



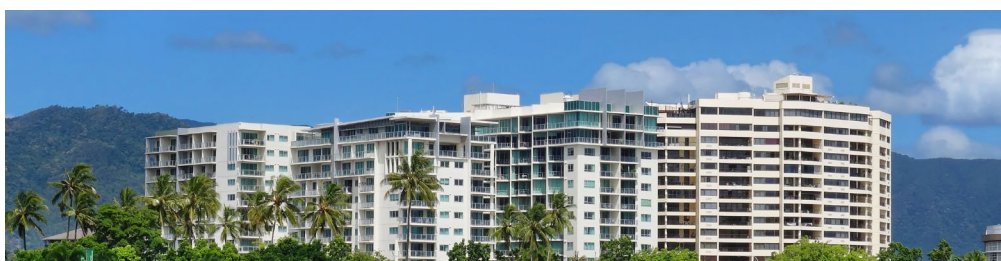
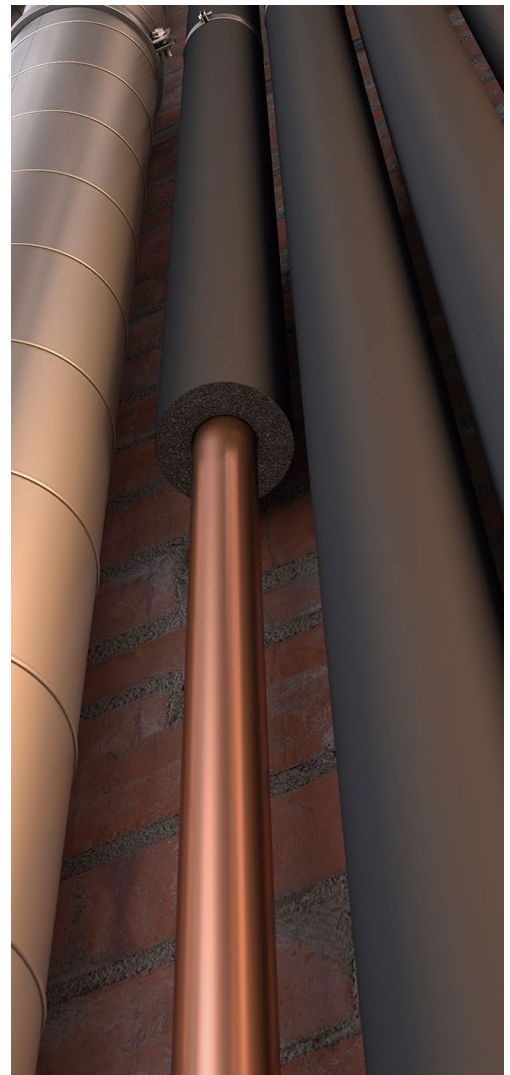
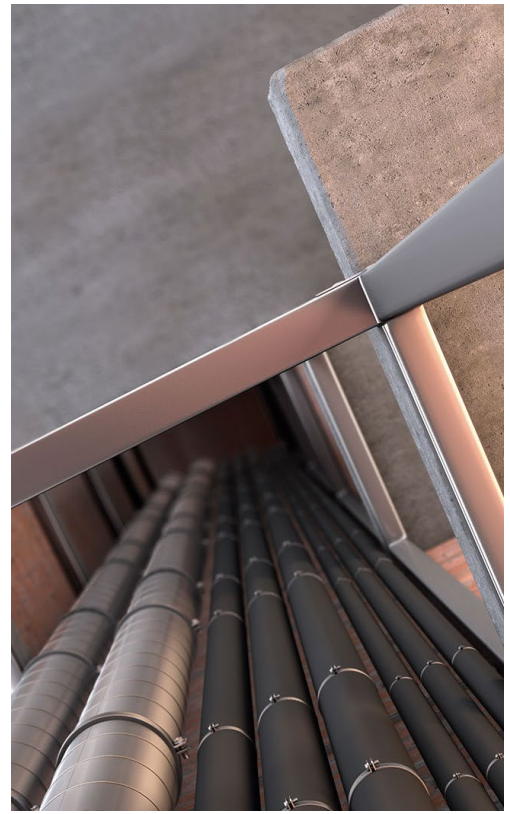
ENHANCED PERFORMANCE AND
INDOOR AIR QUALITY

