

# Solcourse FR Insulated DPC

## Description:

Solcourse FR Insulated DPC is a fire rated cavity closer designed to close the cavity around window and door reveals in conjunction with a return block, fitting between the return block and inner edge of the outer skin of brickwork. The insulation will help prevent cold bridging and eliminate moisture, mould, and staining from around windows and doors, while the DPC is embossed to assist mortar adhesion. In order to achieve a fire rating the closer must be installed with a 15mm compression fit.

## Cold Bridges:

Cold bridges are sections through the fabric of significantly lower thermal resistance than the rest of the construction. It is most commonly found around window and door openings and usually shows itself through so-called pattern staining. A cold bridge through an external frame attracts moisture in the form of surface condensation which attracts dirt and dust. This surface condensation can also lead to mould growth and damage to internal plaster and paintwork.

Our FR Insulated DPC significantly reduces the risk of cold bridging around window and door openings when fitted in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

Solco Cavity Closers have been assessed using software that complies with the Standard for Thermal Bridge Calculations BS EN ISO 10211-2007. The conventions for calculations specified in the BRE document BR497 were also followed. The results are compared with the criteria set in the BRE Information Paper IP1/06 'Assessing the Effects of Thermal Bridging at Junctions and Around Openings' which is referenced in Building Regulations as shown below.

Detail	Default F-Value	F-Value with FR Insulated DPC	Default $\Psi$ -Value	$\Psi$ -Value with FR Insulated DPC
Jamb (100mm Cavity)	0.75	0.890	0.05	0.04
Sill (100mm Cavity)	0.75	0.899	0.04	0.04

## Installation:

Solco Insulated DPC is easily installed as the brickwork progresses and before the window or door is fitted.

- The DPC should sit against the inner side of the outer brickwork to prevent moisture penetration.
- When joining it is recommended to lap the DPC by at least 100mm and to ensure the insulation is tightly butted with no breaks.

## Storage & Packaging:

Solco Insulated DPCs are supplied in branded polythene packs which offer protection during transport as well as providing ease of identification on-site.



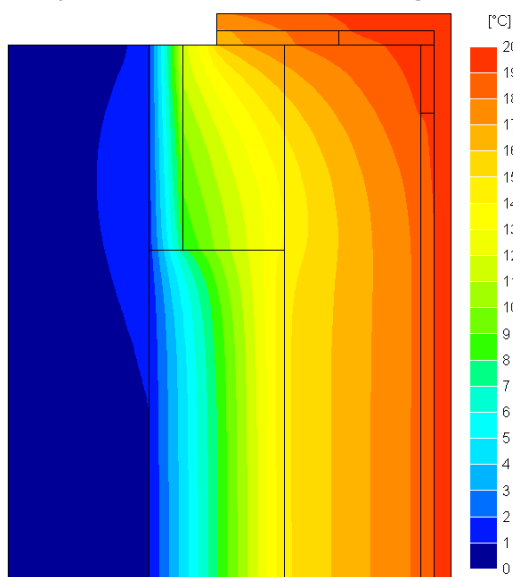
- Provides up to four hours of fire integrity.
- Closes cavity around window and door reveals.
- Prevents cold bridging.
- Insulated with non-combustible rockfibre mineral wool
- Use in conjunction with a return block.
- 15mm compression fit.

## Fire Properties:

- Solco FR Insulated DPC has been independently tested and has achieved up to four hours fire integrity with traditional masonry brick and block construction.
- These tests comply with BS 476: Part 20: 1987.
- Where usage falls outside of this scope, for example when used with external cladding, or with an internal metal frame system, the performance of the fire barrier will depend upon the structural integrity and fire performance of the surrounding construction.

In the event of a fire, Solco cannot accept liability for failure where usage is outside of the standard application, including but not limited to, where deflection or distortion has allowed gaps to form around the barrier, or where the barrier is not fitted in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines.

*Below: Temperature Distribution illustrating heat loss at a window opening, where Solco FR Insulated DPC is fitted.*



## Standards:

- Solco FR Insulated DPC is insulated with rockfibre mineral wool which conforms to the BS EN 13162: 2001 Thermal Insulation Products for Buildings, Factory Made Mineral Wool Products specification, and has a thermal conductivity of 0.037 W/mK.

## Environment:

- No CFCs or HCFCs are involved in the manufacturing process of the polyethylene foam insulation.
- The material presents no known threat to the environment and is classed as ODP and GWP zero.
- ARC Insulated DPCs have a Green Guide rating of A+.

## Standard Dimensions:

Product Code	Suits Return Gap	Suits Block Width	Dimensions	Lengths per Pack
RFDPC165-20	20mm	100mm	35x100/165x1200mm	50
RFDPC165-30	30mm	100mm	45x100/165x1200mm	50
RFDPC165-40	40mm	100mm	55x100/165x1200mm	40
RFDPC165-50	50mm	100mm	65x100/165x1200mm	40
RFDPC225-20	20mm	140mm	35x100/225x1200mm	40
RFDPC225-30	30mm	140mm	45x100/225x1200mm	40
RFDPC225-40	40mm	140mm	55x100/225x1200mm	30
RFDPC225-50	50mm	140mm	65x100/225x1200mm	30