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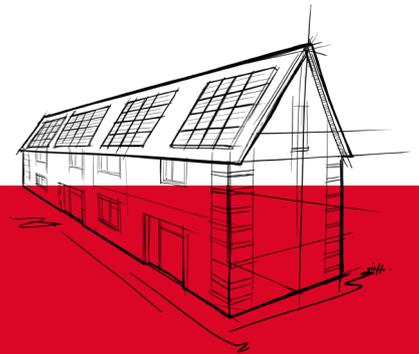
Thermal and acoustic stone wool insulation for ground and separating floors

The RockFloor® range comprises two product families; Thermal RockFloor and Acoustic RockFloor.

Thermal RockFloor is a dual density insulation providing thermal performance for ground floors.

Acoustic RockFloor delivers impact sound protection for intermediate and separating floors.

- High compressive strength and point load resistance
- Minimises thermal and acoustic bridging
- Absorbs sub-floor imperfections
- Compatible with a wide range of installation methods



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Source: Testing done at Danish Technical Institute (DTI) in 2023; FIW, Durability Project Mineral Wool (2016), p. 14.

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Figure 1 - Thermal RockFloor

APPLICATIONS

ROCKWOOL RockFloor is designed for use in thermal applications in ground floors, and for acoustic applications in intermediate and separating floors.

This document details the different constructions options available.

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PERFORMANCE

Thermal performance

ROCKWOOL Thermal RockFloor has a thermal conductivity of 0.038 W/mK.

ROCKWOOL Acoustic RockFloor has a thermal conductivity of 0.040 W/mK.

Both in accordance with BS EN 13162:2012 + A1:2015.

Fire performance

Thermal RockFloor and Acoustic RockFloor are non-combustible achieving a reaction to fire classification of A1, as defined in EN13501-1.

Acoustic performance

The non-directional fibre orientation and density of stone wool means that sound waves are trapped, and vibrations dampened which can significantly reduce noise. ROCKWOOL insulation retains its shape and thickness for the lifetime of the building, which means it performs acoustically decade after decade.

The density and fibre orientation of RockFloor means it is especially effective at absorbing vibration, or impact, based sound.

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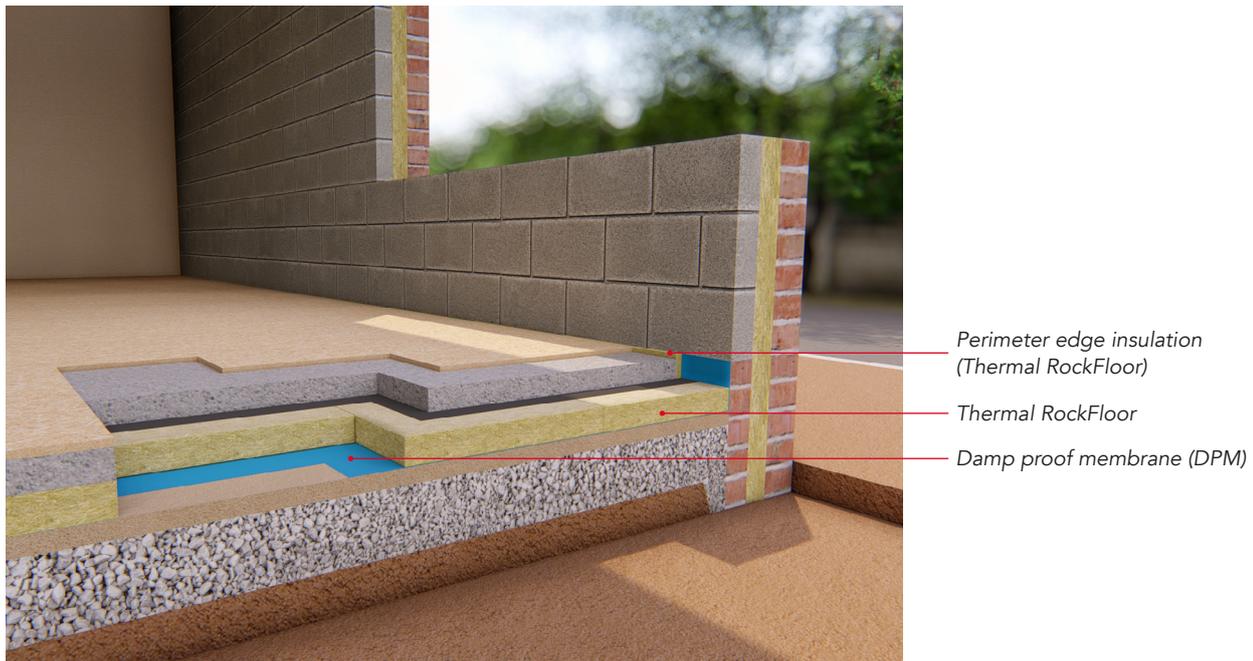
TYPICAL U-VALUES

Thermal RockFloor

The U-value for ground floors is dependent upon size, shape, soil type, edge, insulation etc, it is not possible to quote specific values. The following tables show the insulation thickness required to suit floor types based on their P/A ratio.