ArmaFlex® FRV

High-performance insulation for
air-conditioning, heating and refrigeration

- // Fire-tested for vertical pipe chases to NFPA 274
- // First flexible elastomeric foam insulation manufacturer to be independently certified to AS/NZS 4859.1 and to receive the OCEANAMARK™ by IAPMO R&T Oceana
- // Reduces mould and bacteria growth through MICROBAN® antimicrobial product protection, unique to Armacell
- // Type III Environmental Product Declaration (EPD)
- // FM approved

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ArmaFlex FRV fulfils NFPA 274 requirements, a full-scale test simulating one of the most stringent fire environments in high-rise buildings. Infused with Microban antimicrobial product protection and provided with an independently verified Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) to support green building certification schemes, this FM approved product is the preferred insulation for air-conditioning, heating and refrigeration applications.

Excellent performance



Good indoor air quality



Sustainability focus



// Excellent performance

Passes a full-scale fire test simulating how insulated pipes behave in confined spaces when a small, growing fire escalates in the vertical pipe chase of a high-rise building.

// Closed-cell structure

Minimises moisture penetration to ensure long-term protection against corrosion under insulation. Makes an additional water vapour barrier unnecessary.

// Energy efficient

Low thermal conductivity minimises energy losses to deliver long-term energy savings.

// Microban protection

When microbes come into contact with the insulation surface, Microban penetrates the cell wall of the microorganism, disabling its ability to function, grow and reproduce.

// Focused on sustainability

From the point of manufacturing to its end of life, ArmaFlex FRV saves more energy over the product life cycle than is required to manufacture it.

// Safer indoor air quality

Free of fibre and formaldehyde, and GREENGUARD® GOLD Certified for low emissions of volatile organic compounds.

// Easy-to-install

Highly flexible elastomeric foam that can be installed quickly on irregular shapes and installations in tight spaces.

BETTER PERFORMANCE IN HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS

Insulation materials are among the few industrially made products that save more energy over their product lifetime than is needed in their manufacturing process. For example, **ArmaFlex saves 140 times more energy** than is required for its production, transportation and disposal¹. Amortisation calculations for typical applications also exhibit that the cost of ArmaFlex is recovered after just one or two years.

While the benefits of installing quality insulation are clear, the drive to limit any increase in construction costs has resulted in a proliferation of different materials that claim to meet various local regulations. With several major fires breaking out in tall buildings around the world in recent years, there is an increased awareness that existing test methods may not be adequately assessing fire hazard properties. Hence, the intention to regulate the fire performance of building materials is being insufficiently met.

The key to ensuring the robustness of any building design lies in selecting and installing products that are "fit for purpose", not merely tested and approved. As buildings get taller, specifiers should look beyond minimum requirements to ensure higher safety standards. This challenges material manufacturers to improve their technology to offer solutions that provide enhanced overall safety for building occupants.

NFPA 274 STANDARD TEST METHOD

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is an international non-profit organisation that develops, publishes and disseminates fire risk consensus codes and standards. The NFPA 274 Standard Test Method is a full-scale test that uses large samples to simulate how insulated pipes in a **confined vertical configuration** may behave during a growing fire situation. It may be a more realistic assessment as it reflects the actual installation configuration.

BY USING PRODUCTS THAT PASS NFPA 274, SPECIFIERS AND MANUFACTURERS HELP TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF PRODUCTS WITH BETTER PERFORMANCE.



Insulated pipes are first inserted into a vertical pipe chase test chamber which mimics the actual pipe installation.



A small, growing fire which escalates is placed directly underneath the pipes and the fire performance is observed.



The test runs for 10 minutes and materials must pass the recommended performance criteria.

