Technical Data Sheet

Engineered Materials



C-RAM[™] SFC-MP Pyramidal absorber for medium power applications

Description

C-RAM[™] SFC-MP is a series of very high-performance pyramidal absorbers capable of handling medium-power densities. It is an open cell, porous material, and is used in anechoic chambers or test environments where RF power densities will be higher than the standard C-RAM[™] SFC can withstand.

Without forced air cooling, the material can typically handle 2 W/in² (1100 V/m) continuously. Depending on the dimensions of the absorber and the wavelength of RF power, this may cause the internal temperature to rise to $200-230^{\circ}$ F (93-110°C). It can see short exposures to 2.5 W/in^2 (1250 V/m), which can cause a temperature rise to 250° F (120°C). This is a safe temperature, but could shorten the material life span over time.

C-RAM[™] SFC-MP is dimensionally equivalent to the corresponding grades of C-RAM SFC. The reflectivity characteristics are similar to those of C-RAM[™] SFC.

C-RAM[™] SFC-MP meets all the fire retardancy requirements of NRL Specification 8093 tests 1, 2, and 3.

Availability

C-RAM[™] SFC-MP is available in heights of 6, 8, 12, 18, 24, and 36 inches tall, corresponding in geometry to the equivalent grade of C-RAM[™] SFC.

C-RAM^M SFC-MP is available in standard base dimensions of 24 in x 24 in (610 x 610 mm). Custom sizes can be produced as well.



Applications

C-RAM[™] SFC-MP is readily installed using a solvent-based neoprene contact adhesive, just as C-RAM[™] SFC would be. It can also be installed with Velcro (grades up to 24). For this option, a sheet of Velcro pile is bonded to the entire back surface of the piece, and Velcro hook is supplied in rolls to apply to the substrate surface.

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Table 1

Physical characteristics and typical reflectivity at normal incidence, dB (minimum reflectivity at normal incidence, dB)

| Grade | Height In. (mm) | Weight Lbs. (kg) | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 10 | 18 | 36* | 50* |
|-----------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| SFC-MP-6 | 6 (152) | 3.5 (1.6) | | | | | -35 (-30) | -50 (-35) | -50 (-35) | -50 (-35) | -50 (-42) | -50 (-42) |
| SFC-MP-8 | 8 (203) | 5 (2.3) | | | | -33 (-30) | -38 (-30) | -50 (-35) | -50 (-35) | -50 (-38) | -50 (-42) | -50 (-42) |
| SFC-MP-12 | 12 (305) | 7 (3.1) | | | | -40 (-30) | -48 (-30) | -52 (-35) | -55 (-40) | -55 (-40) | -50 (-42) | -50 (-42) |
| SFC-MP-18 | 18 (457) | 10 (4.5) | | | -33 (-25) | -43 (-32) | -50 (-35) | -55 (-40) | -60 (-42) | -55 (-42) | -50 (-42) | -50 (-42) |
| SFC-MP-24 | 24 (610) | 12 (5.4) | -7 (-7) | -30 (-30) | -37 (-28) | -45 (-35) | -50 (-40) | -57 (-45) | -60 (-45) | -55 (-45) | -50 (-44) | -50 (-44) |
| SFC-MP-36 | 36 (914) | 19 (8.6) | -20 (-20) | -33 (-33) | -45 (-31) | -50 (-42) | -55 (-45) | -57 (-45) | -60 (-45) | -55 (-45) | -50 (-44) | -50 (-44) |

Notes: SFC-MP has been characterized at 36* and 50* GHz but is not routinely measured at these frequencies. For sizes smaller than 6" and taller than 36", please inquire to our technical sales group at cmcsales@ppg.com

Table 2

Typical reflectivity (bistatic) at off-normal incidence (multiply numbers in chart by dB values in Table 1)

| Absorber height in wavelength | Off-normal angle (0° = normal, 90° = grazing) | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--|--|
| | 45° | 50° | 55° | 60° | 65° | 70° | 75° | 80° | | |
| 4.0 | 1.00 | 0.95 | 0.86 | 0.75 | 0.70 | 0.60 | 0.51 | 0.43 | | |
| 2.0 | 0.90 | 0.82 | 0.74 | 0.66 | 0.58 | 0.49 | 0.42 | 0.34 | | |
| 1.0 | 0.72 | 0.65 | 0.58 | 0.50 | 0.44 | 0.37 | 0.31 | 0.25 | | |
| 0.5 | 0.48 | 0.43 | 0.37 | 0.31 | 0.25 | 0.20 | | | | |

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