

Zeston® Heat Transfer Compounds

Description

Zeston Heat Transfer Compounds were developed to provide a thermal bridge wherever external devices such as tracers or plate coils are used to maintain the temperature of material within process pipes or storage vessels. The use of these high quality compounds will greatly improve the efficiency of any tracing or plate coil system by replacing air with a solid compound that has a high thermal conductivity. Since conduction of heat and cold through a solid medium is more effective than by convection through air, more heat or cold is transferred to the pipe or vessel with the use of heat transfer compounds.

With Zeston Heat Transfer Compounds, "R" factors are exceptionally low, ranging from .043 to .086 (hr•ft*•°F)/Btu [0.008 to 0.015 m²•°C/W] (at $\frac{1}{2}$ " [19 mm] thickness). When Zeston Compounds are used around tracer lines and under plate coils, 360° (6.28 rad.) of the tracer or the entire plate coil surface is in effect, in physical contact with the pipe or vessel, via a thermal bridge. Practically, all the available heat is transferred to or away from the process equipment by the conductance of a low resistance medium and very little by convection via high resistance air.

A further improvement in performance is achieved from the flexibility inherent in a Zeston installation. Again, with standard installations, maximum performance can only be achieved by situating the bare tracer at the bottom (for heating) or top (for cooling) of the process line. With Zeston Compound, the tracer can be placed at the most convenient location, which can simplify installation and maintenance, helping to reduce costs. Frequently, less tracer equipment is required, and inspection and maintenance is greatly simplified.

Advantages

Low Cost, Easy Installation. Strap tracer line to process line and simply trowel compound between the pipe and tracer. Tracer can be placed in most convenient location.

Even Temperature Distribution. No hot or cold spots throughout the process line.

Fast Heat-Up. Utilizes the entire surface of the tracer tubing, conducting all heat to the process line with a minimum of heat loss.

Easily Adaptable. Can be used on cold, hot water and steam tracer or electric MI cable systems and panel coils.

Applications

Any process piping system requiring external heat to maintain product temperature is greatly improved by the use of Zeston Compound between the steam or hot water tracer pipe and the process line.

Excellent results are obtained when applied on process lines containing molten sulphur, bunker oil, molten waxes, acids, syrups, petroleum oils, asphalt and other viscous liquids and high freezing point materials. Zeston Compounds are also effective in maintaining cold temperatures in chilled liquid process lines and vessels.



Operating Temperature Limits: Sub-Zero to +1250°F (677°C)

Available Grades and Applications

Standard Z-10. Standard Grade Z-10 is used for sub-zero to 800°F (427°C) applications. It is applied to tracer tubing and electric heater MI cable tracing systems on pipes and equipment vessels. The heat transferred by a conventional trace system can be substantially increased using Standard Z-10 around the tracer. Being water soluble, Standard Z-10 should be protected from water while in the mastic state until it has cured into a rock-like mass.

Fine Grained Z-20. Grade Z-20 is a finer grained heat transfer compound than the Standard Grade. It is designed for use on small diameter electric heater MI cables, tracer tubing, panel coils, and electric strip heaters. You can expect double the efficiency of a panel coil or strip heater with the use of this material between the coil or heater and the process vessel coverage.

High Temperature Z-30. Grade Z-30 is fine grained and recommended for applications similar to grades Z-10 and Z-20 at process temperatures up to 1250°F (677°C).

Packaging Information

Grade	Container Size	Container Weight (Approx.)
Z-10, Z-20, Z-30	1 gallon	14 lbs.
	(3.8 liters)	(6.4 kgs.)
Z-10	5 gallons	70 lbs.
	(18.9 liters)	(31.8 kgs.)

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Physical Properties

	Grade		
	Z-10	Z-20	Z-30
Temperature, max. °F (°C)	800 (427)	800 (427)	1250 (677)
Temperature, min. °F (°C)	Sub-Zero	Sub-Zero	Sub-Zero
Weight per gal., lbs. (kg.)	14 (6.4)	13.5 (6.1)	13 (5.9)
Bond shear strength, psi (kPa)	225 (1551)	225 (1551)	225 (1551)
Thermal conductivity, "k"			
Btu•in./(hr.•ft.²•°F) [W/m•°C]			
@ 300°F (149°C) mean	17.5 (2.52)	17.5 (2.52)	17.5 (2.52)
Water resistance	No	No	No
Flexible	No	No	No
Thermal shock resistance	Good	Good	Good
Shelf life			
(in unopened containers)	1 year	1 year	1 year



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