SECTION 072100

THERMAL INSULATION

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PART 1 – GENERAL

1.1 SUMMARY

1. Perimeter and cavity wall insulation.
2. Loose insulation.
3. Batt insulation.
4. Fiberglass board insulation

1.2 SUBMITTALS

1. Product Data: Required.
2. Samples: Required.

1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE

1. Regulatory Requirements: Conform to ASTM E 119 and ASTM E 84 for Fire-Resistance Ratings and Surface Burning Characteristics respectively.
2. Products containing Urea- Formaldehyde are prohibited.

PART 2 – PRODUCTS

2.1 MANUFACTURERS

* 1. Source: Celotex, Certainteed, Owens-Corning or approved equal.
1. Perimeter and Cavity Wall Insulation: Extruded cellular type polystyrene insulation board complying with ASTM C578 Type 25PSI R valve 5.0 (per inch of thickness).
2. Loose Insulation: No CFCs allowed.
	* 1. Granular Insulation: Vermiculite perlite type, water repellent, fire resistant.
		2. Beaded Polystyrene: Loose polystyrene beads.
		3. Insulation Inserts: Rigid Polysterene inserted in factory.
3. Batt Fiberglass Insulation with 25% recycled glass: Foil faced glass fiber batts complying with ASTM C-578 Type III R of 11.0 (per 3-inch thickness).
4. Fiberglass Board Insulation: Thermal insulation complying with ASTM C612, Type IA or Type IA and IB, nominal density of 4 lb./cu. ft.

Adhesive: Type recommended by insulation manufacturer.

PART 3 – EXECUTION

3.1 INSTALLATION

A. Foundation perimeter-board insulation:

1. Install boards on foundation perimeter with adhesive.
2. Tape insulation board joints.

B. Exterior walls - board insulation:

* 1. Install boards on wall surface.
	2. Tape insulation board joints.

C. Exterior walls - loose fill insulation:

1. Place in lifts not exceeding 6 feet pouring height.

D. Perimeter Insulation: Extruded polystyrene, adhesive application, plus ½ inch (13 mm) thick protection board or applied interior without protection.

E. Vermiculite or polystyrene insulation is to be placed in masonry cores when required to meet the minimum U - Value requirements.

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