

# **Closed Cell Elastomeric Thermal Insulation for HVAC & R**

## General

**AEROCEL**<sup>®</sup> Tube Insulation is a highly flexible, closed-cell and lightweight EPDM-rubber based elastomeric product. Aerocel-SSPT<sup>®</sup> Tube Insulation is designed for insulating warm or cold piping, duct, or equipment. Aerocel-SSPT<sup>®</sup> EPDM Elastomeric Tube Insulation is supplied in 1/4", 3/8", 1/2", 3/4", 1", 1-1/4",1-1/2" ", 2", 2-1/2" and 3" thicknesses, in popular I.D. sizes up to 8" IPS. Please check for specific size combinations. The tightly formed, closed-cell structure of Aerocel-SSPT® Tube Insulation makes it an efficient insulation, providing superior insulating capacity to many materials, including other elastomeric insulations. Aerocel is manufactured to consistently provide actual values on these key performance criteria for mechanical system insulation:

Self-Seal with Protape (SSPT) affords the most secure self-seal, dual-tape closure available. Avoids call-backs or failures. Maintains its seal in harsh conditions.

Thermal Conductivity: 0.245

Water Vapor Transmission, Perms: 0.03 UV Resistance: Minimal change, ASTM G 7 and ASTM G 90

**Fire Rating:** Will not contribute significantly to fire (simulated end-use testing).

Aerocel-SSPT<sup>®</sup> Tube Insulation, in 1/4" through 2" thickness, has a flame spread rating of 25 or less and a smoke developed rating of 50 or less as tested by ASTM E 84 "Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials." Aerocel EPDM Pipe Insulation is acceptable for use in air distribution systems including ducts, plenums, air handling equipment and air terminal devices.

### Uses

Aerocel-SSPT<sup>®</sup> Pipe Insulation is used to retard heat gain or loss, and to control condensation formation on cold-water plumbing, chilled water, and refrigeration lines. The material also efficiently reduces heat flow on hot water plumbing, liquid heating and dualtemperature piping systems. Aerocel<sup>®</sup> sheet is used to insulate large OD pipes, chillers, vessels and tanks, and can be used as a duct liner or duct wrap. The recommended service temperature range for Aerocel Insulation is -297°F to +257°F. *Aerocel<sup>®</sup> is designed for installation above and below ground, indoors and outdoors. No protective finish is required.*  Aerocel-SSPT<sup>®</sup> Pipe Insulation is uniquely suited, over many other cellular or fibrous insulation materials, to dual-temperature HVAC piping systems. This unique fit results from Aerocel's proprietary combination of very low moisture vapor flow for times of cooling-mode operation, higher temperature usage properties during times of heating-mode operation, and superior insulating capacity in either operating mode.

Aerocel-SSPT<sup>®</sup> Pipe Insulation is uniquely suited to Solar piping systems because of its proprietary combination of UV Resistance, greater thermal efficiency, noncorrosiveness to copper or stainless steel, and availability as single layer product in greater thicknesses.

### **Resistance to Moisture Vapor Flow**

The unique cell structure of Aerocel<sup>®</sup> EPDM Insulation effectively retards the flow of moisture vapor. Aerocel is considered a low transmittance vapor retarder. In normal service conditions, Aerocel requires no supplemental vapor retarder protection. When used in extremely low-temperature or extremely highhumidity conditions, an additional vapor barrier maybe required.

### **Key Features**

- UV Resistant Added Weather Protection Not Required, Saves on First Cost and Maintenance
- Lower Thermal Conductivity Saves Additional Energy Costs
- 257° Upper Use Limit Greater Application Range Cryogenic to Low Pressure Steam
- E 84 25/50 to 2" Thickness – Lowers Installation Costs with Fewer Layers
- Versatile for Heating, AC, Refrigeration, Solar, Plumbing – Single Product for All Systems
- Easy to install Lowers Installation Costs, Keeps Job Cost as Estimated





## Application

**AEROCEL-SSPT**<sup>®</sup> Aerocel-SSPT<sup>®</sup> utilizes a unique 2 step sealing system to insure a permanent seal. Step 1 is an acrylic adhesive seam seal on the inside of the longitudinal joint. Step 2 is an EPDM flap that utilizes a cellular fusion adhesive that closes across the top of the longitudinal seam. This adhesive chemistry bonds the EPDM to the tube ensuring a seal for the life of the system. Butt joints and other seams are to be sealed with contact adhesive. Fittings can be fabricated from straight tubing or sheet. Larger diameter, curved, or flat surfaces can be insulated by adhering properly fabricated sheet sections to them. Consult the Aeroflex Installation Handbook for more complete installation details and instructions.

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In addition to the specifications listed below, Aerocel also is approved by or conforms to the requirements of the following: ASTM C 534 Type I and II, NY City MEA #171-04-M, City of LA RR-8413, UL 181 Section 13 Mold Growth/Humidity, ASTM G 21 Fungal Resistance Test, UL181 Section 18 Air Erosion, NFPA 90A & 90B, MIL15280J, CAN/ULC-S102-07.

