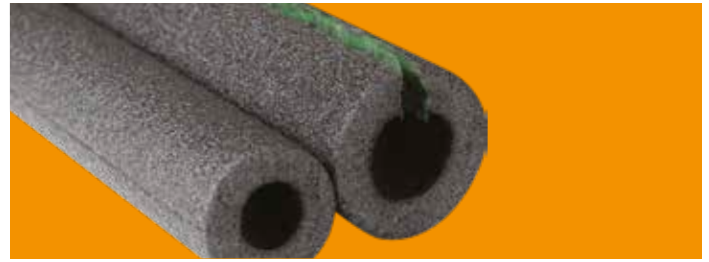


K-FLEX® PE

SEMI SLIT
SEAM SEAL



DESCRIPTION ▶

K-FLEX® PE is a polyethylene based closed cell, flexible foam insulation meeting the requirements of ASTM C 1427. It is environmentally-friendly as it is free of CFCs, HFCs, HCFCs, PBDEs, formaldehyde and fibers. K-FLEX® PE contains no halogens. The product is made in K-Flex USA's ISO 90001:2008-certified manufacturing facility in North Carolina. K-FLEX® PE has excellent thermal, physical, and chemical resistance properties as exhibited by its low thermal conductivity and low water absorption and water vapor permeability values.

AVAILABILITY ▶

K-FLEX® PE is black in color and is available in both semi-slit and seam-seal 6' lengths in wall thickness of 3/8", 1/2", 3/4" and 1" and diameter sizes ranging from 3/8" ID to 4-1/2" ID. The self-seal version is quick and easy to install.

APPLICATIONS ▶

K-FLEX® PE is recommended for applications with service temperatures ranging from -200°F (-129°C) to +200°F (93°C). The product is used to retard heat gain or loss and prevent condensation on below-ambient applications including cold water plumbing, chilled water, and industrial process lines, among others. It also can be used to prolong the time to freezing and can be used with heat tracing tapes. It also retards heat loss from medium hot systems, including hot water plumbing. K-FLEX® PE is used in both residential and commercial applications.

INSTALLATION ▶

K-FLEX® PE is flexible (even at low temperatures), durable (non-fracturing and skin is resistant to tearing from handling and environment), safe to handle (non-dusting and non-abrasive) and lightweight for an efficient installation. K-FLEX recommends that insulation be installed on non-operational systems with clean, dry surfaces in ambient conditions between 40°F and 110°F. Properly sized tubing can be slid over piping and copper fittings or can be applied to existing lines using the seam-seal product. All butt joints, termination points, and open ends should be sealed with an approved contact adhesives, i.e. K-FLEX 320, 620, 720, or 1120 depending on the requirements of the application, making sure both surfaces to be joined are coated. Longitudinal seams should face downward and vapor stops should be installed as needed. Fittings (elbows, tees, and p-traps) and special parts (flanges, valves, etc) can be field-fabricated from insulation tubes and sheet. ASTM C1710, Installation Guide for Flexible Closed Cell Foams, and the K-FLEX Installation Manual should be used as comprehensive installation guides.

OUTDOOR APPLICATION ▶

K-FLEX® PE is designed for indoor or outdoor use. For UV exposure (rooftop applications) K-FLEX® PE must be protected with an approved coating or jacketed. Contact K-FLEX USA Technical Support for coating recommendations.

UNDERGROUND APPLICATION ▶

K-FLEX® PE is acceptable for use in buried applications when installed above the water table. Below the water table, lines must be encased in a conduit to protect them from problems associated with ground water intrusion and compaction. Refer to K-FLEX technical support.

RESISTANCE TO MOISTURE VAPOR ▶

The closed cell structure and unique formulation inherently resists moisture vapor intrusion. For most indoor applications, K-FLEX® PE needs no additional protection. Additional vapor barrier protection may be necessary when installed on cold systems located in high humidity environments.

FLAME AND SMOKE RATING ▶

K-FLEX® PE in wall thicknesses of 1" (25mm) and below has a flame spread rating of 25 or less and a smoke development rating of 50 or less when tested per ASTM E84, "Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials". Numerical flammability ratings alone may not define the performance of products under actual fire conditions. They are provided only for use in the selection of products to meet specified limits.