// Test results

Three materials were tested: ArmaFlex FRV, foil-faced polyethylene (PE) and PE. To pass the test, the material must meet all the recommended performance criteria and **only ArmaFlex FRV was able to achieve this**.

Material / Performance criteria	Peak heat release rate	Total heat release	Total smoke release	Extent of flame above pipe chase	Result
	[kW]	[MJ]	[m ²]	[m]	[Pass/Fail]
Pass criteria	≤ 300	≤ 83	≤ 500	≤ 0.3	-
ArmaFlex FRV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Foil-faced PE	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗
PE	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗

¹ Assuming a service life of 20 years for cold applications and/or 30 years for hot applications, this ratio was calculated based on very conservative assumptions.

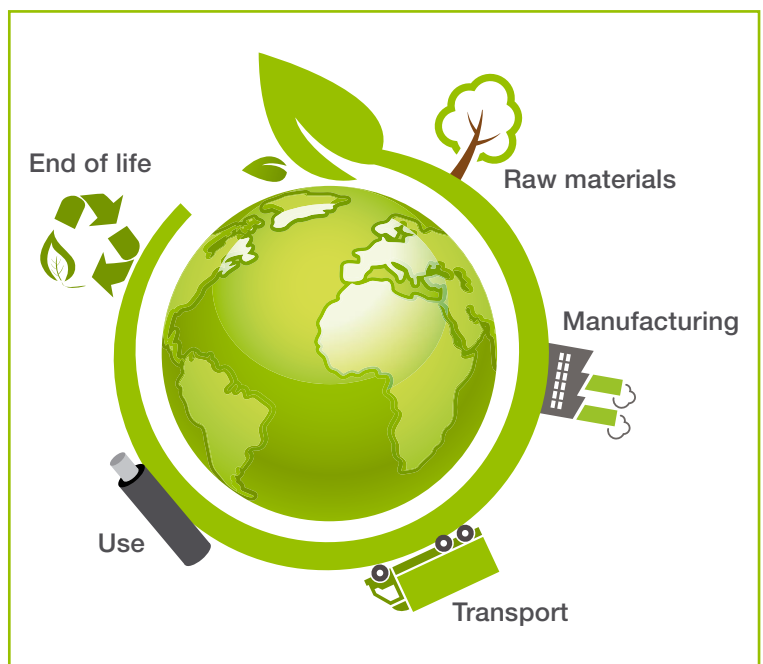
PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

Our commitment to environmental protection is part and parcel of our corporate philosophy and business strategy. After all, our insulation solutions play a key role in protecting equipment against energy losses in millions of applications around the world. We actively collaborate with our customers to address the industry-wide call for a more sustainable approach to construction. **We are innovating for our future.**

In 2009, we became the world's first manufacturer of flexible technical insulation materials to carry out Life Cycle Assessments (LCA) and publish Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs).

// An **EPD (Environment Product Declaration)** is a neutral, independently verified document that provides information about the impact a product has, especially on the environment, throughout its life cycle. Developed based on data compliant with ISO and LCA methodology, an EPD can be compared with other EPDs. This facilitates product evaluation, especially when designing green buildings in accordance with certification schemes such as Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®).

// An **LCA (Life Cycle Assessment)** quantifies the direct and indirect environmental impact associated with the life cycle of a product, ranging from raw material extraction, materials processing and manufacturing to distribution, use and disposal. As an LCA provides specific information about an individual manufacturer's products, these results cannot be directly transferred or compared with similar products of another manufacturer.



(Left) In 2011, the Empire State Building in New York City, U.S.A. underwent an extensive renovation and is LEED certified to the GOLD level. ArmaFlex was installed on the air ducts to ensure a high indoor air quality.

(Right) Sathorn Square in Bangkok, Thailand is a Grade A office building and a LEED-certified project, achieving GOLD level certification in 2013. ArmaFlex was installed on the chilled water system to prevent condensation and minimise energy losses.



HOW ARE THESE DOCUMENTS USED?

EPDs and LCAs provide objective and transparent information about a product's environmental impact and facilitate understanding about a building's environmental footprint. EPDs also allow for a like-for-like comparison of similar products for specification and procurement purposes.

