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MATERIAL	DESCRIPTION	DENSITY (LB PER CU FT)	MEAN TEMP (FAHR DEG)	CONDUCTIVITY OR CONDUCTANCE		RESISTANCE		AUTHORITY
				(<i>k</i>)	(<i>C</i>)	Per Inch Thickness ($\frac{1}{l}$)	For Thickness Listed ($\frac{l}{C}$)	
INSULATING MATERIALS—(Continued)	Chemically treated hog hair between kraft paper and asbestos paper	7.70	71	0.28	—	3.57	—	(3)
	Hair felt between layers of paper	11.00	75	0.25	—	4.00	—	(3)
	Kapok between burlap or paper	1.00	90	0.24	—	4.17	—	(1)
	Stitched and creped expanding fibrous blanket	1.50	70	0.27	—	3.70	—	(3)
	Paper and asbestos fiber with emulsified asphalt binder	4.2	94	0.28	—	3.57	—	(1)
	Cotton insulating bat	0.875	72	0.24	—	4.17	—	(3)
	Cotton fibers	6.25	90	0.25	—	4.00	—	(1)
	Short Staple Linters	4.50	90	0.24	—	4.17	—	(1)
	Fireproofed	2.45	90	0.24	—	4.17	—	(1)
		1.60	90	0.26	—	3.85	—	(1)
		0.35	90	0.29	—	3.45	—	(1)
		0.65	90	0.30	—	3.33	—	(1)
	Felted cattle hair	13.00	90	0.28	—	3.84	—	(1)
	Felted cattle hair	11.00	90	0.26	—	3.84	—	(1)
	Felted hair and asbestos	7.80	90	0.28	—	3.57	—	(1)
	Ground paper between two layers, each $\frac{1}{2}$ in. thick made up of two layers of kraft paper (sample $\frac{1}{2}$ in. thick)	12.1	75	—	0.40	—	2.50	(4)
	Mineral Wool	4.5	—	0.27	—	3.70	—	(4)
REFLECTIVE	See Table 1, Section C	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
INSULATING BOARD	Made from sugar cane fiber	13.5	70	0.33	—	3.03	—	(3)
	Made from corn stalks	15.00	71	0.33	—	3.03	—	(3)
	Made from exploded wood fibers	17.90	78	0.32	—	3.12	—	(4)
	Made from hard wood fibers	15.20	70	0.32	—	3.12	—	(3)
	Made from wood fiber	15.90	72	0.33	—	3.03	—	(3)
	Made from wood fiber	15.00	70	0.33	—	3.03	—	(3)
	Made from wood fiber	—	52	0.33	—	3.03	—	(6)
	Made from wood fiber	8.50	72	0.29	—	3.45	—	(3)
	Made from wood fiber	15.20	—	0.33	—	3.03	—	(3)
	Made from wood fiber	16.90	90	0.34	—	2.94	—	(3)
	Made from licorice root	16.1	81	0.34	—	2.94	—	(3)
	$\frac{1}{2}$ in. insulating boards without special finish (eleven samples)	16.5	90	0.33	—	3.03	—	(1)
	to	21.8	—	0.40	—	2.50	—	(1)
	$\frac{1}{2}$ in. insulating board ^a	13.2	—	0.34	—	2.94	—	(4)
LOOSE FILL TYPE	Made from ceiba fibers	1.90	75	0.23	—	4.35	—	(3)
	Made from ceiba fibers	1.60	75	0.24	—	4.17	—	(3)
	Fibrous material made from dolomite and silica	1.50	75	0.27	—	3.70	—	(3)
	Fibrous material made from slag	9.40	103	0.27	—	3.70	—	(1)
	Redwood bark	3.00	90	0.31	—	3.22	—	(1)
	Redwood bark	5.00	75	0.26	—	3.84	—	(3)
	Glass wool fibers 0.0003 in. to 0.008 in. in diameter	1.50	75	0.27	—	3.70	—	(3)
	Granular insulation made from combined silicate of lime and alumina	4.20	72	0.24	—	4.17	—	(3)

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INSULATING MATERIALS—(Continued) LOOSE FILL TYPE—(Continued)	Expanded vermiculite	—	—	0.48	—	2.08	—	(1)
	Expanded vermiculite, particle size—3 + 14	6.2	—	0.32	—	3.12	—	(3)
	Regenerated cork about $\frac{1}{4}$ in. particles	8.10	90	0.31	—	3.22	—	(1)
	Hand applied granular mineral wool 2 in. to 6 in. thick, horizontal position ^a . No covering	6.05	—	0.30	—	3.33	—	(4)
	to	7.13	—	to	0.33	to	3.03	—
	4 in. machine blown granular mineral wool, horizontal position ^a . No covering	5.74	—	0.30	—	3.33	—	(4)
	to	10.0	90	0.27	—	3.70	—	(1)
	Rock wool	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Corkboard, no added binder	14.0	90	0.34	—	2.94	—	(1)
	Corkboard, no added binder	10.6	90	0.30	—	3.33	—	(1)
SLAB INSULATIONS	Corkboard, no added binder	7.0	90	0.27	—	3.70	—	(1)
	Corkboard, no added binder	5.4	90	0.25	—	4.00	—	(1)
	Corkboard ^a	8.7	—	0.29	—	3.45	—	(4)
	Corkboard, asphaltic binder	14.5	90	0.32	—	3.12	—	(1)
	Chemically treated hog hair with film of asphalt	10.0	75	0.28	—	3.57	—	(3)
	Sugar cane fiber insulation blocks encased in asphalt membrane	13.8	70	0.30	—	3.33	—	(3)
	Made from shredded wood and cement	24.2	72	0.46	—	2.17	—	(3)
	Made from shredded wood and cement ^a	29.8	—	0.77	—	1.30	—	(4)
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ing. For increases of moisture content exceeding about 6 to 12 percent, the conductivity of frozen soil becomes progressively greater than that of the unfrozen soil.

Effect of Density. Density affects the thermal conductivity of a soil in about the same manner for all soils, at any moisture content, and for either the frozen or unfrozen condition. On the average, each one pound per cubic foot increase in dry density increases the thermal conductivity by about 3 percent.

Effect of Moisture. An increase in moisture content, up to the point of saturation, causes an increase in thermal conductivity. The rate of increase is indicated by the following values. Average conductivities, in Btu per (square foot) (hour) (Fahrenheit degree per inch), of four sands at a density of 110 lb per cu ft were: 6.8 at 2.5 percent moisture, 8.9 at 5 percent moisture, 11.2 at 10 percent moisture. Five soils of a fine texture at a density of 100 lb per cu ft, gave average conductivities of 6.7 at 10 percent moisture, and 9.5 at 20 percent. Thus, the doubling of moisture content within the ranges cited increases the conductivity by approximately 30 or 40 percent. At higher moisture contents the percentage increase would be less.

Effect of Soil Characteristics. The thermal conductivity of the soil, at a given density and moisture content varies in general with the texture of a soil, being relatively high for coarse-textured soils and relatively low for fine-textured soils. The mineral composition of the soils also affects the conductivity. Quartz tends to give high values, whereas minerals such as plagioclase feldspar and pyroxene, which are constituents of basic rocks tend to give low values of thermal conductivity. These points are illustrated by the values in Table 3 which lists seventeen soils in approximate order of their magnitude of thermal conductivity from greatest to least for seven different density-moisture content conditions. Some of the values in this