

# A CLOSER LOOK AT MINIMISING CUI

OUTSTANDING WATER-REPELLENT PRODUCT  
PROPERTIES FOR ALL INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS



## REDUCE MAINTENANCE, SHUTDOWN TIMES, RISK OF LEAKAGES AND PERSONAL INJURY:

- Very low water absorption:  $\leq 0.1 \text{ kg/m}^2$  according to EN1609/EN13472/24h\*
- Suitable for painting operations (certified according to VDMA24364)
- Maximum content of water-soluble chloride ions ( $\text{Cl}^-$ )  $\leq 10 \text{ ppm}$  (meeting AGI Q132 requirements)
- Short dry-out time
- Elevated temperature range

## FULL RANGE OF PRODUCTS:

- Pipe sections and elbows, slabs, mats and wired mats for all industrial installations

## NON-CONTACT SOLUTION AVAILABLE



\*Internal water repellent testing, March 2020



**PAROC®**

# MINIMISE THE RISK OF CORROSION UNDER INSULATION (CUI) WITH WATER-REPELLENT INSULATION SOLUTIONS

## LOW WATER ABSORPTION

One of the biggest challenges in insulating industrial applications is the prevention of corrosion under insulation (CUI). The consequences of CUI can be costly as they can lead to additional inspections and higher operating and maintenance costs<sup>1</sup>. CUI can cause longer downtimes, a shorter service life for pipes, risk of leakages and systems and – in the worst case – even result in personal injury.

## INSULATION PERFORMS BEST WHEN IT REMAINS DRY

Corrosion under insulation can cause steel piping and process industry equipment to deteriorate under externally clad or jacketed insulation. It may be caused by the penetration of water or moisture due to condensation when the wrong insulation system has been chosen, or the installation has not been prepared, fitted and finished properly.

As industrial insulation solutions frequently risk exposure to water, high humidity, or other liquids, low water absorption is a vital product property.

## YOUR SOLUTION TO REDUCE THE RISK OF CORROSION

When austenitic stainless-steel surfaces are exposed to a corrosive environment and tensile stresses, stress corrosion cracking (SCC) can occur. To minimise stress corrosion cracking under the insulation, the insulating materials must meet high acceptance criteria: Chloride ion content should fit into a specific diagram (ASTM C795).

Choosing a highly water-repellent, non-hygroscopic, chemically robust and durable insulation solution is key to protecting the insulated surfaces from moisture and other harmful substances.

## REMARKABLE LOW WATER ABSORPTION PROPERTIES

<sup>1</sup> A 2003 ExxonMobil study found that 40–60% of maintenance costs on industrial pipes is caused by CUI.

<sup>2</sup> The data is based on an independent third-party comparison of products from the most important mineral wool manufacturers, which was carried out by Eurofins Lab 19036 on 16 August 2019.

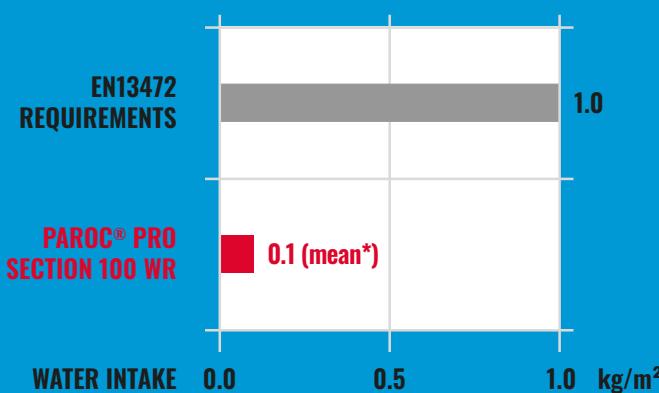
## FOR STONE WOOL INSULATION

PAROC's water-repellent (WR) stone wool products are an excellent choice for meeting all these technical requirements. They have outstanding hydrophobic properties, reducing the risk of water getting trapped within the insulation material. The open-pore structure ensures a faster dry-out time, allowing bulk water to drain away and vapor to dry naturally. This provides unparalleled, effective protection and reduced moisture absorption over the entire thickness of the insulation.

Independent test laboratories<sup>2</sup> have confirmed that PAROC PRO WR products have significantly lower water absorption properties, offering an average water absorption that is more than 10 x better than the toughest requirements on the market when tested in compliance with EN1609 and EN13472/24h<sup>2</sup>. In fact, it absorbs on average less than 0.1 kg/m<sup>2</sup> water after being heated to 300°C for 24h.