SPECIFICATION COMPLIANCE

- ASTM C 1427 Type I Pipe, Type II Sheet (Specification for Extruded Preformed Flexible Cellular Polyolefin Thermal Insulation in Sheet and Tubular Form.)
- ASTM E84 25/50 rated (to 1") – tested according to UL 723, NFPA 255
NFPA 90A/B – Acceptable for plenum applications
- UL 94 HF-1 Flammability Classification (#E300774)
- Greenguard Gold Certified
- Contains no halogens
- Fiber Free
- Non-dusting

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TECHNICAL DATA ▶

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES	K-FLEX® PE	Test Methods	Required	Pass/Fail
Nominal Density, pcf	1.5 +/- 0.5	ASTM D 1622		
Specification		ASTM C 1427, Type I, Type II		
*Upper Use Limit, °F (°C)	200 (93)	ASTM C 411	200 (93)	Pass
Lower Use Limit, °F (°C)	-200 (-129)		-150 (-101)	Pass
Thermal Conductivity, Btu-in./hr-ft² °F (W/(m-K))		ASTM C 177 OR C 518		
75°F (24°C) Mean Temp	.27 (.039)		<0.35 (.050)	Pass
120°F (49°C) Mean Temp	.295 (.042)		<0.37 (.053)	Pass
Water Vapor Permeability	<0.05	ASTM E 96	0.05 max	Pass
Water Absorption Max %	<0.20	ASTM C 209	% by volume (0.20 max)	Pass
Linear Shrinkage at Max Use Temp (200°F)	-1.2%	ASTM C 1427	% change (2.0 max)	Pass
** Flame/Smoke Rating (max)*	25/50	ASTM E 84	25/50	Pass
Up to and including 1" Thickness				
Microbial Resistance	Excellent	ASTM G 21	No Growth	Pass
Fungi Resistance	Excellent	UL 181	No Growth	Pass
Odor Emission	None	ASTM C 1304	None	Pass
Corrosion Resistance (Steel, Copper, AL)	None	ASTM C 665	None	Pass
Ozone Resistance (50 mPa)	No Cracks	ASTM D 1171	No Cracks	Pass

* Meets the requirements of NFPA 90A/90B when tested at 250°F (125°C)

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THICKNESS RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT CONDENSATION

SERVICE TEMPERATURE	50°F (10°C)			35°F (2°C)			0°F (-18°C)			-20°F (-29°C)		
	Mild	Normal	Severe	Mild	Normal	Severe	Mild	Normal	Severe	Mild	Normal	Severe
Pipe Size												
3/8" ID to 1-1/8" ID	3/8"	3/8"	3/4"	3/8"	1/2"	3/4"	1/2"	3/4"	–	1/2"	1"	–
1-3/8" ID to 4-1/2" ID	3/8"	3/8"	3/4"	3/8"	3/4"	1"	1/2"	1"	–	3/4"	–	–

Thickness listed for the specified ranges will prevent condensation on indoor piping under the defined design conditions. Normal 85°F and 70% R.H. Mild: Most air conditioned spaces and arid climates: 80°F and 50% R.H. Severe: Areas where excessive moisture is introduced or in poorly ventilated areas where the temperature may be depressed below the ambient: 90°F and 80% R.H. Contact K-FLEX Technical Support for additional information.

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RANGE ▶

Wall Thickness (nominal) 3/8", 1/2", 3/4", and 1" - (10, 13, 19 and 25 mm)
 Inside Diameter, Tubular Form 3/8" - 4-1/2" ID - (10 mm ID to 114 mm ID)
 Length of Sections, Tubular Form 6' (1.83m)

R-VALUES ▶

INSULATION NOMINAL I.D.	COPPER TUBE SIZE (NOM. I.D. PLUMBING)	COPPER TUBE SIZE (O.D. HVAC/R)	IPS NOMINAL	3/8"	1/2"	3/4"	1"
3/8"	1/4"	3/8"	1/8"	2.4	3.3	5.1	7.7
1/2"	3/8"	1/2"	1/4"	2.3	3.1	4.9	7.2
5/8"	1/2"	5/8"	3/8"	2.3	3	4.9	6.9
3/4"	5/8"	3/4"	1/2"	2.1	2.8	4.9	6.8
7/8"	3/4"	7/8"	–	2.1	2.9	4.9	6.5
1"	–	–	3/4"	2.1	2.9	4.8	6.6
1-1/8"	1"	1-1/8"	–	2	2.8	5	6.4
1-1/4"	1-1/8"	1-1/4"	–	2	2.9	4.9	6.6
1-3/8"	1-1/4"	1-3/8"	1"	2	2.9	4.8	6.6
1-5/8"	1-1/2"	1-5/8"	1-1/4"	2.2	2.8	4.7	6.4
2"	–	–	1-1/2"	2.1	2.7	4.5	6.1
2-1/8"	2"	2-1/8"	–	2.1	2.7	4.4	6
2-3/8"	–	–	2"	2.1	2.7	4.3	5.9
2-5/8"	2-1/2"	2-5/8"	–	2.1	2.8	4.3	5.8
2-7/8"	–	–	2-1/2"	2.1	2.7	4.2	5.7
3-1/8"	3"	3-1/8"	–	2.1	2.8	4.2	5.6
3-1/2"	–	–	3"	2.1	2.9	4.2	5.6
3-5/8"	3-1/2"	3-5/8"	–	2.1	2.9	4.2	5.5
4-1/8"	4"	4-1/8"	–	2.1	2.8	4.2	5.4
4-1/2"	–	–	4"	2.6	2.9	4.2	5.4



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