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STYROFOAM™ and XENERGY™ EXTRUDED FOAMED POLYSTYRENE

(STYROFOAM™ brand includes ROOFMATE™, FLOORMATE™ and PERIMATE™)



Guidance Notes for Safe Opening of Bulk Packs

Detailed below are GUIDANCE NOTES only for breaking open bulk packs of STYROFOAM™ and XENERGY™ extruded polystyrene ("the task").

It is important that STYROFOAM™ and XENERGY™ products are handled safely and in accordance with relevant site regulations. To assist, we offer the following guidance notes*.

Breaking bulk guidance

Key points:

- »» Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) must be worn as required by the site/user personnel regulations.
- »» Individual packs weigh approximately 20kgs (2500 x 600mm) and 10kgs (1250 x 600mm). When handling 2500 x 600mm packs best practice suggests two people should perform the task.
- »» Ensure that the bulk pack is positioned on an even, adequate load-bearing surface with space for two people to walk and work on all four sides.



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Unwrapping guidance

- »» Cut the wrap vertically from approximately head height to a depth of one or two individual packs.
- »» Cut the wrap horizontally allowing one or two packs to be removed from the bulk pack.
DO NOT cut wrap any further at this time.



- »» Carefully pull out one or two individual packs from the bulk pack. Individual packs above should be supported by the wrap not yet cut.



- »» Carefully cut the wrap above the removed packs allowing the packs above to fall into the space below.



- »» Using the original space from the first pack(s) removed manually, lower the remaining individual packs into this space and then transfer them to ground level.
- »» Remove all remaining individual packs as required.



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