Table 4. Conductivities (k) of Various Types of Insulating Materials for Medium and High Temperature Pipes[a]

	Mean Temperature				
	100 F	200 F	300 F	400 F	500 F
85 per cent Magnesia Type	0.425	0.465	0.505	0.550	0.590
Corrugated Asbestos Type (4 Plies per 1 in. thick)	0.530	0.650	0.770	0.890	
Corrugated Asbestos Type (8 Plies per 1 in. thick)	0.480	0.555	0.630	0.705	
Laminated Asbestos Type (30–40 Laminations per 1 in. thick)	0.360	0.415	0.470	0.525	0.585
Laminated Asbestos Type (20 Laminations per 1 in. thick)	0.545	0.605	0.665	0.725	0.785
Rock Wool Type	0.350	0.410	0.470	0.530	0.590
High Temperature Type (Diatomaceous Earth and Asbestos)	0.515	0.545	0.575	0.605	0.635
Brown Asbestos Type (Felted Fibre)	0.600	0.640	0.675	0.715	0.750

[a] *Mechanical Engineers' Handbook*, Marks, 3rd Ed., 1930.

outer surface temperatures of the insulations. This method of stating conductivities makes it possible readily to calculate the heat loss through single or compound sections. It should be emphasized that the conductivities given in Table 4 for the various insulations are the average of values obtained from a number of tests made on each type of material, also that all variables due to differences in thickness, pipe sizes, and air conditions are eliminated. Individual manufacturer's materials will, of course, vary in conductivity to some extent from these values.

The heat losses through six of the types of insulation given in Table 4 for 1, 1½ and 2-in.-thick materials, and for temperatures commonly encountered in engineering practice can be obtained from Tables 5 to 10, inclusive. The loss through other thicknesses of the materials, and for other hot water or steam temperature conditions may be obtained by interpolation. The heat loss coefficients given in Tables 5 to 10 are based on the conductivities in Table 4 and were computed from data given in Chapter 22, The Guide 1931.

LOW TEMPERATURE PIPE INSULATION

Surfaces maintained at low temperatures should be insulated so as to retard the flow of heat from the outside into the low temperature area and to prevent the formation of condensation and of frost if the temperatures are low enough, as well as to prevent corrosion induced by the presence of condensed moisture on metal surfaces. Materials commonly used for insulating pipes and surfaces at low temperatures are cork, rock cork, hair felt and other felted or fibrous non-absorbent materials. Thermal conductivities of low temperature insulating materials are given in Chapter 5.

Insulating materials are available commercially to meet varying temperature gradients. For example, the thickness of insulation for ice water is approximately 1½ in. if the temperature in the line is not lower than

Table 5. Coefficients of Transmission (U) for Pipes Insulated with 85 Per Cent Magnesia Type Insulation

These coefficients are expressed in Btu per hour per square foot of pipe surface per degree Fahrenheit difference in temperature between pipe and surrounding still air at 70 F

Thickness of Insulation (Inches)	Nominal Pipe Size (Inches)	Hot Water				Steam		
		120 F	150 F	180 F	210 F	227.1 F (5 Lb)	297.7 F (50 Lb)	337.9 F (100 Lb)
		Temperature Difference						
		50 F	80 F	110 F	140 F	157.1 F	227.7 F	267.9 F
1	½	0.744	0.754	0.764	0.774	0.779	0.802	0.814
	¾	0.672	0.681	0.689	0.697	0.701	0.721	0.731
	1	0.613	0.621	0.629	0.637	0.641	0.659	0.670
	1¼	0.562	0.570	0.577	0.585	0.589	0.606	0.617
	1½	0.532	0.539	0.546	0.553	0.557	0.573	0.582
	2	0.500	0.506	0.512	0.519	0.523	0.538	0.547
	2½	0.475	0.481	0.487	0.493	0.497	0.512	0.520
	3	0.455	0.461	0.467	0.474	0.477	0.492	0.500
	3½	0.441	0.447	0.452	0.458	0.462	0.475	0.483
	4	0.429	0.435	0.441	0.446	0.449	0.463	0.471
	4½	0.420	0.425	0.431	0.437	0.440	0.453	0.460
	5	0.411	0.416	0.422	0.427	0.430	0.443	0.450
	6	0.402	0.408	0.413	0.419	0.422	0.435	0.442
	8	0.387	0.392	0.397	0.403	0.405	0.418	0.425
	10	0.375	0.380	0.385	0.390	0.393	0.405	0.412
	12	0.369	0.374	0.378	0.383	0.386	0.398	0.405
1½	½	0.617	0.625	0.633	0.642	0.646	0.665	0.676
	¾	0.550	0.558	0.566	0.573	0.577	0.596	0.606
	1	0.496	0.503	0.511	0.518	0.522	0.540	0.549
	1¼	0.453	0.459	0.465	0.472	0.475	0.490	0.498
	1½	0.424	0.430	0.436	0.442	0.445	0.459	0.467
	2	0.394	0.400	0.405	0.410	0.413	0.427	0.434
	2½	0.371	0.376	0.382	0.386	0.389	0.401	0.408
	3	0.352	0.357	0.362	0.367	0.370	0.380	0.387
	3½	0.339	0.343	0.347	0.351	0.354	0.364	0.370
	4	0.328	0.333	0.337	0.341	0.343	0.353	0.359
	4½	0.320	0.324	0.328	0.332	0.334	0.343	0.350
	5	0.312	0.316	0.320	0.324	0.326	0.336	0.342
	6	0.303	0.307	0.311	0.315	0.318	0.328	0.333
	8	0.287	0.291	0.295	0.299	0.301	0.311	0.316
	10	0.276	0.280	0.284	0.288	0.290	0.299	0.304
	12	0.272	0.275	0.279	0.283	0.285	0.294	0.299
2	½	0.543	0.551	0.558	0.565	0.569	0.587	0.597
	¾	0.484	0.490	0.497	0.503	0.507	0.523	0.532
	1	0.433	0.439	0.445	0.451	0.454	0.467	0.476
	1¼	0.393	0.398	0.403	0.409	0.412	0.424	0.432
	1½	0.365	0.370	0.376	0.381	0.384	0.397	0.402
	2	0.338	0.343	0.347	0.351	0.354	0.364	0.370
	2½	0.316	0.320	0.324	0.328	0.331	0.341	0.347
	3	0.297	0.301	0.305	0.309	0.312	0.321	0.326
	3½	0.284	0.288	0.292	0.295	0.297	0.306	0.311
	4	0.275	0.278	0.282	0.285	0.287	0.296	0.301
	4½	0.266	0.270	0.273	0.276	0.278	0.286	0.290
	5	0.258	0.262	0.265	0.268	0.270	0.278	0.283
	6	0.250	0.254	0.257	0.260	0.262	0.270	0.274
	8	0.236	0.239	0.242	0.245	0.247	0.255	0.258
	10	0.224	0.227	0.230	0.233	0.235	0.242	0.246
	12	0.219	0.222	0.225	0.228	0.230	0.237	0.240