

Which Pipe Supports
are YOU specifying?

What is an insulated pipe support insert?

Insulated pipe support inserts are designed for use in pipe supports, hangar brackets and clamps and will support the compressive loads imposed on pipework carrying water or other liquids.

Why should they be used?

The primary functions of an insulated pipe support insert is to isolate the pipework from the pipe support to limit heat transfer and thermal bridging, and to allow for a continuous vapour barrier to be carried through the support system.

British Standards

Regarding the support of pipework in insulated systems, BS 5970: 2012 (*Thermal insulation of pipework, ductwork, associated equipment and other industrial installations in the temperature range of -100°C to +870°C. Code of practice*), recommends that Insulated Pipe Support Inserts should be used, and the pipe support bracket be fixed over load bearing insulation of the same material (or compatible with) the insulation on the pipe.

In Practice

In the HVAC and building services industry most projects will either have phenolic insulated pipe support inserts or wood block pipe support inserts installed, and in some cases no pipe support inserts at all.

Wood Block Pipe Support Inserts

Previous advice given in BS 5970: 2012, that permitted the use of wooden pipe support inserts has been removed and replaced with a warning that **“wooden pipe supports should not be used”**. The reasons for this include the increased risk of condensation forming on wooden blocks and the difficulty of maintaining effective vapour barriers. Wooden pipe supports also have poorer thermal properties that increase the risk of thermal bridging.



Kooltherm® Insulated Pipe Support Insert



Rubber Lined Clip fixed to the Pipe



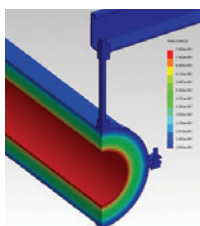
Metal Clip fixed to the Pipe



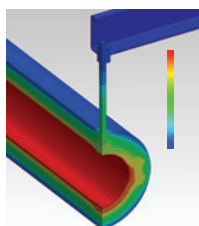
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Phenolic Insulated Pipe Support Inserts

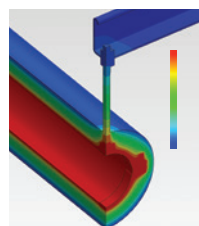
Phenolic insulated pipe support inserts such as Kooltherm® Insulated Pipe Support Inserts can provide a continuous vapour barrier on below ambient systems and thermal analysis of a +75°C LTHW system to BS EN ISO 10211: 2007 (*Thermal bridges in building construction. Heat flows and surface temperatures. Detailed calculations*), has shown that Kooltherm® Insulated Pipe Support Inserts can limit heat loss by up to 4x more than rubber lined pipe clips, 5x more than metal pipe clips and 10x more than hardwood pipe support inserts.



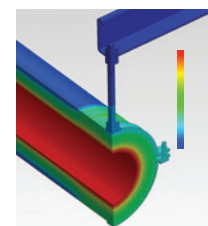
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Fire Performance

Kooltherm® Insulated Pipe Support Inserts are manufactured from Kooltherm® Pipe Insulation which has a densely cross-linked structure that makes them difficult to ignite and when subjected to fire, the outer surface forms a strong carbonaceous layer that limits heat generation and retards further flame spread.



Their excellent fire and smoke performance characteristics clearly demonstrates their suitability for the designated application, with European Reaction to Fire performance of B_L-s₁-d₀.

Kooltherm® Insulated Pipe Support Inserts are CE Marked in accordance with BS EN 14314: 2009+A1: 2013 (*Thermal insulation products for building equipment and industrial installations. Factory made phenolic foam (PF) products. Specification*).

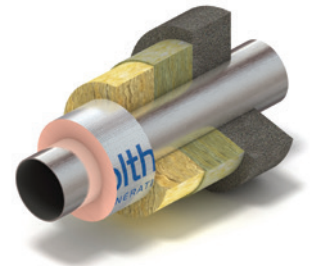
CE Marking for pipework insulation allows contractors to compare product characteristics on a level playing field. Without the consistent and proven information that becomes available through the CE Mark, there is a danger that unsuitable products could be used.