Construction 1: Ground bearing slab

Thermal RockFloor can be installed below the concrete slab or below screed.

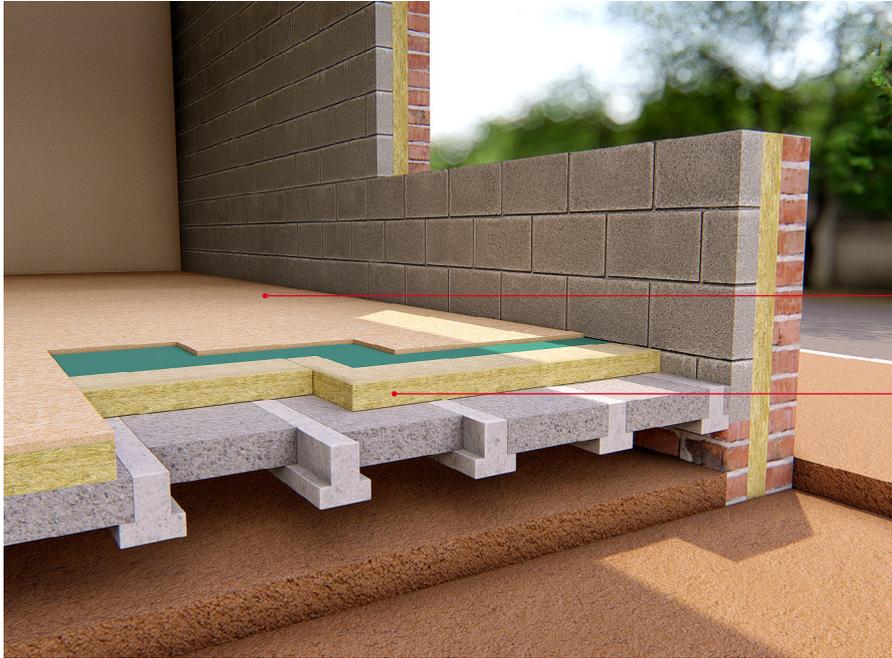


P/A ratio	U-value W/m ² K			
	0.25 Thickness (mm)	0.22 Thickness (mm)	0.20 Thickness (mm)	0.18 Thickness (mm)
0.1	nil	nil	nil	nil
0.2	30	50	65	90
0.3	60	80	95	120
0.4	75	95	110	130
0.5	85	105	120	140
0.6	90	110	130	150
0.7	95	115	130	150
0.8	105	120	140	160
0.9	105	125	140	160
1.0	110	130	145	175

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Construction 2: Suspended beam and block

ROCKWOOL Thermal RockFloor is laid over the dense beam and block floor below screed or tongue and groove flooring grade chipboard where floor heights are limited.



Tongue & groove chipboard finish
(or screed)

Thermal RockFloor laid over
500 gauge polythene vapour barrier -
when chipboard finish is used

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0.3	80	100	120	140
0.4	95	115	130	150
0.5	100	120	135	160
0.6	105	125	140	160
0.7	105	130	145	165
0.8	110	130	145	165
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Acoustic RockFloor

Separating floors

The Approved Document E describes a range of constructions that should achieve the standards if built correctly.

Service runs

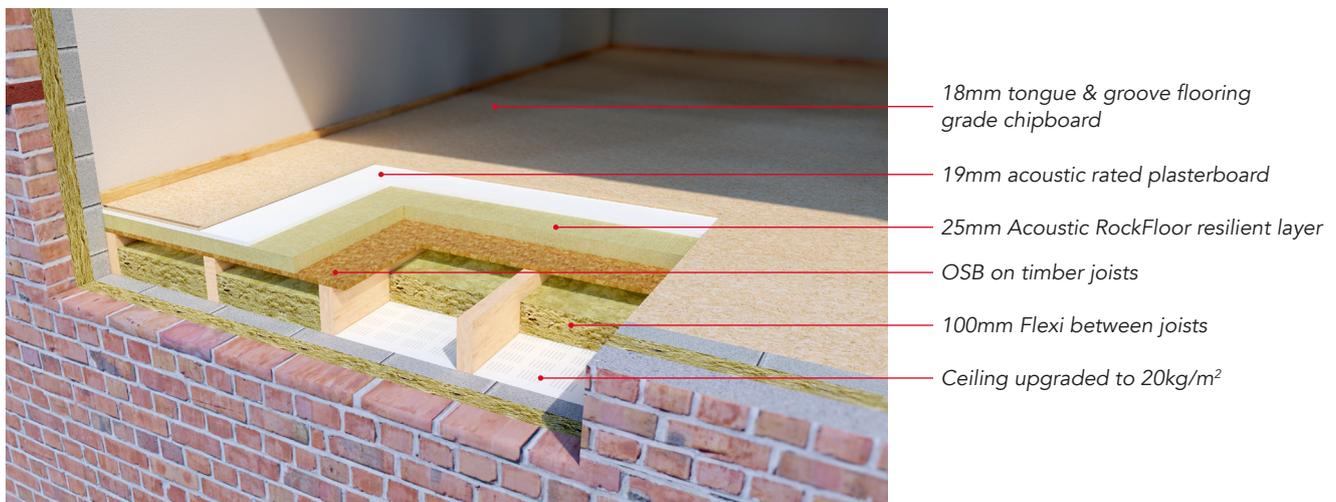
Service runs can be accommodated by recessing the RockFloor and a minimum thickness of 50mm of insulation is required to achieve this.

