings
Comment:		The product is combustible but may be used in walls of buildings in accordance with the exceptions permitted in this Standard, with reference to clause 2.6.5 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ . See section 8.1 of this Certificate.
Standard:	3.15	Condensation
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying this Standard, with reference to clauses 3.15.1 ⁽¹⁾ , 3.15.4 ⁽¹⁾ and 3.15.5 ⁽¹⁾ . See sections 6.2 and 6.3 of this Certificate.
Standard:	6.1(b)	Carbon dioxide emissions
Standard:	6.2	Building insulation envelope
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying clauses, or parts of 6.1.0 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ to 6.1.5 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ , 6.1.6 ⁽¹⁾ and 6.1.7 ⁽¹⁾ 6.2.0 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ to 6.2.12 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ of these Standards. See sections 5.2 to 5.5 of this Certificate. (1) Technical Handbook (Domestic). (2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).

In addition to the contribution which the product can make to meet the relevant Standards, the following comments should be noted:

Standard:	2.4	Cavities
Comment:		Wall cavities incorporating the product must comply with this Standard, with reference to clauses 2.2.4 ⁽²⁾ , 2.2.7 ⁽¹⁾ , 2.4.1 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ , 2.4.2 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ , 2.4.7 ⁽¹⁾ and 2.4.9 ⁽²⁾ . See sections 8.1 and 8.2 of this Certificate.



The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (as amended)

Regulation:	B2	Fitness of materials and workmanship
Comment:		The product is acceptable. See section 13 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
Regulation:	B3(2)	Suitability of certain materials
Comment:		The product is an acceptable material. See section 12 of this Certificate.
Regulation:	C5	Condensation
Comment:		The product will contribute to minimising the risk of interstitial condensation. See section 6.3 of this Certificate.
Regulation:	F2(a)(i)	Conservation measures
Regulation:	F3(2)	Target carbon dioxide Emissions Rate
Comment:		The product can contribute to satisfying these Regulations. See sections 5.2 to 5.5 of this Certificate.

In addition to the contribution which the product can make to meet the relevant Regulations, the following comments should be noted:

Regulation:	E4	Internal fire spread – Structure
Comment:		Cavity barriers must be used to limit the extent of large cavities and to ensure integrity at junctions. See sections 8.1 and 8.2 of this Certificate.

Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007

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

In the opinion of the BBA, there is no information in this Certificate which relates to the obligations of the client, CDM co-ordinator, designer and contractors under these Regulations.

Non-regulatory Information

NHBC Standards 2008

NHBC accepts the use of TLX Silver for Timber Frame and Masonry Wall Applications, when installed and used in accordance with this Certificate, in relation to *NHBC Standards*, Chapter 6.1 *External walls and masonry walls* and Chapter 6.2 *External timber framed walls*.

Zurich Building Guarantee Technical Manual 2007

In the opinion of the BBA, TLX Silver for Timber Frame and Masonry Wall Applications, when installed and used in accordance with this Certificate, satisfies the requirements of the *Zurich Building Guarantee Technical Manual*, Section 4 *Superstructure*, Sub-sections *External walls – masonry*, *External walls – thermal insulation* and *External walls – timber frame*.

General

This Certificate relates to TLX Silver for Timber Frame and Masonry Wall Applications and is for use as an insulation to reduce the thermal transmittance of timber frame walls and masonry walls. The product is for use on the inner side (warm side) of the timber frame or masonry substrate and held in place by timber battens creating an airspace between the product and internal lining.

Technical Specification

1 Description

1.1 TLX Silver for Timber Frame and Masonry Wall Applications is an insulation material comprising outer layers of coated metallised film, laminated to a non-woven polypropylene fabric enclosing the core and welded along both long edges. The core of the product consists of five layers of polyester fibre wadding, separated by four metallised film layers.

1.2 The product is supplied in rolls of 10 m length, 1.2 m wide and 30 mm thick.

1.3 Ancillary components (not covered by this Certificate) include:

- Henkel 'Duck' brand 50 mm adhesive tape
- TLX tape, foil backed tape with acrylic adhesive, 50 mm, 75 mm or 100 mm
- timber battens
- plasterboard to BS EN 520 : 2004
- screws
- nails or staples.
- additional insulation where required.

2 Delivery and site handling

2.1 The product is delivered to site in rolls packed in a protective, branded bag, sealed with a label.

2.2 The product should be stored in clean, dry conditions not exposed to sunlight. The product must be protected from being dropped or crushed by objects. Care must be exercised when storing large quantities on site. The product must not be exposed to open flame or other ignition sources and must be stored away from flammable material such as paint and solvents.

2.3 To ensure maximum performance of the product when installed, precautions must be taken on site to protect it from mud and dirt.

Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following is a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on TLX Silver for Timber Frame and Masonry Wall Applications.

