

# Ravago Building Solutions



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## CPD Overview

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Ravago Building Solutions is the largest producer of extruded polystyrene (XPS) insulation in Europe, following its acquisition in 2018 of seven XPS production plants and the technology from DowDuPontInc. The market-leading Ravatherm XPS X thermal insulation boards can be used in a range of roofing and flooring applications.



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## Available CPD Material (4)

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### Ensuring safety while delivering high performance with inverted flat roof insulation

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By the end of the CPD you should have a greater understanding of:

- How Approved Document B applies to inverted flat roofs
- Broof(t4) classification and testing regime
- The impact of EC Decision 2000/553/EC on testing requirements
- The importance of selecting appropriate insulation material
- How fire regulations apply to inverted roofs and how this impacts on specification of insulation materials

Material type: Seminar

RIBA Core Curriculum: [Design, construction and technology](#)  
[Legal, regulatory and statutory compliance](#)

Knowledge level: General Awareness

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### Fire Safety Considerations When Specifying Insulation for an Inverted Flat Roof

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- How Approved Document B applies to inverted flat roofs
- The impact of EC Decision 2000/553/EC on testing requirements
- The importance of selecting appropriate insulation material

Material type: Article

RIBA Core Curriculum: [Design, construction and technology](#)

Knowledge level: Microlearning

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### Flooring Insulation in Ground Floors - Laying a Strong Foundation

Since 1990, Building Regulations have required ground floors to be insulated in order to save energy. This article looks at the factors that need to be considered when addressing ground floor insulation, including: construction techniques, thermal bridging, calculating U-values, and the impact of insulation on a project's design. By the end of the CPD you should have a greater understanding of:

- The core principles of flooring insulation
- How to calculate U-values
- Loading
- The importance of correct insulation material
- How to perform a more accurate U-value calculation for a ground floor

Material type: Article  
RIBA Core Curriculum: **Design, construction and technology**  
Knowledge level: Microlearning

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### The Importance of Water Flow Reducing Layer in an Inverted Flat Roof

This CPD article will discuss the Water Flow Reducing Layer as central to the thermal performance of an inverted flat roof - minimising heat loss due to the rainwater cooling effect. It explains the crucial role they play and how to properly account for their presence in U-value calculations. By the end of the CPD you should have a greater understanding of:

- Core principles of an inverted roof
- The difference between declared lambda and design lambda
- The role that a Water Flow Reducing Layer (WFRL) plays in an inverted roof
- How to perform a more accurate U-value calculation for an inverted roof taking into account moisture conversion factor

Material type: Article  
RIBA Core Curriculum: **Design, construction and technology**  
Knowledge level: Microlearning

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## Classifications

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### Subject/Product Areas (CI/SfB)

Structure

Roofs, including beams > Roof space insulation

External walls > Cavity wall insulation

Floors, including beams > Floor insulation

Finishes

Roof finishes > Roof finish underlays and insulation

### RIBA Core Curriculum areas

Design, construction and technology

Knowledge level: *General Awareness*

Legal, regulatory and statutory compliance

Knowledge level: *General Awareness*