

**DIVISION: 07 00 00 – THERMAL AND MOISTURE PROTECTION**

**Section: 07 21 00 – Thermal Insulation**

**Section: 07 21 19 – Foamed-In-Place Insulation**

**REPORT HOLDER:**

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**REPORT SUBJECT:**

**genX™ Spray-applied Polyurethane Foam Plastic Insulation**

### 1.0 SCOPE OF EVALUATION

**1.1** This Research Report addresses compliance with the following Codes:

- 2018 and 2015 *International Building Code*® (IBC)
- 2018 and 2015 *International Residential Code*® (IRC)
- 2018 and 2015 *International Energy Conservation Code*® (IECC)

NOTE: This report references 2018 Code sections. Sections for earlier Code editions may differ.

**1.2** The insulation has been evaluated for the following properties (see Table 1):

- Physical properties
- Surface-burning characteristics
- Thermal resistance
- Air permeance

**1.3** The insulation has been evaluated for the following uses (see Table 1):

- Use as a nonstructural thermal insulating material on or in interior and exterior walls, floors, ceilings and the underside of roofs
- Alternative to Code-prescribed thermal barriers
- Alternative to Code-prescribed ignition barriers
- Use in Type V construction (IBC) and buildings regulated under the IRC

### 2.0 STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

genX™ complies with the Codes listed in Section 1.1, for the properties stated in Section 1.2 and uses stated in Section 1.3, when installed as described in this report, including the Conditions of Use stated in Section 6.

### 3.0 DESCRIPTION

**3.1 genX™:** genX™ insulation is a two-component, open cell, spray-applied polyurethane foam plastic with a nominal in-place density of 0.55 pcf. It is produced in the field by combining a polymeric isocyanate (A component) with a resin (B component). The insulation liquid components are supplied in 55-gallon drums and must be stored at temperatures between 50°F and 80°F. The resin (B component) must be protected from freezing temperatures. The A components have a shelf life of twelve months and B components have a shelf life of six months when stored in factory-sealed containers at these temperatures.

**3.2 DC315 Intumescent Coating:** DC315 intumescent coating, manufactured by International Fireproof Technology, Inc., is a water-based coating supplied in 5-gallon pails and 55-gallon drums. The coating material has a shelf life of 24 months when stored in factory-sealed containers at a temperature between 41°F and 95°F. DC315 complies with ICC-ES AC456 and is recognized in ICC-ES ESR-3702.

**3.3 No Burn® Plus ThB:** No-Burn® Plus ThB is a one-part water-based intumescent coating manufactured by No-Burn, Inc. The coating is supplied in 5-gallon pails and 55-gallon drums and has a shelf life of 18 months when stored in unopened containers between 40°F and 90°F. No-Burn® Plus ThB complies with ICC-ES AC456 as recognized in IAPMO Uniform Evaluation Service Report ER-0305.

### 4.0 PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

**4.1 Surface-burning characteristics:** The insulation, at a maximum thickness of 4 inches and the nominal density



stated in Section 3.1 of this report, has a flame-spread index of 25 or less and a smoke-developed index of 450 or less when tested in accordance with ASTM E84. Based on large scale tests in accordance with NFPA 286 and ICC-ES AC377 Appendix X, the insulation can be installed at greater thicknesses as described in Sections 5.3 and 5.4. When the insulation is separated from the interior occupied space of the building with minimum 1/2-inch-thick gypsum board, the maximum insulation thickness is not limited. Under the 2018 and 2015 IRC, a thermal barrier of minimum 23/32-inch-thick wood structural panel is also permitted, and the maximum insulation thickness is not limited.

**4.2 Air Permeability:** The insulation, at a minimum thickness of 3.7 inches, is considered air-impermeable insulation in accordance with IBC Section 1202.3 or IRC Sections R202 and R806.5, based on testing in accordance with ASTM E2178.

## 5.0 INSTALLATION

### 5.1 General:

The insulation must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's published installation instructions, the applicable Code, and this Research Report. A copy of the manufacturer's instructions must be available on the jobsite during installation.