Design Considerations

3 General

3.1 TLX Silver for Timber Frame and Masonry Wall Applications will improve the thermal insulation of dwellings and buildings of similar occupancy, type and condition.

3.2 The wall or sub-frame should be structurally sound and should have been designed and constructed in accordance with the following standards :

- timber — BS 5268-2 : 2002, BS 5268-5 : 1989, BS 5589 : 1989 and BS EN 351-1 : 1996.
- masonry — BS 5628-1 : 2005, BS 5628-3 : 2005, BS 8110-1 : 1997, BS 8110-2 : 1985, BS EN 1996-2 : 2006.

3.3 The installation requires 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. In new work, the construction must be designed to accommodate the thickness of the dry lining, particularly at reveals, heads, sills and in relation to ceiling height.

3.4 Services can be incorporated behind the dry lining, making chasing of the wall unnecessary. Where possible, penetration of the product by services should be kept to a minimum to limit possible penetration by water vapour.

3.5 Installation of plasterboard must be in accordance with the relevant sections of BS 8212 : 1995.

4 Practicability of installation

The product can be readily installed by operatives experienced with this type of product.

5 Thermal performance

5.1 Calculations of thermal transmittance (U value) should be carried out in accordance with BS EN ISO 6946 : 2007, BRE report *Conventions for U-value calculations* (BR 443 : 2006) and:

- 0.92 m²KW⁻¹ products core thermal resistance (with no air space either side)
- 0.16 products external surface emissivity
- 0.487 m²KW⁻¹ resistance of an unventilated air cavity (min 15 mm) adjacent to the product.



5.2 The product can achieve or contribute to achieving the following design U values, when used with additional insulation:

England and Wales and Northern Ireland

- 0.35 Wm⁻²K⁻¹ required for 'notional' dwellings in SAP 2005 and buildings other than dwellings in SBEM (see also section 5.5)
- 0.35 Wm⁻²K⁻¹ limit average specified in Approved Documents L1A (Table 2) and L2A (Table 4), and Technical Booklets F1 (Table 2.2) and F2 (Table 2.4) (see also section 5.5)
- 0.70 Wm⁻²K⁻¹ limit for an individual element specified in Approved Documents L1A (Table 2) and L2A (Table 4), Technical Booklets F1 (Table 2.2) and F2 (Table 2.4).

Scotland

- 0.20 Wm⁻²K⁻¹ required for the 'simplified approach — solid fuel package 6' 'notional' dwelling in Mandatory Standard 6.1, clause 6.1.6⁽¹⁾
- 0.25 Wm⁻²K⁻¹ required for 'notional' dwellings in SAP 2005 (for Scotland) and the 'simplified approach — packages 1 to 5' in Mandatory Standard 6.1, clause 6.1.6⁽¹⁾
- 0.30 Wm⁻²K⁻¹ limit average specified in Mandatory Standard 6.2, clause 6.2.1⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
- 0.70 Wm⁻²K⁻¹ limit for an individual element specified in Mandatory Standard 6.2, clause 6.2.1⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾.

(1) Technical Handbook (Domestic).

(2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).

5.3 Where a proposed wall U value is not better than (or is greater than in Scotland) the relevant 'notional' value specified in section 5.4, additional energy saving measures will be required in the building envelope and/or services to achieve the required overall carbon dioxide emission rate reduction of about 20% in dwellings (18% to 25% in Scotland) and 23% to 28% in buildings other than dwellings.

5.4 The product can maintain or contribute to maintaining continuity of thermal insulation at junctions between the external wall and the other building elements. Guidance in this respect, and on limiting heat loss by air infiltration, can be found in:

England and Wales — *Limiting thermal bridging and air leakage : Robust construction details for dwellings and similar buildings* TSO 2002 or Accredited Construction Details (version 1.0).

Scotland — Accredited Construction Details (Scotland).

Northern Ireland — Accredited Construction Details (version 1.0).

5.5 Compliance with the guidance referred to in section 5.4 will allow the use of the default psi values from Table 3 of BRE Information Paper 1/06 *Assessing the effects of thermal bridging at junctions and around openings* and Table K1 of *The Government's Standard Assessment Procedure for Energy Rating of Dwellings* (SAP 2005), in Target Emission Rate calculations to SAP 2005 or the Simplified Building Energy Model (SBEM).

6 Condensation risk

Surface condensation



6.1 Walls will limit the risk of surface condensation adequately when the thermal transmittance (U value) does not exceed $0.7 \text{ Wm}^{-2}\text{K}^{-1}$ at any point, and the junctions with other elements are designed in accordance with the relevant requirements of *Limiting thermal bridging and air leakage : Robust construction details for dwellings and similar buildings* TSO 2002 or BRE Information Paper IP 1/06 .