Correct CE Marking and the Declarations of Performance (DoP) verify that claims are accurate and reliable, helping contractors to make sure that the products they install are fit for purpose across a number of areas, for the intended life of the installation.

Thermal Performance

This superior thermal performance of Kooltherm® Insulated Pipe Support Inserts derives mainly from their closed cell structure which has been optimised to resist heat transfer. The closed cells are filled with a thermally efficient CFC/ HCFC-free blowing agent that has zero Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP) and low Global Warming Potential (GWP).

As a result of their closed cell, fibre free structure, Kooltherm® Insulated Pipe Support Inserts are unaffected by air infiltration - problems that can be experienced with other insulation materials and which can reduce thermal performance.



Load Bearing Calculations

Steel Pipe

Steel Pipe Size			Kooltherm® Insulated Pipe Support Inserts				
NB (in)	NB (mm)	OD (mm)	Length (mm)	Max. Load (kg)	Spreader Plate (mm)	Support Distance (m)	Density (kg/m ³)
1/2	15	21.3	99	12	none	3	60
3/4	20	26.9	99	15	none	3	60
1	25	33.7	99	19	none	3	60
1 1/4	32	42.4	99	23	none	3	60
1 1/2	40	48.3	99	27	1.0	4	60
2	50	60.3	99	33	1.0	4	60
2 1/2	65	76.1	99	62	1.0	4	80
3	80	88.9	99	73	1.0	4	80
4	100	114.3	99	94	1.0	4	80
5	125	139.7	99	115	1.0	6	80
6	150	168.3	124	410	1.5	6	120
8	200	219.1	124	534	1.5	6	120
10	250	273.0	124	666	1.5	6	120
12	300	323.9	200	1265	2.0	4	120
14	350	355.6	200	1389	2.0	4	120
16	400	406.4	200	1585	2.0	4	120
18	450	457.0	200	1784	2.0	4	120

Values given are based upon Kooltherm® Insulated Pipe Support Inserts with an integral metal spreader plate where specified in the table above.

Copper Pipe

Copper Pipe Size		Kooltherm® Insulated Pipe Support Inserts			
OD (mm)	Length (mm)	Max. Load (kg)	Spreader Plate (mm)	Support Distance (m)	Density (kg/m ³)
15	99	9	none	3	60
22	99	12	none	3	60
28	99	15	none	3	60
35	99	19	none	3	60
42	99	23	none	3	60
54	99	30	1.0	4	60
67	99	45	1.0	4	60
76	99	62	1.0	4	80

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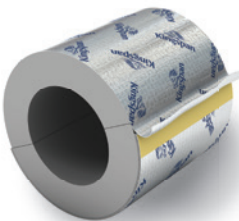
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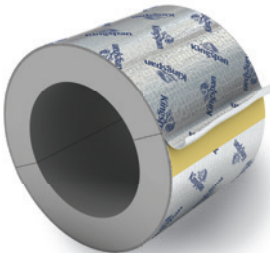
- Made on CPL
- Bore coated liner
- No metal
- Sizes: Up to 42 mm OD
- 60 kg/m³ density
- Branded foil for ease of identification



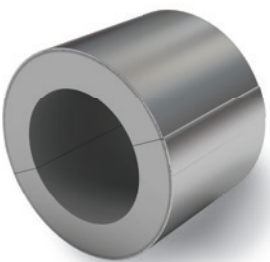
- Cut from phenolic block
- Bore coated
- No metal
- Sizes: Up to 42mm OD
- 60 - 80 kg/m³ density
- Branded foil for ease of identification



- Cut from phenolic block
- Bore coated
- Half metal
- Sizes: Any OD available; standard above 42 mm OD
- 60 - 120 kg/m³ density
- Branded foil for ease of identification



- Cut from phenolic block
- Bore coated
- Metal all round
- Any OD available
- 60 - 120 kg/m³ density
- Suitable for use in vertical riser shafts



- Cut from phenolic block
- Bore coated
- Half metal or metal all round
- Any OD available
- 60 - 120 kg/m³ density
- Supplied with zero permeability vapour barrier jacketing
- Minimises risks of water ingress in external pipe support applications



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