**5.2 Application:** The insulation is spray-applied on the jobsite using a volumetric positive displacement pump as identified in the manufacturer's application instructions. The insulation must be applied when the ambient temperature is greater than 32°F. The insulation must not be used in areas that have a maximum in-service temperature of greater than 180°F. The insulation must not be used in electrical outlet or junction boxes or in contact with water, rain, or soil. The insulation must not be sprayed onto a substrate that is wet or covered with frost or ice, loose scales, rust, oil, or grease. The insulation must be protected from the weather during and after application. The insulation is applied in passes a minimum of 3-inches thick and a maximum of 14-inches thick.

### 5.3 Thermal Barrier:

#### 5.3.1 Application with a Prescriptive Thermal Barrier:

The insulation must be separated from the interior living space of the building by an approved thermal barrier of 1/2-inch-thick gypsum board or an equivalent 15 minute thermal barrier complying with, and installed in accordance with, IBC Section 2603.4 or IRC Section R316.4, as applicable. Exceptions are provided in Sections 5.3.2 and 5.4.

When the insulation is separated from the interior living space of the building with minimum 1/2-inch-thick gypsum board, the maximum thickness is not limited. Under the 2018 and 2015 IRC, a thermal barrier of 25/32-inch-thick wood structural panel is also permitted, and the maximum insulation thickness is unlimited.

#### 5.3.2 Application without a Prescriptive Thermal Barrier:

The insulation may be installed without the 15-minute thermal barrier prescribed in IBC Section 2603.4 and IRC Section R316.4, when installed as described in this section. The insulation must be covered with one of the following coatings:

- DC315: Maximum thickness of foam plastic of 7-1/2 inches on walls and 11-1/2 inches on ceilings, covered on all surfaces with DC315 applied at 20 wet mils (1.25 gal/100 ft<sup>2</sup>)
- No Burn Plus ThB: Maximum thickness of foam plastic of 8-1/2 inches on walls and 14 inches on ceilings, covered on all surfaces with No Burn Plus ThB applied at 14 wet mils (0.90 gal/100 ft<sup>2</sup>)

The coating must be applied over the insulation in accordance with the coating manufacturer's instructions and this report. Surfaces to be coated must be dry, clean, and free of dirt, loose debris and other substances that could interfere with adhesion of the coating. The coating is applied with low-pressure airless spray equipment.

### 5.4 Attics and Crawl Spaces:

The insulation may be applied in attics and crawl spaces as described in either 5.4.1 or 5.4.2. When the insulation is installed in an attic or crawlspace in accordance with this section, a thermal barrier is not required between the insulation and the attic or crawl space but is required between the insulation and the interior living space. Attics





and crawl spaces must be ventilated in accordance with the applicable Code.

#### 5.4.1 Application with a Prescriptive Ignition Barrier:

When the insulation is installed within attics and crawl spaces where entry is made only for service of utilities, the ignition barrier must be installed in accordance with IBC Section 2603.4.1.6, or IRC Section R316.5.3 or R316.5.4, as applicable. The ignition barrier must be consistent with the requirements for the type of construction required by the applicable Code and must be installed in a manner so the foam plastic insulation is not exposed.

#### 5.4.2 Application without a Prescriptive Ignition Barrier:

The insulation may be installed in attics and crawl spaces without the ignition barrier prescribed in IBC Section 2603.4.1.6 and IRC Sections R316.5.3 and R316.5.4, subject to the following conditions:

- a. Entry to the attic or crawl space is only to service utilities, and no storage is permitted.
- b. There are no interconnected attic or crawl space areas.
- c. Air in the attic or crawl space is not circulated to other parts of the building.
- d. Under-floor (crawl space) ventilation is provided when required by IBC Section 1202.4 or IRC Section R408.1, as applicable.
- e. Attic ventilation is provided when required by IBC Section 1202.2.1 or IRC Section R806, except when air-impermeable insulation is permitted in unvented attics in accordance with IBC Section 1202.3 or IRC Section R806.5.
- f. Combustion air is provided in accordance with IMC (International Mechanical Code) Section 701.

The insulation may be spray-applied to the underside of the roof sheathing and/or rafters in attics; the underside of wood floors in crawl spaces; and to vertical surfaces in both attics and crawl spaces, as described in this section. The thickness of the insulation applied to the underside of horizontal surfaces shall not exceed 14 inches, and to vertical surfaces must not exceed 10 inches. The insulation may be left uncovered on all exposed surfaces.

