ROCKWOOL AFB®

Acoustical Fire Batt Insulation for Commercial & Interior Partition Wall.
Batt insulation that fights both fire and noise.

ROCKWOOL AFB®
ROCKWOOL AFB® is a lightweight, batt insulation specifically designed for steel stud interior wall and floor applications.

This stone wool insulation is made from natural stone and recycled content. It’s a sustainable product that provides superior sound absorbency and fire protection for overall occupant comfort and safety. That’s why AFB® is quickly becoming the insulation of choice for today’s green builders in commercial and industrial construction.

AFB® – Acoustically Better
Sound Transmission Class (STC) values don’t take into account Lower Frequency Sounds (LFS) which can cause vibrations between rooms, negatively affecting the sound environment. The higher density of ROCKWOOL AFB® can reduce sound transmission, helping to create a quiet and comfortable space.

Sound Control
When ROCKWOOL AFB® is specified for interior wall or floor assemblies, better overall sound control and fire protection are achieved. Compared to other types of insulation, AFB® provides increased density that effectively reduces airflow and essentially, sound transmissions. Greater noise or sound control is further achieved when thicker AFB® and gypsum board are used together. AFB® thickness ranges from 1.0” (25 mm) to 6” (152 mm).

In commercial applications, much of the sound to be controlled is in the low frequency or bass ranges. This noise includes conversation, projection/video equipment, mechanical rooms and ventilation systems. In the lower 1/3 octave bands, ROCKWOOL AFB® outperforms glass wool insulation, providing more low frequency absorption when comparing acoustical testing at low frequencies (see chart “Random Incidence Sound Absorption Coefficients, in 1/3 Octave Band”, pg. 3).
### Density and Airflow Resistivity for Samples of Absorptive Material

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<tr>
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<th>Density (kg/m³)</th>
<th>Airflow Resistivity (mks rayls/m)</th>
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<td>3½” (89 mm) batt</td>
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<td>3” (75 mm) batt</td>
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### Random Incidence Sound Absorption Coefficients, in 1/3 Octave Band

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### Acoustical Performance

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### ASTM C423

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Features and benefits that set AFB® apart.

Fire Resistant
ROCKWOOL AFB® is non-combustible and will not develop toxic smoke or promote flame spread, even when directly exposed to fire. AFB® will therefore not add fuel to an existing fire, making it ideal for use in high occupancy buildings. Studies have shown that mineral wool insulated rooms provide a 54% increase in overall fire resistance rating compared to non-insulated rooms. Since stone wool does not contribute to a fire, it can provide valuable extra time for people to reach safety, a critical factor especially in health and education facilities. It can also provide fire services personnel additional time to control the spread of fire while reducing property damage.

Water Repellent
ROCKWOOL AFB® will not absorb or hold water and will not promote mold or fungi growth. It has superior drying potential, effectively managing moisture in the event that it does get into the wall or floor, allowing it to dry out and maintain its sound and fire properties.

Fire Performance

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<th>Test Standard</th>
<th>Test for Non-Combustibility</th>
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<td>CAN/ULC S129</td>
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**Sag-Free, Tight Fit**
The higher density of AFB® provides superior sag resistance and fit. AFB® holds its shape without sagging or slumping in the wall cavity over time to consistently provide continuous fire protection and sound control.

**Fast, Easy Installation**
Working with ROCKWOOL insulation is a breeze. Simply cut with a serrated knife for quick and efficient installation between studs, around electrical boxes, pipes, wiring, ductwork and between studs and joists that are less than a standard width.

### Corrosive Resistance

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<th>Corrosiveness to Steel</th>
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### Air Erosion

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<th>Maximum Air Velocity</th>
<th>Value</th>
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Compliance and performance.

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Dimensions

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<td>16.25&quot; (width) x 48&quot; (length)</td>
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<td>412.75 mm (width) x 1219 mm (length)</td>
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<td>24.25&quot; (width) x 48&quot; (length)</td>
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<td>615.95 mm (width) x 1219 mm (length)</td>
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Thickness

Product thickness is available in 1” to 3.5” with ½” increments as well as 4”, 5” and 6” offerings.

Density

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<tr>
<td>2&quot; thickness</td>
<td>2.8 lbs/ft²</td>
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ROCKWOOL Group
Commercial wall system performance using ROCKWOOL AFB.

In the following 13 commercial wall systems, ROCKWOOL AFB® delivers excellent fire resistance ratings and Sound Transmission Class (STC).

The right-hand column shows the results of acoustical tests done on these ROCKWOOL AFB® wall systems at the internationally-recognized Riverbank Acoustical Laboratories.

For other wall constructions not shown here, please contact ROCKWOOL technical services.

For further details on the illustrated constructions, consult the UL or ULC Design Manual. All STC Ratings are based on Type X gypsum board.

Construction Description Transmission Loss

1 Single layer wall
5/8” (15.9 mm) gypsum board
3 5/8” (92 mm) steel studs spaced 24” (610 mm) centers
3” (76 mm) ROCKWOOL AFB®

Sound Transmission Class
52 (RAL-TL95-195)

Fire Resistance
1 hour (UL design no. V417 and U465)
1 hour (ULC W447)

What is STC?
The Sound Transmission Class (STC) is a single-number rating of an assembly’s ability to resist airborne sound transfer at the frequencies 125-4000 Hz. In general, a higher STC rating blocks more noise from transmitting through a partition.
**Construction Description**

### 2

**Single layer wall**
- 1/2” (12.7 mm) gypsum board
- 3 5/8” (92 mm) steel studs spaced 24” (610 mm) centers
- 3” (76 mm) ROCKWOOL AFB