Architects,
specifiers and
those inviting
tenders

EPDs are used as the basis for calculating eco-balance, a prerequisite for green building certification. Some of the key criteria considered when selecting construction products include technical performance, costs, environmental aspects and aesthetics.

Real-estate
companies and
building owners

When EPDs and green building certifications are presented, the value of the building increases and it is easier to market properties that are certified as sustainable. Long-term cost savings can also be enjoyed as the building is designed to make efficient use of its resources.

End-users and
governments

As awareness of sustainability and healthy working environments for increased productivity increases, governments are keen to develop green building initiatives. Individuals are also driven to engage in energy consumption behavioural change and place higher emphasis on occupant well-being. **EPDs can provide assurance that the manufacturers' claims are substantiated.**

HEALTHIER INDOOR AIR QUALITY

GREENGUARD is a certification program created by UL to certify products that have been scientifically proven to meet some of the world's most rigorous third-party chemical emissions standards. GREENGUARD Certified products help to reduce indoor air pollution and the risk of chemical exposure, contributing to healthier indoor environments. GREENGUARD Certified products are recognised by many green building rating schemes around the world, giving these products a clear advantage in the marketplace.

GREENGUARD GOLD CERTIFICATION

This certification program offers a much stricter certification criteria than the GREENGUARD Certification program as it takes into account the safety of sensitive individuals (such as children and the elderly) who spend an extended amount of time indoors. Products that have achieved GREENGUARD GOLD Certification are acceptable for use in schools and healthcare facilities as they emit even fewer volatile organic compounds and total chemical emissions than products without this certification.

With more of our time being spent indoors, installing materials that emit low volatile organic compounds and total chemical emissions will help to mitigate health risks.

THANKS TO GREENGUARD GOLD CERTIFICATION, USING ARMAFLEX FRV MEANS YOU COULD EARN CREDITS TOWARDS GREEN BUILDING CERTIFICATION (SUCH AS LEED) WITHOUT ADDITIONAL TESTING OR LOCAL CERTIFICATION.

ANTIMICROBIAL PRODUCT PROTECTION

Bacteria are among the fastest reproducing organisms in the world, and research has shown that some can double every four to twenty minutes. This means they could be a potential health hazard to anyone coming in contact with them, even before they are visible to the naked eye.

ArmaFlex FRV is infused with Microban product protection during the manufacturing process. Hence, the protective ingredient becomes part of the insulation molecular structure and helps to provide long-term antimicrobial protection that does not deplete or get washed off. This state-of-the-art technology works to penetrate the cell wall of the micro-organism coming into contact with the insulation surface to disable its ability to function, grow and reproduce.

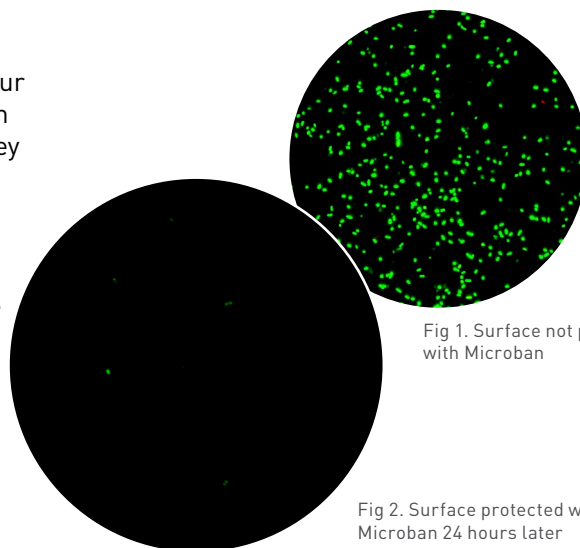
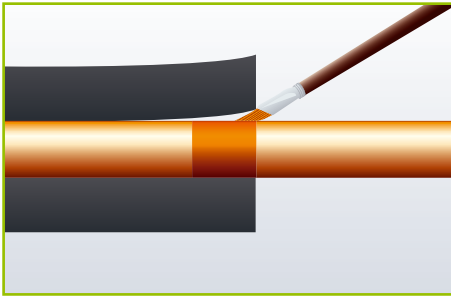