**5.4.3 Use on Attic Floors:** The insulation may be applied between and over the joists in attic floors to a maximum thickness of 10 inches and may be left uncovered.

The insulation must be separated from the interior occupied space by an approved thermal barrier.

## 6.0 CONDITIONS OF USE

**6.1** Installation must comply with this Research Report, the manufacturer's published installation instructions, and the applicable Code. In the event of a conflict, this report governs.

**6.2** The insulation must be separated from the interior occupied space of the building by a thermal barrier as described in Section 5.3, except as described in Sections 5.3.2 and 5.4.

**6.3** The insulation must not exceed the thicknesses noted in Sections 4.1, 5.3, and 5.4, as applicable.

**6.4** Use of the insulation in areas where the probability of termite infestation is "very heavy" must be in accordance with IRC Section R318.4 or IBC Section 2603.8, as applicable.

**6.5** Walls must include a vapor barrier complying with the code.

**6.6** Jobsite certification and labeling of the insulation must comply with IRC Section N1101.10, N1101.14 and IECC Sections C303.1 or R303.1 and R403.1, as applicable.

**6.7** The insulations are manufactured under a quality control program with inspections by Intertek Testing Services NA, Inc.

## 7.0 SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

**7.1** Reports of tests in accordance with ASTM E84, ASTM E2178, NFPA 286 and UL 1715.

**7.2** Data in accordance with the ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria for Spray-applied Foam Plastic Insulation (AC 377), dated April 2016, including reports of tests in accordance with Appendix X.

**7.3** Research Reports for evaluation of data in accordance with ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria for Fire-protective Coatings Applied to Spray-applied Foam Plastic Insulation Installed



without a Code-prescribed Thermal Barrier (AC456), dated October 2015.

7.4 Intertek Listing Report "Foam Supplies Inc genX™ Spray-applied Polyurethane Foam Plastic Insulation", on the [Intertek Directory of Building Products](#).

**8.0 IDENTIFICATION**

The A and B components of the insulation described in this Research Report are identified with the Foam Supplies, Inc. name address and telephone number; the product name (genX™); use instructions; the flame-spread and smoke-developed indices; the lot number; the Intertek Mark as shown below; and the Code Compliance Research Report number (CCRR-0390).



**9.0 OTHER CODES**

This section is not applicable.

**10.0 CODE COMPLIANCE RESEARCH REPORT USE**

10.1 Approval of building products and/or materials can only be granted by a building official having legal authority in the specific jurisdiction where approval is sought.

10.2 Code Compliance Research Reports shall not be used in any manner that implies an endorsement of the product by Intertek.

10.3 Reference to the <https://bpdirectory.intertek.com> is recommended to ascertain the current version and status of this report.





TABLE 1 - PROPERTIES EVALUATED

PROPERTY	2018 IBC SECTION <sup>1</sup>	2018 IRC SECTION <sup>1</sup>	2018 IECC SECTION <sup>1</sup>
Physical properties	Not required	Not required	Not required
Surface-burning characteristics	2603.3	R316.3	Not applicable
Thermal barrier/ignition barrier	2603.4	R316.4	Not applicable
Air permeability	1202.3	R806.5	C402.5 R402.4
Vapor permeance	202, 1404.3	R202, R702.7.1	Not applicable
Thermal resistance	1301	N1101.10 N1102	C303.1.1 C303.1.4 R303.1.1 R303.1.4

<sup>1</sup> Section numbers may be different for earlier versions of the International codes.

TABLE 2 – THERMAL RESISTANCE (R Values)<sup>1,2,3</sup>

THICKNESS (inches)	R-VALUE (°F.ft <sup>2</sup> .h/Btu)
1	3.7
3.5	13
14	51

<sup>1</sup> R-values are calculated based on tested K-values at 1-inch and 3.5-inch thicknesses.

<sup>2</sup> R-values greater than 10 are rounded to the nearest whole number.

<sup>3</sup> To determine R values for thickness not listed:

- a. Between 1 inch and 3.5 inch may be determined through linear interpolation or
- b. Greater than 3.5 inches may be calculated based on R= 3.64/inch