6.2 Walls and ceilings will adequately limit the risk of surface condensation when the thermal transmittance (U value) does not exceed $1.2 \text{ Wm}^{-2}\text{K}^{-1}$ at any point. Guidance may be obtained from Section 8 of the BS 5250 : 2002 and BRE report (BR 262 : 2002) *Thermal insulation : avoiding risks*.

Interstitial condensation



6.3 Walls incorporating the product will adequately limit the risk on interstitial condensation when they are designed and constructed in accordance with BS 5250 : 2002 (Section 8 and Annex D).

6.4 The product has a high water vapour resistance in excess of 1200 MNsg^{-1} and will, therefore, provide significant resistance to the passage of water vapour and would be considered a vapour control layer as defined in BS 5250 : 2002 provided all laps and joints are sealed.

6.5 The use of the product does not preclude the normal precautions against formation of condensation, especially in rooms expected to have high humidity.

6.6 When using this type of product, due consideration must be taken of the overall installation to minimise perforations by services, eg light switches and power outlets and the joints at ceiling and skirting level must be well sealed.

6.7 As with any other insulation applied to the inside of a wall, there may be risk of thermal bridging from the floor or ceiling, particularly in concrete slab construction. It has been demonstrated that the use of coving at the wall ceiling point will significantly reduce the problem.

7 Infestation

The use of the product does not in itself promote infestation. The creation of voids may provide habitation for insects or rodents in areas already infested. Care should be taken to ensure that, wherever possible, all voids are sealed as any infestation may be difficult to eradicate. There is no food value in the materials used.

8 Behaviour in relation to fire



8.1 The Certificate holder has declared that the product, when tested for reaction to fire to BS EN ISO 11925-2 : 2002, achieved a Class E rating in accordance with BS EN 13501-1 : 2007.

8.2 When installed with an internal lining board, eg 12.5 mm thick plasterboard, the insulation will be contained between the wall and internal lining board, until one is destroyed. Therefore, the insulation will not contribute to the development stages of a fire.

8.3 When installed with other additional insulation materials, the fire properties of these materials must be taken into consideration.

9 Air leakage

9.1 The insulation was tested to BS EN 12114 : 2000 with positive pressure of 50 Pa, the product achieved a leakage rate of $0.19 \text{ m}^3\text{hr}^{-1}\text{m}^{-2}$.

9.2 When the product is used as a vapour control layer and an air barrier, its effectiveness is reliant on the careful sealing of the laps, joints, perimeters and penetrations, in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions.

9.3 The airtightness of the building will also be dependent on the performance of the other building elements.

10 Derating of electrical cables

As with other insulation products, it may be necessary in some cases to de-rate electrical cables buried in insulation. BS 7671 : 2008 suggests that where wiring is completely surrounded by insulation, it may need to be de-rated to as low as half its free air current carrying capacity. Guidance should be sought from a qualified electrician.

11 Proximity of flues and appliances

When installing the product in close proximity to certain flue pipes and/or heat-producing appliances, the following provisions to the national Building Regulations are acceptable:

England and Wales — Approved Document J

Scotland — Mandatory Standard 3.19, clause 3.19.1⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

(1) Technical Handbook (Domestic).

(2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).

Northern Ireland — Technical Booklet L.

12 Maintenance



As the product is confined behind the wall lining and it has suitable durability (see section 13), maintenance is not required.

13 Durability



The product will have a life equivalent to that of the wall structure in which they are incorporated.

Installation

14 General

14.1 Installation of TLX Silver for Timber Frame and Masonry Wall Applications and additional insulation products should be in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions and current good building practice.

14.2 Care must be taken to ensure the product is not damaged during installation. Should damage occur by tearing, the product should be repaired by covering the holes with tape. The product is attached to wall studs using staples or nails of at least 14 mm length. The product must have overlap joints of at least 50 mm and be taped along the entire length of the joint with TLX tape or Henkel silver Duck tape.

14.3 When the product is cut to fit around openings, care should be taken to minimise gaps. The product can be cut easily using sharp scissors or a knife. Any exposed cut edges of the product should be sealed with a suitable adhesive tape.

15 Procedure

Timber frame wall

15.1 Installation may be either vertical or horizontal runs. If horizontal, installation should start at the floor and go up to the ceiling.

15.2 The product is unrolled across the inside of the timber studs and fixed using staples or nails of at least 14 mm length.

15.3 The next layer must overlap the first layer by at least 50 mm and be taped along the entire length of the joint with TLX tape or Henkel silver Duck tape. If securely taped, the product can also function as a vapour control layer and air barrier.

15.4 The product should be permanently fixed in place using wooden battens of size at least 32 mm by 25 mm, parallel or perpendicular to the wall studs held in place with nails.

15.5 When the top layer has been battened, any excess material may be removed by running a sharp knife along the edge of the batten.