Fig 1. Surface not protected with Microban

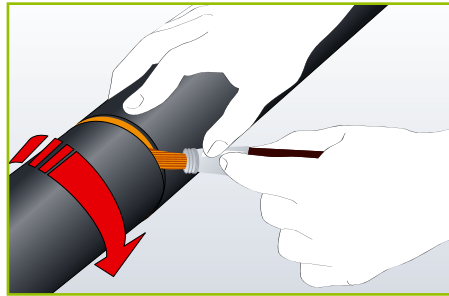
Fig 2. Surface protected with Microban 24 hours later

Installation

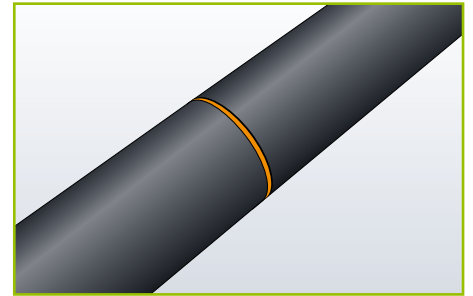
WET SEALING BUTT JOINTS



1. On all cold lines use ArmaFlex adhesive to glue the ends of the ArmaFlex sheets or tubes to the pipe surface. The adhesive should be applied in a width at least equal to the insulation thickness.

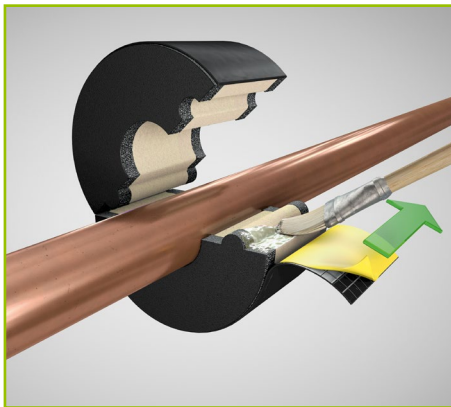


2. For the final wet sealing of the tube or sheet, use fingers to pull the joint apart and apply a thin, even film of adhesive to both butt joint edges with a small brush.

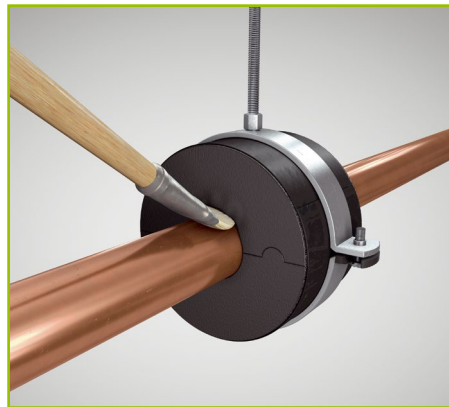


3. Use your fingers and thumbs to apply firm and even pressure to the glued joint to finish.

USING ADHESIVE FOR INSULATED PIPE SUPPORTS



1. Apply ArmaFlex adhesive on the insulated pipe support and remove the self-adhesive tape.



2. Close the seam by applying firm pressure. Glue the edges of the insulated pipe support to the copper pipe with ArmaFlex adhesive.



3. Wet seal butt joints with adhesive and install ArmaFlex FRV tubes on either side of the insulated pipe support.

[Learn more](#)

INSTALLATION ADVICE

Visit www.armacell.com to download the latest copy of the ArmaFlex installation manual. Instructional videos are also available on our Armacell - Global YouTube channel.