### Broad product portfolio with water-repellent (WR) properties

We prioritize the safety of industrial operations, the productivity of your processes, and the preservation of our environment. Therefore, PAROC offers a product range of fast, and easy-to-install WR solutions for all types of applications – including a full product range of pipe sections and elbow solutions, wired mats, mats and slabs. In addition, our WR products are safe for painting applications and certified to the requirements of the VDMA 24364 coating standard.



## OUTSTANDING WATER ABSORPTION PROPERTIES FOR STONE WOOL INSULATION<sup>2</sup>

10 TIMES BETTER THAN THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TOUGHEST KNOWN STANDARD AVAILABLE (EN13472)\*, EVEN AFTER BEING EXPOSED TO TEMPERATURES UP TO 300 °C\*

\* average water absorption level <0.1 kg/m<sup>2</sup> after 300 °C/24h prebake; based on 3<sup>rd</sup> party testing in 2019 and internal testing in 2023 and 2024

## WHY PAROC WR PRODUCTS ARE EXCELLENT TO MINIMIZE THE RISK OF CUI

### FULL PRODUCT RANGE

The extensive range of PAROC PRO products cover most required insulation solutions: pipe sections and elbow solutions, slabs, mats, and wired mats for most industrial installations – a non-contact solution is also available. Our exact product dimensioning reduces installation time and increases efficiency.

#### Non-contact insulation with PAROC® CUI Spacers

A non-contact insulation is considered one of the best solutions for reducing the risk of CUI. PAROC® CUI Spacers are silicone spacer blocks suitable for high-temperature environments and can be attached to a PTFE belt (PAROC® CUI Belt). The PAROC spacer system offers a number of advantages: The solution can be easily modified to fit most pipe diameters and can be used on equipment and irregular shapes as well (one size fits all). The solution is non-metallic with no risk of damaging the surface protection. The spacers can be installed with a minimum of tools. A pair of scissors or a knife is all that's needed. No waste. All excess material can be fitted to the next application.

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- **Outstanding water absorption properties<sup>2</sup>**

PAROC Pro WR products have outstanding water absorption properties; third-party tests prove that they are more than 10 x better on average than the toughest requirements when tested in compliance with EN1609 and EN13472<sup>2</sup>.

- **Faster dry-out**

A shorter drying time can reduce the critical period when damp insulation can create a corrosive environment between the pipe and the insulation. This is possible due to the excellent water repellency and the fibrous, open-pored structure of stone wool, which enables water to drain away and vapor to dry out.

- **Help prevent corrosion**

The PAROC WR products contain very low levels of water-leachable chlorides and are non-acidic. This can effectively help to avoid different kinds of corrosion, including stress corrosion cracking of stainless steel.

- **Higher efficiency**

Our products are designed to endure harsh environments, maintaining their water repellent capabilities at temperatures up to 300°C<sup>2</sup>. This ensures smooth operations, CUI protection and maximum efficiency in high-temperature industrial applications.



# NON-CONTACT INSULATION TO MINIMISE THE RISK OF CUI: PAROC CUI SPACERS + PAROC PRO CURVE (WR) + PAROC PRO SECTIONS (WR)

## HOW TO KEEP WATER AWAY FROM THE PIPE SURFACE?

When it comes to CUI, elbows are often seen as a weak point in the insulation system. Fortunately there is a solution for this problem: **PAROC® Pro Curve (WR)** and **PAROC® CUI Spacers** form a strong alliance that reduces the risk of CUI and saves valuable installation time.

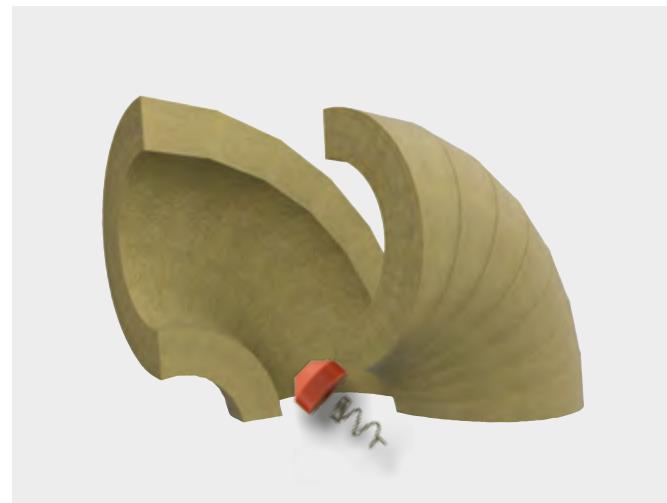
PAROC® CUI Spacers can be considered as one of the best solutions maintaining the distance between pipe and stonewool pipe insulation. Compared to other solutions on the market

they offer a range of advantages, e. g. minimal waste (as cut off material can be easily attached to next belt, only one product size (stock one size that will fit all dimensions), flexible, non-metallic..