15.6 Plasterboard is fixed to the battens in the conventional manner.

Solid masonry wall

15.7 Timber battens at least 32mm deep by 25 mm wide are screwed to the wall at no greater than 600 mm vertical centres, at wall perimeters and horizontally as required.

15.8 The product is installed as for timber frame walls with plasterboard battens coinciding with the existing battens.

Additional insulation

15.9 When used with additional insulation, care should be taken that all air gaps are maintained in accordance with their products and advice should be sought from the Certificate holder. Mineral wool can be placed inside the cavity formed when the product is installed across studs. Rigid insulation products can be placed inside the cavity. Suitable fixings such as wooden battens nailed to the sides of the studs can be used to generate an air layer between the rigid insulation and the other components of the wall.

Technical Investigations

16 Tests

Tests were carried out on TLX Silver for Timber Frame and Masonry Wall Applications to determine the emissivity and durability of the outer foil and the core thermal resistance.

Bibliography

- BS 5250 : 2002 *Code of practice for control of condensation in buildings*
- BS 5268-2 : 2002 *Structural use of timber — Code of practice for permissible stress design, materials and workmanship*
- BS 5268-5 : 1989 *Structural use of timber — Code of practice for the preservative treatment of structural timber*
- BS 5589 : 1989 *Code of practice for preservation of timber*
- BS 5628-1 : 2005 *Code of practice for the use of masonry — Structural use of unreinforced masonry*
- BS 5628-3 : 2005 *Code of practice for the use of masonry — Materials and components, design and workmanship*
- BS 7671 : 2008 *Requirements for electrical installations. IEE Wiring Regulations. Seventeenth Edition*
- BS 8110-1 : 1997 *Structural use of concrete — Code of practice for design and construction*
- BS 8110-2 : 1985 *Structural use of concrete — Code of practice for special circumstances*
- BS 8212 : 1995 *Code of practice for dry lining and partitioning using gypsum plasterboard*
- BS EN 351-1 : 1996 *Durability of wood and wood-based products — Preservative-treated solid wood — Classification of preservative penetration and retention*
- BS EN 520 : 2004 *Gypsum plasterboards — Definitions, requirements and test methods*
- BS EN 1996-2 : 2006 *Eurocode 6 — Design of masonry structures— Design considerations, selection of materials and execution of masonry*
- BS EN 12114 : 2000 *Thermal performance of buildings — Air permeability of building components and building elements — Laboratory test method*
- BS EN 13501-1 : 2007 *Fire classification of construction products and building elements. Classification using test data from reaction to fire tests*
- BS EN ISO 6946 : 2007 *Building components and building elements — Thermal resistance and thermal transmittance — Calculation method*
- BS EN ISO 11925-2 : 2002 *Reaction to fire tests — Ignitability of building products subjected to direct impingement of flame — Single-flame source test*

17 Conditions

17.1 This Certificate:

- relates only to the product/system that is named and described on the front page
- is granted only to the company, firm or person named on the front page — no other company, firm or person may hold or claim any entitlement to this Certificate
- is valid only within the UK
- has to be read, considered and used as a whole document — it may be misleading and will be incomplete to be selective
- is copyright of the BBA
- is subject to English law.

17.2 References in this Certificate to any Act of Parliament, Statutory Instrument, Directive or Regulation of the European Union, British, European or International Standard, Code of Practice, manufacturers' instructions or similar publication, are references to such publication in the form in which it was current at the date of this Certificate.

17.3 This Certificate will remain valid for an unlimited period provided that the product/system and the manufacture and/or fabrication including all related and relevant processes thereof:

- are maintained at or above the levels which have been assessed and found to be satisfactory by the BBA
- continue to be checked as and when deemed appropriate by the BBA under arrangements that it will determine
- are reviewed by the BBA as and when it considers appropriate.

17.4 In granting this Certificate, the BBA is not responsible for:

- the presence or absence of any patent, intellectual property or similar rights subsisting in the product/system or any other product/system
- the right of the Certificate holder to manufacture, supply, install, maintain or market the product/system
- individual installations of the product/system, including the nature, design, methods and workmanship of or related to the installation
- the actual works in which the product/system is installed, used and maintained, including the nature, design, methods and workmanship of such works.

17.5 Any information relating to the manufacture, supply, installation, use and maintenance of this product/system which is contained or referred to in this Certificate is the minimum required to be met when the product/system is manufactured, supplied, installed, used and maintained. It does not purport in any way to restate the requirements of the Health & Safety at Work etc Act 1974, or of any other statutory, common law or other duty which may exist at the date of this Certificate; nor is conformity with such information to be taken as satisfying the requirements of the 1974 Act or of any statutory, common law or other duty of care. In granting this Certificate, the BBA does not accept responsibility to any person or body for any loss or damage, including personal injury, arising as a direct or indirect result of the manufacture, supply, installation, use and maintenance of this product/system.