TECHNICAL DATA - ARMAFLEX FRV

Brief description	ArmaFlex FRV is a highly flexible closed-cell insulation material made from nitrile rubber, with high water vapour diffusion resistance and low thermal conductivity.
Material type	Elastomeric foam based on synthetic rubber.
Colour	Black.
Special features	Sheets and tubes are infused with Microban antimicrobial protection to provide additional assurance against mould and bacteria growth.
Applications	Thermal insulation/protection of pipes, air ducts and vessels (incl. elbows, fittings, flanges etc.) in hot and cold water services, chilled water lines, heating systems, air conditioning ductwork and refrigerated pipework; installed in commercial, industrial, residential and public buildings to control condensation, protect against frost and reduce energy loss.
Safety and environment	Type III Environmental Product Declaration (EPD): Declaration number 4786944121.101.1, UL Environment. Certified GREENGUARD GOLD.
Assembly	Please refer to the ArmaFlex installation manual for advice. ArmaFlex can be used together with ArmaFlex adhesive and ArmaFix® pipehangers for a complete insulation system.

Property	Value/Assessment					Standard/Test method
Temperature range						
Service temperature	Max. service temperature		+105 °C		+85 °C if sheet or tape is glued to the object with its whole surface.	
	Min. service temperature		-50 °C			
Thermal conductivity						
Thickness ≤ 25mm	0m	+/-0	+15	+23	[°C]	ASTM C518, ASTM C177, ASTM C335, ISO 8497
	λ ≤	0.033	0.034	0.035	[W/(m·K)]	
		Thickness > 25mm	0.035	0.036		
Water vapour diffusion resistance						
Water vapour diffusion resistance factor	μ ≥ 7,000					DIN EN 13469, DIN EN 12086
Water absorption	< 0.2% by volume					ASTM C1763
Fire performance & approvals						
Building Code of Australia (BCA)	Compliant with the requirements for fire hazard properties of insulation materials, as per Specification C1.10 - Clause 7 - of the National Construction Code Volume One (excluding fire control rooms and fire-isolated exits)					AS/NZS 1530.3:1999
New Zealand Building Code (NZBC)	Tested according to the New Zealand Building Code Verification Method C/VM2 Appendix A Group Number Classification: 2					ISO 5660
Surface spread of flame	Class 1					BS 476 Part 7: 1997
Vertical pipe chase	Peak rate of heat release:			≤ 300kW		NFPA 274
	Total heat release (THR _{10min})			≤ 83MJ		
	Total smoke release (TSR _{10min})			≤ 500m ²		
	Extent of flame			≤ 0.3m (1ft)		
Flammability	V-0, FM approved					UL 94, FM 4924
Practical fire behaviour	Does not generate flaming droplets.					
Other technical features						
UV resistance	For UV protection an Arma-Chek® covering is required. For outside use, ArmaFlex should be protected within three days of installation.					
Antimicrobial behaviour	Built-in Microban antimicrobial product protection: No fungal growth is observed.					ASTM G21
Health aspects	Free of fibre and formaldehyde. Low volatile organic compounds (VOC), low total aldehyde. GREENGUARD GOLD for even lower VOC and total chemical emissions.					UL2818-2013
Storage	Material shall be stored in dry, clean rooms at normal relative humidity (50% to 70%) and ambient temperature (0 °C to 35 °C).					
Shelf (storage life)	Self-adhesive sheets, tubes and tapes: 1 year.					

All data and technical information are based on results achieved under typical application conditions. Recipients of this information should, in their own interest and responsibility, clarify with our Technical department in due time whether or not the data and information apply to the intended application area. For outside use, ArmaFlex should be protected with an Arma-Chek covering within three days of installation.

// Material R-values for ArmaFlex FRV insulation

The thermal resistance or “R-value” is a measure of a material’s ability to retard heat flow. Thermal resistance is used in combination with numerals to designate thermal resistance values. The higher the R-value, the higher the insulation’s thermal resistance. The following table provides the material R-values for ArmaFlex FRV pipe insulation, with values calculated in accordance with AS/NZS 4859.1 and independently verified by IAPMO R&T Oceana.

