

### OPEN CELL OR CLOSED CELL

#### SPRAY FOAM INSULATION?

Architect and building owners selecting energy efficient spray foam insulation for their projects have a choice between specifying a 0.5 lb per cubic foot light density open cell product, or a 2.0 lb per cubic foot medium

**Light Density Open Cell:** 

- Spray in place insulation and air barrier
- Vapour permeable
- Will accommodate long term creep and seasonal movements
- Does not sustain mould
- Some formulas allow for water drainage
- Water commonly used for blowing agent
- Suitable for interior applications only

#### **Key Advantages of Open Cell:**

- Soft and flexible with superior adhesion characteristics retains tight air seal during normal structural movement/shifting over the life time of the building
- Vapour permeable permits bi-directional drying of assemblies
- When applied to the underside of a roof deck, will allow for bulk water to pass through and visibly expose the location of an exterior roof leak
- Soft open cell structure allows for greater sound absorption versus closed cell structure
- Using a water based blowing agent instead of a synthetic blowing agent reduces the environmental impact

density closed cell product. Both product types are suitable for commercial construction. The decision to specify either one will make a difference in the finished cost, product performance, and application requirements.

#### **Medium Density Closed Cell:**

- Spray in place insulation and air barrier
- Low vapour permeance
- Rigid design adds structural reinforcement
- Does not sustain mould
- Deflects water path
- Blowing agent increases LTTR value
- Suitable for both interior and exterior applications

#### **Key Advantages of Closed Cell:**

- Higher R-value per inch, easier to accommodate higher R requirement in narrow spaces or thinner wall capacity
- Hard, rigid texture provides increased wall racking strength (if necessary)
- Also suitable for exterior and below grade applications as it rejects bulk water
- Lower vapour permeance
- Impact resistance





# CLOSED CELL ICYNENE HIGH PERFORMANCE INSULATION, NON-OZONE DEPLETING BLOWING AGENT PRODUCT

#### **ICYNENE MD-C-200™**



- LTTR of RSI 1.94 @ 50mm (R11.2)
- Contributes to LEED Points
- Rigid composition contributes to added wall racking strength
- Air impermeable material resists convective heat and moisture flow



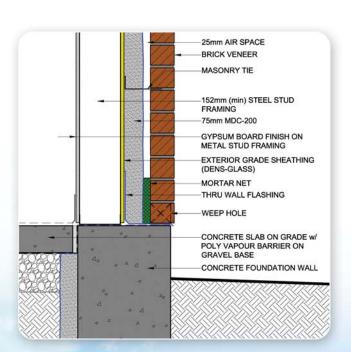
## COMMERCIAL WALL ASSEMBLIES ADDITIONAL EXTERIOR VENEER CLADDING OPTIONS

- Complies with CAN/ULC S705.1 and .2 and its amendments
- Allows architects to design to meet or exceed the ASHRAE 90.1-2007 Energy Standard for Buildings

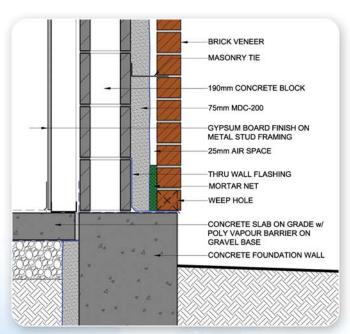
In addition to the brick veneer wall assemblies pictured below, ICYNENE MD-C-200™ CDN may also be installed with many other cladding systems:

- Block masonry veneer cavity wall
- DensGlass® sheathed stud wall assemblies with masonry veneer or architectural panelization
- Precast concrete panels

MD-C-200 CDN will provide thermal protection and serve as an air barrier, vapour barrier (@ 50mm) and provide a monolithic, continuous drainage plain in a cavity wall or panelized assembly.



STEEL STUD CAVITY WALL DETAIL



MASONRY CAVITY WALL DETAIL



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#### **DESIGNING FOR THE FUTURE**

Understanding Light Density and Medium Density Open Cell and Closed Cell Spray Foam Insulation



#### SOME KEY LEARNING OBJECTIVES FEATURED IN THE PRESENTATION INCLUDE:

- Why SPF Products are growing in popularity and replacing traditional insulation materials
- The differences between open and closed cell spray foam insulation products
- The fundamentals of heat transfer
- Structures for effective air sealing
- The importance of having the materials installed by a properly trained technician certified by the SPF manufacturer
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