



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
- Vapor permeable
- Breathes
- Will accommodate long term creep and seasonal movements
- Does not sustain mold
- Rejects bulk water
- Drains water through
- Typical R-Value of 3.6 per inch
- Water commonly used for blowing agent
- Suitable for interior applications only

Key Advantages of Open Cell:

- Soft, flexible and highly adhesive texture allows the product to retain a tight air seal during the normal structural movement/shifting over the life time of the building
- Vapor 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

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.

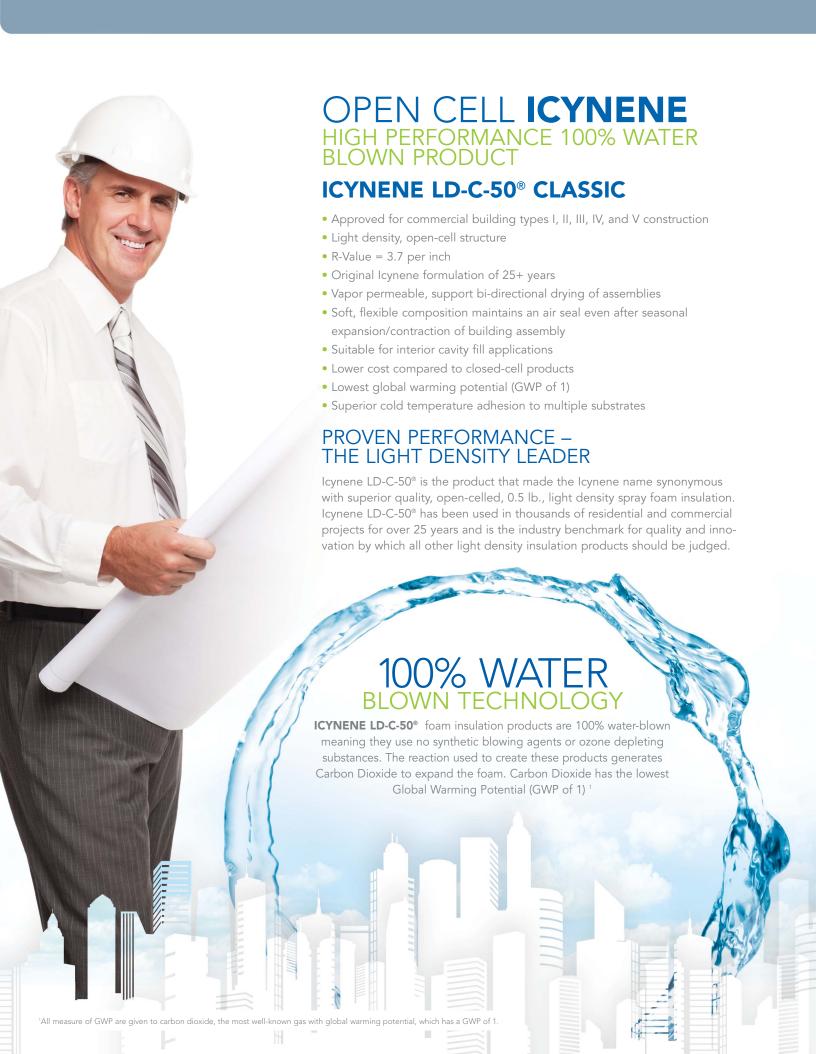
Medium Density Closed Cell:

- Spray in place insulation and air barrier
- Low vapor permeance
- Vapor barrier (class II VDR)
- Rigid design adds structural reinforcement
- Does not sustain mold
- Rejects bulk water (even submerged)
- Deflects water path
- Typical R-Value of 6.0 per inch
- Blowing agent increases R 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 vapor permeance, can be a class II VDR
- Impact resistance





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



ICYNENE'S COST-EFFECTIVE THERMAL BARRIER SOLUTION

The International Building Code (2006 IBC) requires the installation of an approved thermal barrier over all foam plastics (including spray foam insulation) separating the foam insulation from the interior space of the building. The IBC specifically lists 1/2" gypsum wallboard as an acceptable thermal barrier material. However, most recently new technology has emerged for more cost effective thermal barrier solutions such as a spray applied intumescent coating. Icynene has tested and qualified an

intumescent coating, DC-315 as an approved spray applied thermal barrier over our open-cell LD-C-50® and closed-cell MD-C-200™. This provides architects, designers, and commercial building owners with a cost effective option for exposed applications such as acoustical ceiling plenums, exposed roof assemblies, and attics connected to habitable space. For immediate assistance on technical inquiries, contact lcynene at: 1-800-758-7325

ADDITIONAL EXTERIOR VENEER CLADDING OPTIONS:

- Icynene LD-C-50® and MD-C-200™ pass NFPA 285 Fire Test
- Complies with 2006 IBC Chapter 2603.5 for installation in exterior walls of many types I, II, III, IV, and V multi-storey buildings

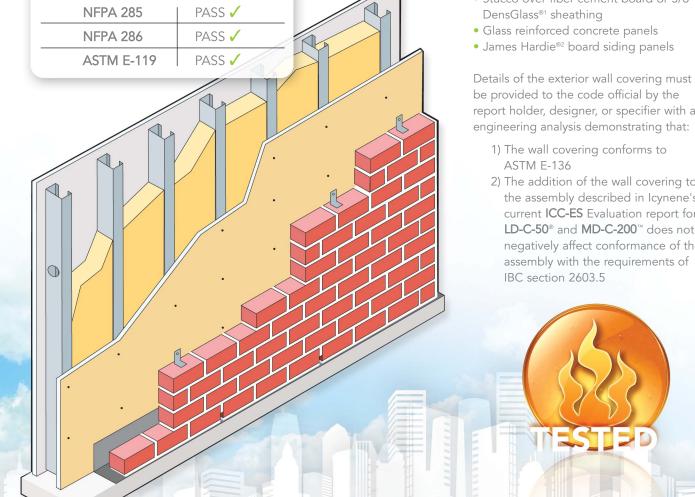
U.S. COMMERCIAL FIRE TESTING

In addition to the brick veneer featured in Icynene's Type I and II code compliant exterior wall assembly pictured on the lower-left, ICYNENE LD-C-50® and MD-C-200™ products may also be installed with many other claddings compliant with ASTM E-136 as detailed below:

- Minimum 4" thick block masonry
- Stucco over fiber cement board or 5/8" DensGlass®1 sheathing

be provided to the code official by the report holder, designer, or specifier with an engineering analysis demonstrating that:

- 2) The addition of the wall covering to the assembly described in Icynene's current ICC-ES Evaluation report for LD-C-50® and MD-C-200™ does not negatively affect conformance of the assembly with the requirements of





ICYNENE ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES

NEW AIA CONTINUING EDUCATION PRESENTATION INTRODUCED

For many years Icynene has worked closely with the AIA as an approved provider within their Continuing Education System (CES). Over the past decade, Icynene has completed over 2,700 live presentations to more than 32,000 architects throughout North America. Just recently we added a new addition to our AIA approved list of courses. The new course is titled:

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
- Learning Units: 1 HSW/SD credit

NEW ARCHITECTURAL SAMPLE KITS NOW AVAILABLE FOR KEY CLIENT PRESENTATIONS

Recognizing that architects often require attractive, professional collateral materials for critical product evaluation and various client meetings, Icynene recently introduced a new commercial sample presentation kit. For more information on this exciting new package, contact your local ICYNENE sales representative.