Separating Timber Floor Upgrade (Material Change of Use): Approved Document E Section 4

Airbourne DnT,w + Ctr 43dB (or more).

Impact L'nT,w 64dB (or less).

- Floating layer: A minimum of 2 layers of board material are required to provide a minimum total mass of 25Kg/m², spot bonded together with joints staggered (eg 18mm tongue & groove flooring grade chipboard and 19mm plasterboard plank).
- The floating layer should be loose laid over the RockFloor.
- A minimum of 25mm of ROCKWOOL RockFloor resilient layer should be laid on the existing floor deck on existing timber floor joists.
- 100mm of ROCKWOOL Flexi should be used between joists.
- Existing ceiling upgraded to 20Kg/m²: If the existing ceiling consists of lath and plaster it should be retained, providing it satisfies Part B (Fire Safety). If in doubt, underdraw it with an additional layer of 12.5mm Firecheck board before screwing into the joists.
- Pre-completion site testing required.



Note: If the existing ceiling is being replaced the sound performance of the floor can be further enhanced by fitting resilient bars which isolate the ceiling from the floor structure.

By adopting this method, Site Test Report no. 2271 showed that the construction exceeded Approved Document E performance requirements:

- Airborne: Rw 48dB DnTw + Ctr.
- Impact: 58dB LnTw.

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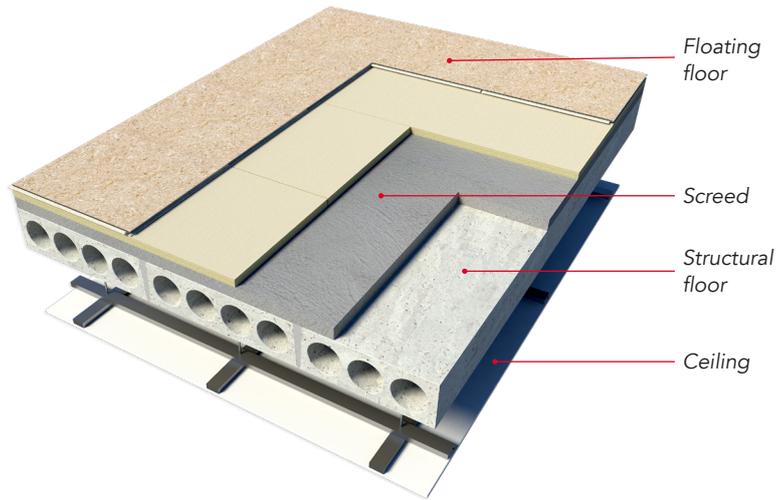
Robust details – Acoustic solutions

The Approved Document E includes references to Robust Details for use in new build separating wall and floor applications in dwellings. Compliance with the Robust Details will negate the requirement for pre-completion testing of new build separating wall and floor constructions.

Robust Details are based upon meeting sound test-values in excess of those required by Approved Document E.

This guide highlights Robust Details involving ROCKWOOL RockFloor products:

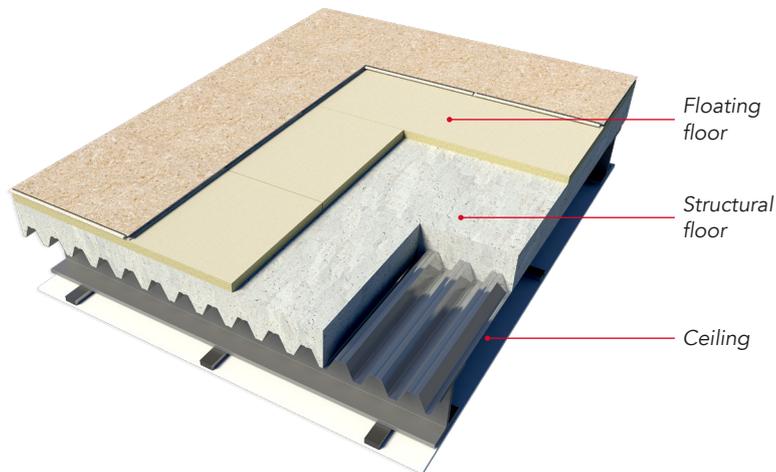
Separating floors – concrete



1. Pre-cast concrete plank - E-FC-1

Robust Details platform floor finish FFT4:

- Tongue & groove flooring board on 25mm ROCKWOOL RockFloor (shown).
- Screed: 40mm (min) screed nominal 80Kg/m² mass.
- Structural floor: 150mm (min) pre-cast concrete floor plank, minimum 300Kg/m² mass per unit area.
- Ceiling finish: See Robust Detail handbook for suitable ceiling options.



2. Steel-concrete composite - in-situ concrete slab supported by profiled metal deck E-FS-1

Robust Details platform floor finish FFT4:

- Tongue & groove flooring board on 30mm ROCKWOOL.
- Acoustic RockFloor.
- Structural floor: In-situ concrete slab, min density.
- 2200Kg/m³, supported by profiled metal decking.
- Concrete thickness: 80mm (min) at shallowest point and-130mm (min) at deepest point.
- Ceiling finish: See Robust Detail handbook for suitable ceiling options.

SPECIFICATION CLAUSES

The following NBS clauses include RockFloor:

E20:30, E20:200, K11:25, K11:215, K11:225, K11:235, K:11:245, K21:111, M10:40, M10:290, M10:295, M13:20, M13:260, M13:265

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Durability

ROCKWOOL stone wool is durable by nature. Sample testing from existing buildings shows that ROCKWOOL stone wool retains its performance for at least 65 years* without being affected by compression or temperature and humidity changes.

**FIW, Durability Project Mineral Wool (2016).*

Condensation

ROCKWOOL stone wool insulation allows the construction to breathe, reducing the risk of condensation, which can lead to rot, mould and humidity damage.

STANDARDS AND APPROVALS

Certificate

ROCKWOOL RockFloor products satisfy the requirements of BS EN 13162 "Thermal insulation products for buildings. Factory made mineral wool (MW) products".

Manufactured under ISO 14001 Environmental Management Systems, and ISO 9001 Quality Management Systems.



INSTALLATION

The product must be installed in accordance with the current ROCKWOOL guidelines. For further information please visit www.rockwool.com/uk or contact our Technical Solutions Team on 01656 868490.

LEGAL NOTICES

General safety requirements – Building Safety Act 2022

ROCKWOOL Limited is committed to supporting specifiers, resellers and users of ROCKWOOL products for the full life cycle of the product to comply with the obligations and responsibilities set out in the Building Safety Act 2022. With regard to the general safety requirements of the Act, ROCKWOOL Limited cannot control or foresee every situation where its products might be used. We therefore strongly advise that specifiers, resellers and users contact us where use of ROCKWOOL products is contemplated in applications different from those explicitly described in the latest, relevant ROCKWOOL product datasheets; especially in applications that can be reasonably foreseen as critical to safety.

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The ROCKWOOL trademark is one of the most important assets of the ROCKWOOL Group, and is therefore well-protected and defended by ROCKWOOL throughout the world.

If you require permission to use the ROCKWOOL logo for your business, advertising or promotion, you must apply for a Trade Mark Usage Agreement.

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ROCKWOOL stone wool - safe to install and live alongside

There are no hazardous classifications associated with stone wool insulation manufactured by ROCKWOOL-UK according to EU REACH and UK REACH regulations on health and the environment.

ROCKWOOL safe use instruction sheets and material safety data sheets (where applicable) can be downloaded [here](#).



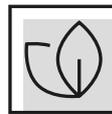
Sustainability

ROCKWOOL products are used to enrich modern living, creating safer, healthier and more climate-resilient communities.

We transform abundant, natural volcanic rock into stone wool insulation products that are used to reduce energy demand, lower fuel bills and help address society's climate change challenges.

ROCKWOOL stone wool insulation is recyclable and can be transformed into new ROCKWOOL products. Please contact us for details of how we can work together to recycle waste ROCKWOOL stone wool material that may be generated during on-site installation.

Our annual sustainability reports, which set out progress against our sustainability goals, and further details of the positive impacts of using our products can be found on our website.



Environment

ROCKWOOL takes a fact-based, auditable approach to documenting our progress in maximising our products' positive impact and minimising the effect our operations have on the environment, backed by third-party references and methodologies. Further details can be found online in our annual sustainability report.

Our high-tech production process uses filters, pre-heaters, after-burners and other cleaning and collection systems that help to reduce the effects of our manufacturing operations on the environment.

ROCKWOOL stone wool insulation does not contain (and has never contained) gases that have ozone depletion potential (ODP) or global warming potential (GWP).