**Sound Transmission Class**
- 51 (RAL-TL96-270)

**Fire Resistance**
- 1 hour (UL design no. U448 and ULC design no W433)

### 3

**Single layer wall**
- 1/2” (12.7 mm) gypsum board
- 3 5/8” (92 mm) steel studs spaced 24” (610 mm) centers
- 1 1/2” (38 mm) ROCKWOOL AFB

**Sound Transmission Class**
- 46 (RAL-TL90-195)

**Fire Resistance**
- 1 hour (UL design no. U448 and ULC design no W433)

### 4

**Single layer wall**
- 5/8” (15.9 mm) gypsum board
- 2 1/2” (64 mm) steel studs spaced 24” (610 mm) centers
- 2 1/2” (64 mm) ROCKWOOL AFB

**Sound Transmission Class**
- 46 (RAL-TL90-270)

**Fire Resistance**
- 1 hour (NBC of Canada 1995 and UL design no. U448)
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**Construction**

**Description**

**Single layer wall**
- 1/2” (12.7 mm) gypsum board
- 2 1/2” (64 mm) steel studs spaced 24” (610 mm) centers
- 2 1/2” (64 mm) ROCKWOOL AFB®

**Sound Transmission Class**
44 (RAL-TL96-285)

**Fire Resistance**
- 1 hour (UL design no. U448 and ULC design no W433)

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**Construction**

**Description**

**Single layer wall with resilient metal channels on one side**
- 5/8” (15.9 mm) gypsum board
- 3 5/8” (92 mm) steel studs spaced 24” (610 mm) centers
- Resilient metal channels spaced horizontally at 24” (610 mm) centers
- 3” (76 mm) ROCKWOOL AFB®

**Sound Transmission Class**
55 (RAL-TL96-289)

**Fire Resistance**
- 1 hour (UL design no. V417 and U465)
- 1 hour (ULC W447)

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**Construction**

**Description**

**Single layer wall with resilient metal channels on one side**
- 1/2” (12.7 mm) gypsum board
- 3 5/8” (92 mm) steel studs spaced 24” (610 mm) centers
- Resilient metal channels spaced horizontally at 24” (610 mm) centers
- 3” (76 mm) ROCKWOOL AFB®

**Sound Transmission Class**
53 (RAL-TL96-288)

**Fire Resistance**
- 1 hour (UL design no. U448)
Construction 8

Unbalanced wall
5/8” (15.9 mm) gypsum board, single layer one side; double layer other
3 5/8” (92 mm) steel studs spaced 24” (610 mm) centers
3” (76 mm) ROCKWOOL AFB®
3 1/2” (89 mm) AFB®

Sound Transmission Class
56 (RAL-TL96-264)

Fire Resistance
11/2 hour (NBC of Canada 1995)*
1 hour (UL design no. V417)
*NB. 3½” (89 mm) AFB® only

Description

Transmission Loss

Construction 9

Unbalanced wall
1/2” (12.7 mm) gypsum board, single layer one side; double layer other
2 1/2” (64 mm) steel studs spaced 24” (610 mm) centers
1 1/2” (38 mm) ROCKWOOL AFB®

Sound Transmission Class
50 (RAL-TL90-186)

Fire Resistance
1 hour (NBC of Canada 1995 and UL design no. U448)

Construction 10

Double layer wall
2 layers of 3/8” (15.9 mm) gypsum board on both sides
3 5/8” (92 mm) steel studs spaced 24” (610 mm) centers
3” (76 mm) ROCKWOOL AFB®

Sound Transmission Class
57 (RAL-TL96-268)

Fire Resistance
2 hours (UL design no. U411 and V419, NBC of Canada 1995)
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2 layers of 1/2” (12.7 mm) gypsum board on both sides  
3 1/2” (92 mm) steel studs spaced 24” (610 mm) centers  
1 1/2” (38 mm) ROCKWOOL AFB*  
**Sound Transmission Class**  
56 (RAL-TL90-196)  
**Fire Resistance**  
2 hours (UL design no. U412 and V418)  
| **Transmission loss (dB)**  
70  
60  
50  
40  
30  
20  
10  
0  
| |
| 12           | **Double layer wall**  
2 layers of 5/8” (15.9 mm) gypsum board on both sides  
2 1/2” (64 mm) steel studs spaced 24” (610 mm) centers  
1 1/2” (38 mm) ROCKWOOL AFB*  
**Sound Transmission Class**  
56 (RAL-TL90-193)  
**Fire Resistance**  
2 hours (UL design no. U411 and V419, NBC of Canada)  
| **Transmission loss (dB)**  
70  
60  
50  
40  
30  
20  
10  
0  
| |
| 13           | **Double layer wall**  
2 layers of 1/2” (12.7 mm) gypsum board on both sides  
2 1/2” (64 mm) steel studs spaced 24” (610 mm) centers  
1 1/2” (38 mm) ROCKWOOL AFB*  
**Sound Transmission Class**  
53 (RAL-TL90-185)  
**Fire Resistance**  
2 hours (UL design no. U412 and V418)  
| **Transmission loss (dB)**  
70  
60  
50  
40  
30  
20  
10  
0  
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At the ROCKWOOL Group, we are committed to enriching the lives of everyone who comes into contact with our solutions. Our expertise is perfectly suited to tackle many of today's biggest sustainability and development challenges, from energy consumption and noise pollution to fire resilience, water scarcity and flooding. Our range of products reflects the diversity of the world's needs, while supporting our stakeholders in reducing their own carbon footprint.

Stone wool is a versatile material and forms the basis of all our businesses. With approx. 10,500 passionate colleagues in 38 countries, we are the world leader in stone wool solutions, from building insulation to acoustic ceilings, external cladding systems to horticultural solutions, engineered fibres for industrial use to insulation for the process industry and marine & offshore.

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