Pipe insulation R-values (at 23°C)

Nominal pipe size [mm]	9mm	13mm	19mm	25mm	32mm	38mm	50mm
6	0.45	0.68	1.1				
10	0.40	0.61	0.98	1.5			
12	0.38	0.61	1.0	1.4	1.9	2.3	
15	0.36	0.54	0.86	1.4	1.7	2.2	
20	0.35	0.52	0.82	1.3	1.7		
22	0.34	0.50	0.79	1.2	1.6	2.0	2.8
25	0.33	0.48	0.76	1.2	1.5		
28	0.32	0.48	0.74	1.2	1.5	1.8	2.6
32		0.47	0.73	1.1	1.4		
35	0.31	0.47	0.72	1.1	1.4	1.7	2.5
38		0.46					
40		0.46					
42	0.31	0.45	0.69	1.1	1.4	1.7	2.3
48	0.31	0.44	0.68	1.0	1.3	1.6	2.3
50	0.31	0.44					
54		0.44	0.66	1.0	1.3		
60	0.30	0.43	0.65	0.98	1.2	1.5	2.2
67		0.45	0.64	0.96			
73		0.45	0.68	0.94	1.2	1.5	2.1
76						1.5	
89		0.44	0.66	0.92	1.2	1.4	2.0
114		0.43	0.64	0.89	1.1	1.4	2.0
140				0.86		1.3	2.0

The thermal resistance (material R-value) for ArmaFlex FRV sheet insulation is shown in the table below. These values are calculated in accordance with AS/NZS 4859.1. R-values for flat surfaces and radial surfaces cannot be directly compared.

Sheet and roll insulation R-values (at 23°C)

Wall thickness [mm]	9mm	13mm	19mm	25mm	32mm	38mm
R-value	0.27	0.39	0.56	0.74	0.89	1.1



Tubes (length: 2.0m)

9mm		13mm		19mm		25mm		Insulation inner diameter	Cu pipe outer diameter	Fe pipe outer diameter	Nominal diameter (DN)
Item	Carton content	Item	Carton content	Item	Carton content	Item	Carton content				
	[m]		[m]		[m]		[m]				
FRVA-09X006	332	FRVA-13X006	198	FRVA-19X006	100			6	1/4		
FRVA-09X010	266	FRVA-13X010	172	FRVA-19X010	92	FRVA-25X010	60	10	3/8		6
FRVA-09X012	200	FRVA-13X012	136	FRVA-19X012	84	FRVA-25X012	54	12	1/2		
FRVA-09X015	192	FRVA-13X015	126	FRVA-19X015	72	FRVA-25X015	48	15	5/8	14	8
FRVA-09X020	140	FRVA-13X020	98	FRVA-19X020	60	FRVA-25X020	40	20	3/4		
FRVA-09X022	136	FRVA-13X022	98	FRVA-19X022	60	FRVA-25X022	40	22	7/8	22	15
FRVA-09X025	112	FRVA-13X025	84	FRVA-19X025	50	FRVA-25X025	34	25	1	25	
FRVA-09X028	98	FRVA-13X028	78	FRVA-19X028	48	FRVA-25X028	32	28	1-1/8	28	20
		FRVA-13X032	64	FRVA-19X032	40	FRVA-25X032	28	32	1-1/4	32	
FRVA-09X035	82	FRVA-13X035	58	FRVA-19X035	36	FRVA-25X035	28	35	1-3/8		25
		FRVA-13X038	56					38	1-1/2	38	
		FRVA-13X040	48					40			
FRVA-09X042	70	FRVA-13X042	48	FRVA-19X042	32	FRVA-25X042	24	42	1-5/8		32
FRVA-09X048	50	FRVA-13X048	40	FRVA-19X048	32	FRVA-25X048	20	48	1-7/8		40
FRVA-09X050	48	FRVA-13X050	40					50			
		FRVA-13X054	40	FRVA-19X054	24	FRVA-25X054	18	54	2-1/8		
FRVA-09X060	48	FRVA-13X060	34	FRVA-19X060	24	FRVA-25X060	18	60	2-3/8		50
		FRVA-13X067	30	FRVA-19X067	20	FRVA-25X067	16	67	2-5/8		
		FRVA-13X073	24	FRVA-19X073	18	FRVA-25X073	12	73			
		FRVA-13X089	20	FRVA-19X089	16	FRVA-25X089	12	89	3-1/2	89	80
		FRVA-13X114	18	FRVA-19X114	12	FRVA-25X114	8	114	4-1/2	114	100
						FRVA-25X140	4	140			125

Self-adhesive option available upon request. Minimum order quantities and different lead times may apply.

