

# WHY SHOULD WE USE CORK IN CONSTRUCTION?

## 1) Favourable impact on cork forests:

Total area (Portugal) 735,000 hectares. > The cork tree produce cork every nine years (a renewable raw material). > Avoids soil desertification. > Provides local employment in the forestry sector hence prevent population desertification.
Important in maintaining biodiversity (unique in Europe). > Portuguese forests (cork oaks) trap 5 million tons of CO2 every year.

### 2) 100% natural industrial process:

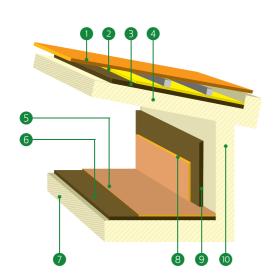
Only uses cork as a raw material. > Without additives... agglomerate of its own resins (suberin). > 90% of the energy consumed is biomass (a by-product of its own industrial processing). > Any wastage from the industrial process is 100% reusable (cork and dust granules).

#### 3) Technical characteristics:

> Density: 100/120Kg/m<sup>3</sup>. > Thermal conductivity: test results range between 0.036/0.038 W/mk. > Value declared for EU label: 0.040W/mk. > Resistance to compression at 10%: declared 100 KPa (test results 110/120 KPa) – EN 826. >Perpendicular face resistance: declared TR50 (test results 60 KPa) – EN 1607. > Level of humidity: maximum 8% - EN 1215. > Water absorption: declared 0.5 Kg/m<sup>2</sup> (maximum test result 0.3 kg/m<sup>2</sup>) – EN 1609. > Longitude tolerance: between +/- 3 y 5mm – EN 822. > Thickness tolerance: between +/- 1 y 2 mm – EN 823. > Fire resistance: Euro class "E" – EN 13501 – 1. > Durability: practically unlimited. > Recyclable: 100%. > Impact noise: 20dBLF - 40 dBMF - 30dBHF. > Air noise: 30dBLF - 35dBMF - 34dBHF. > 50mm Sound absorption: 40% at 400 Hz/50 Hz to 3500% > Sound speed on cork: 500 m/second. > Sound absorption coefficient 500 CPS: 0.33/0.35.

100% NATURAL CHOICE

EXPANDED INSULATIION CORKBOARD IS A SUSTAINABLE MATERIAL FOR SUSTAINABLE INSULATION VISIT THE NEW SITE FOR CONSTRUCTION SOLUTIONS: HTTP://WWW. BCORK.AMORIM.COM



1. Final Covering. | 2. Waterproofing.

- **3.** Expanded Insulation Cork Board. | **4.** Slab.
- 5. Floor Covering. | 6. Expanded Insulation Cork Board.

7. Slab. 8. Wall Covering.

9. Expanded Insulation Cork Board. | 10. Existing wall.

## 5) Quality control:

Conforms to EN 13170 + EN 13172. Thermal conductivity tested by the independent laboratories: CSTB (France) and LNEC (Portugal). Industrial quality /Quality control by CSTB (twice annually).

60,0%

50,0%

40,0%

0.0%

51.0%

ICB 60mm

Other certifications (in addition to EN 13170): > MPA Stuttgart – Otto-Graf-Institut (quality verification). > ARGE KDR – Zertifikat no. - R0700144 "R" green 100% vegetal. > ACERMI by CSTB, France (Industrial and quality control).

## 6) In general:

High level of stability... coping with major thermal variations. > Deals with temperatures of between: (-) 180°C and
(+) 120°C. > In case of fire, cork does not release toxic gases. > Unlimited durability, maintaining its technical characteristics (official tests demonstrate between 45 and 50 years). > Totally recyclable after utilisation... It may again be reused in construction applications.





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**REDUCTION IN ENERGY CONSUMPTION WITH EXPANDED** INSULATION CORK BOARD **FOR GREATER ENERGY EFFICIENCY IT IS NECESSARY TO INCREASE INSULATION CORK THICKNESS** (SUPERIOR THICKNESS - BETTER INSULATION)

55.8%

ICB 80mm

59.1%

ICB 100mm