> Aerocel Sheet and Tube insulations meet the energy code requirements of International Energy Conservation Code(IECC) and ASHRAE for R-4 for Refrigeration Piping at 1" wall thickness.

| PHYSICAL PROPERTIES                                 |            |             | RE                                   | SULT                   | TEST METHOD   |  |  |
|---|------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|---|--|--|
| Cell Structure                                      |            |             | Clos                                 | ed Cell                |   |  |  |
| Thermal Conductivity                                | Mean temp. | -4°F (-20°C | 32°F (0°C)                           | 75°F (24°C)            | 90°F (32°C)   | ASTM C 518 / C 177<br>104°F (40°C)     |  |
| BTU.in/ft.²hr. °F                                   | K-value    | 0.22        | 0.23                                 | 0.245                  | 0.25  | 0.265                                  |  |
| Service Temperature, CONTINUOUS                     |            |             |                                      | to +257°F<br>to +125°C | ASTM C 411<br>AEROCEL loses flexibility at -70°F.<br>This does not affect the insulating<br>properties of the material. |  |  |
| U.V. Resistance                                     |            |             | I                                    | PASS                   | ASTM G 7 / G 90   |  |  |
| Ozone Resistance                                    |            |             | No                                   | cracking               | ASTM D 1171   |  |  |
| Water Vapor Permeability                            |            |             | .03 perm (4.38 x 10 <sup>-11</sup> ) |                        |   | ASTM E 96                              |  |
| Water Absorption (weight %)                         |            |             |                                      | .2%                    | ASTM C 209  |  |  |
| Fire Safety Characteristics<br>Through 2" thickness |            |             | UL-94 5 V-A, V-O                     |                        |   | File E228536                           |  |
|   |            |             | 4                                    | 25/50                  | ASTM E84  |  |  |
|   |            |             | Self ex                              | tinquishing            | ASTM D 635  |  |  |
| Corrosion of Stainless Steel                        |            |             | Non corrosive                        |                        |   | ASTM C 692, DIN 1988                   |  |
| Nitrosamine Content                                 |            |             | None detected                        |                        |   | U.S. FDA CPG No. 7117.11<br>BSEN 12868 |  |
| Flexibility   |            |             | PASS                                 |                        |   | ASTM C 534                             |  |

| ASHRAE 90.1-2007 ENERGY EFFICIENCY INSULATION THICKNESS |  |                     |                      |                  |         |  |
|---|--|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------|--|
|   | Pipe Sizes   |                     |                      |                  |         |  |
|   | <1" ID   | 1" ID to <1-1/2" ID | 1-1/2" ID to < 4" ID | 4" ID to < 8" ID | ≥ 8" ID |  |
| Operating Temperature                                   | Space Heating (Insulation Thickness, Inches)         |                     |                      |                  |         |  |
| 201 Deg. F - 250 Deg. F                                 | 1-1/2"   | 1-1/2"              | 2"                   | 2"               | 2"      |  |
| 141 Deg. F - 200 Deg. F                                 | 1"   | 1"                  | 1"                   | 1-1/2"           | 1-1/2"  |  |
| 105 Deg. F - 140 Deg. F                                 | 1/2"   | 1/2"                | 1"                   | 1"               | 1"      |  |
| Operating Temperature                                   | Service Water Heating (Insulation Thickness, Inches) |                     |                      |                  |         |  |
| 105 Deg. F+   | 1/2"   | 1/2"                | 1"                   | 1"               | 1"      |  |
| Operating Temperature                                   | Cooling Systems (Insulation Thickness, Inches)       |                     |                      |                  |         |  |
| 40 Deg. F - 60 Deg. F                                   | 1/2"   | 1/2"                | 1"                   | 1"               | 1"      |  |
| ≤40 Deg. F  | 1/2"   | 1"                  | 1"                   | 1"               | 1-1/2"  |  |

MINIMUM THICKNESS OF AEROCEL REQUIRED TO PREVENT CONDENSATION

| Design Conditions — 8      | Design Conditions — 85 Deg. F, 70% RH, Low Air Movement |         |  |  |  |
|----------------------------|---|---------|--|--|--|
| Pipe Operating Temperature |   |         |  |  |  |
| 50 Deg                     | 38 Deg. F   | 0 Deg F |  |  |  |

|   | 50 Deg.                | 38 Deg. F   | 0 Deg. F      | -20 Deg. F    |  |  |
|---|------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|--|--|
| Insulation Thickness                                    | Pipe Outside Diameters |             |               |               |  |  |
| 1/4"  | 3/8" - 1"              | -           | -             | -             |  |  |
| 3/8"  | 3/4" - 6"              | 3/8" - 3/4" | -             | -             |  |  |
| 1/2"  | -                      | 7/8" - 6"   | -             | -             |  |  |
| 3/4"  | -                      | -           | 3/8" - 1-1/2" | 3/8" - 1/2"   |  |  |
| 1"  | -                      | -           | 1-5/8" - 6"   | 3/4" - 2-1/2" |  |  |
| 1-1/4"  | -                      | -           | -             | 2-5/8" - 6"   |  |  |
| Design Conditions — 80 Deg. F, 50% RH, Low Air Movement |                        |             |               |               |  |  |
| 1/4"  | 3/8" - 6"              | 3/8" - 6"   | -             | -             |  |  |
| 3/8"  | -                      | -           | 3/8" - 3/4"   | -             |  |  |
| 1/2"  | -                      | -           | 7/8" - 6"     | 3/8" - 1"     |  |  |
| 3/4"  | -                      | -           | -             | 1-1/8" - 6"   |  |  |
| Design Conditions — 90 Deg. F, 80% RH, Low Air Movement |                        |             |               |               |  |  |
| 1/2"  | 3/8" - 7"              | -           | -             | -             |  |  |
| 3/4"  | 1" - 6"                | 3/8" - 2"   | -             | -             |  |  |
| 1"  | -                      | 2-1/8" - 6" | 3/8" - 1/2"   | -             |  |  |
| 1-1/4"  | -                      | -           | 3/4" - 2"     | 3/8" - 7/8"   |  |  |
| 1-1/2"  | -                      | -           | 2-1/8" - 6"   | 1" - 2-1/8"   |  |  |
| 2"  | -                      | -           | -             | 2-1/4" - 6"   |  |  |

\* Although in some areas of the country, 1/4" and 3/8" wall thicknesses are recommended, Aeroflex USA recommends 1/2" minimum wall thickness for optimum performance.



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