32mm		38mm		50mm		Insulation inner diameter	Cu pipe outer diameter	Fe pipe outer diameter	Nominal diameter (DN)
Item	Carton content	Item	Carton content	Item	Carton content				
	[m]		[m]		[m]				
FRVA-32X012	32	FRVA-38X012	24			12	1/2		
FRVA-32X015	32	FRVA-38X015	20			15	5/8	14	8
FRVA-32X020	24					20	3/4		
FRVA-32X022	24	FRVA-38X022	20	FRVA-50X022	12	22	7/8	22	15
FRVA-32X025	24					25	1	25	
FRVA-32X028	24	FRVA-38X028	18	FRVA-50X028	12	28	1-1/8	28	20
FRVA-32X032	18					32	1-1/4	32	
FRVA-32X035	18	FRVA-38X035	16	FRVA-50X035	10	35	1-3/8		25
FRVA-32X042	16	FRVA-38X042	12	FRVA-50X042	8	42	1-5/8		32
FRVA-32X048	12	FRVA-38X048	12	FRVA-50X048	8	48	1-7/8		40
FRVA-32X054	12					54	2-1/8		
FRVA-32X060	12	FRVA-38X060	10	FRVA-50X060	8	60	2-3/8		50
FRVA-32X073	8	FRVA-38X073	8	FRVA-50X073	8	73			
		FRVA-38X076	8			76	3	76	
FRVA-32X089	8	FRVA-38X089	6	FRVA-50X089	6	89	3-1/2	89	80
FRVA-32X114	8	FRVA-38X114	4	FRVA-50X114	4	114	4-1/2	114	100
		FRVA-38X140	4	FRVA-50X140	4	140			125

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Sheets

1.5m length, 1.0m width		
Item	Insulation thickness	Carton content
	[mm]	[sqm]
FRV-09MM	9	30
FRV-13MM	13	22.5
FRV-19MM	19	15
FRV-25MM	25	12
FRV-32MM	32	9
FRV-38MM	38	7.5

Sheets (rolls)

1.0m width			
Item	Insulation thickness	Length	Carton content
	[mm]	[m]	[sqm]
FRV-13MM/E	13	8	8
FRV-19MM/E	19	6	6
FRV-25MM/E	25	4	4
FRV-32MM/E	32	3	3
FRV-38MM/E	38	3	3

Accessories

Item	Carton content	Article description
FRVA-TAPE	12 rolls	ArmaFlex FRV insulation tape (3mm thickness x 50mm width x 9m length)
AS-AD5201G	4 x 3.78 litre cans	ArmaFlex 520 adhesive (1 gallon)
SF-CLEANER-1.0	6 x 1.00 litre cans	Solvent-free cleaner for use with ArmaFlex adhesive
CUTTING-SET	1	ArmaFlex cutting set (3 knives and 1 sharpening stone)
GLUEM-BRUSH11MM	5 x 4	Glumaster (11mm diameter) Comes with extra brush points
GLUEM-BRUSH17MM	5 x 4	Glumaster (17mm diameter) Comes with extra brush points
GLUEMASTER B	12	Glumaster adhesive pump



//Cover Photo (Top)

Melbourne Grammar School - Bromby Science and Technology Centre

Containing many workshop studios and classrooms to educate the scientists of the future, the Bromby Science and Technology Centre is a five-storey building covering approximately 4,800m² of floor space. Safety is a key concern in this building and ArmaFlex FRV was installed to provide enhanced fire safety as well as condensation control to drive energy efficiency.

//Cover Photo (Bottom)

Rydges Esplanade Resort Cairns, Australia

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