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# **C-RAM HFP** HYBRID RF ABSORBER FOR LOW FREQUENCIES

RoHS Compliant

C-RAM HFP is a hybrid RF absorber designed for low-frequency EMI test rooms and anechoic chambers. The "hybrid" construction consists of specially-formulated urethane foam pyramidal or wedge absorber panels mounted on top of ferrite tiles, delivering nearly all the performance normally seen with ferrite tiles alone in the 30 - 1000 MHz range. See the typical reflectivity at higher frequencies in the referenced table. For many testing applications, C-RAM HFP achieves comparable performance in less than half the volume occupied bv conventional pyramidal absorbers.

One should note that the pyramidal foam component of C-RAM HFP is specially designed to match the impedance of the ferrite tiles, and is not the same material as standard C-RAM SFC pyramidal foam absorbers. Customers can discuss application details with Cuming Microwave engineers to arrive at an optimal solution for their application.

## TYPICAL PROPERTIES

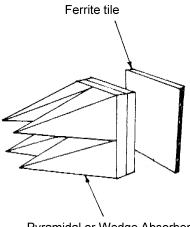
See table with dimensions, weights and reflectivity characteristics of the various grades of C-RAM HFP.

C-RAM HFP grades can typically handle up to 1.0 W/in<sup>2</sup> (1.5 kW/m<sup>2</sup>) of RF power in a temperature controlled room. Actual limits depend upon frequency and application.

## FIRE RETARDANCY

C-RAM HFP meets the fire retardancy requirements of NRL Specifications 8093, Tests 1, 2, and 3, as well as those of MIT Document MS-8-21 tests 1, 2, and 3, T.I. drawing 2693066, and ASTM E-84-97a, Class A.





Pyramidal or Wedge Absorber

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#### METHOD OF APPLICATION

C-RAM HFP, in either the pyramidal or wedge-shaped design, are supplied in standard 24 in x 24 in. (610 x 610 mm) base dimensions. The product should be bonded to the front of the already installed ferrite tiles, using adhesive or Velcro fasteners.

When installing the wedge-shaped grades, alternate the orientation of the wedges in a checkerboard design.

### AVAILABILITY

C-RAM HFP is available in the grades highlighted in below table. Typically, the larger the chamber, the lower the resonant frequencies of concern, so a larger absorber grade must be used. Generally, HFP-48 is needed in 10-meter test length chambers, HFP-18, -24 and -36 are used in 3-meter chambers, depending upon the room size, and HFP-12 is used in Mil-STD-461 C, D, and E rooms.

One should note that ferrite tiles, such as C-RAM FT-10 are sold in metric units, and C-RAM HFP grades are 24-inch squares, so it is important to calculate requirements carefully.

GRADE	HEIGHT in. (mm)	WEIGHT * lbs. (kg)	TIPS PER PIECE	Typical Reflectivity in dB at Frequency, GHz (Minimum Reflectivity in dB at Frequency, GHz)					
				0.03	0.10	0.30	1.0	3.0	10.0+
HFP-12 pyramidal	13 (330)	50 (23)	36	-15 (-12)	-22 (-17)	-22 (-16)	-18 (-10)	-18 (-10)	-18 (-17)
HFP-18 wedge	18 (457)	55 (25)	3 wedges	-15 (-15)	-23 (-18)	-25 (-20)	-18 (-13)	-18 (-12)	-18 (-17)
HFP-24 wedge	24 (609)	58 (26)	3 wedges	-18 (-15)	-25 (-18)	-30 (-20)	-18 (-15)	-17 (-12)	-25 (-17)
HFP-36 pyramidal	38 (965)	60 (27)	4	-22 (-20)	-30 (-24)	-35 (-23)	-25 (-18)	-22 (-20)	-35 (-30)

\* Weight includes 6.3mm ferrite tiles covering a 24"x24" (610mmx610mm) footprint of absorber.

For the HFP-48 pyramidal and HFP-72 wedge material, please inquire to our technical sales group at <u>cmcsales@ppg.com</u>

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