PAROC® Pro Curve (WR) products are delivered in two halves enabling an installation that is much faster than standard products. PAROC® Pro Curve is available in 100, 120 and 140 kg/m<sup>3</sup>:

- PAROC® Pro Curve (WR) 100
- PAROC® Pro Curve (WR) 120
- PAROC® Pro Curve (WR) 140

Thickness in mm	Available dimensions PAROC® Pro Curve (WR)						
	114	140	168	219	273	324	356
30	180	206	232	284	336	388	414
40	193	219	245	297	349	401	440
50	219	245	271	323	375	427	453
60		258	284	336	388	440	479
70		284	310	362	414	466	492
80			323	375	427	479	518
90				349	401	453	505
100					505	557	
120						596	



<http://impact.nace.org/documents/ccsupp.pdf>

## REDUCE MAINTENANCE, SHUTDOWN TIMES, RISK OF LEAKAGES AND PERSONAL INJURY:

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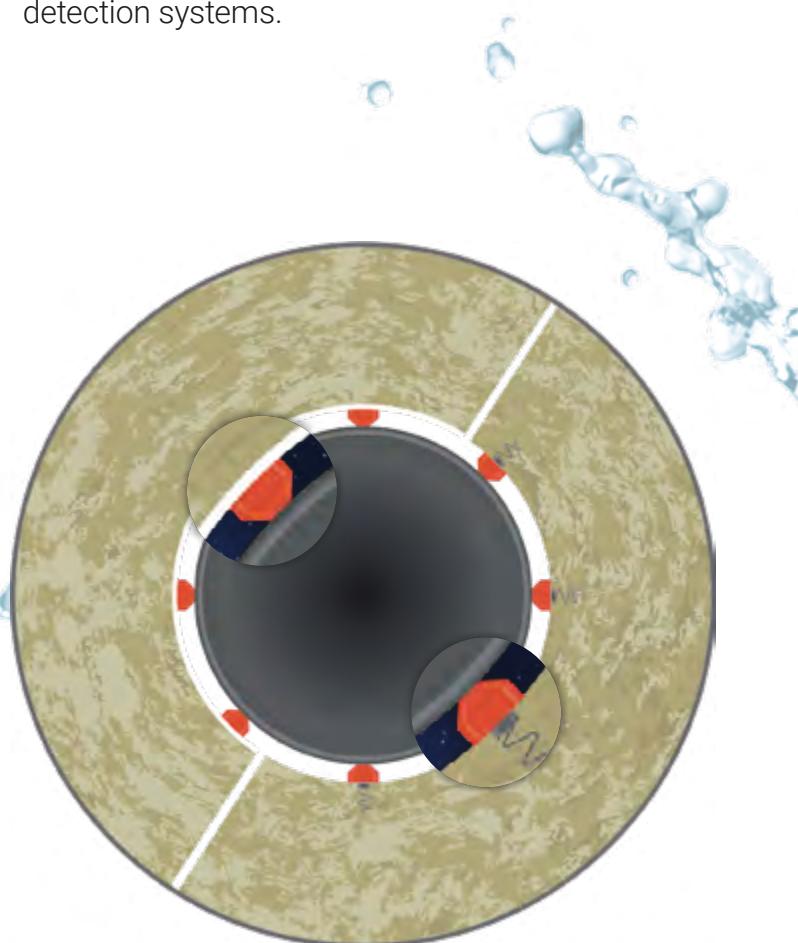
# PAROC® CUI SPACERS

**PAROC® CUI Belt** is a PTFE ring qualified for high-temperature environment, tailored to accommodate and align PAROC® CUI Spacers around a pipe. Together, these constitute an elegant solution for minimizing corrosion under insulation. PAROC® CUI Belt acts as support structure for PAROC® CUI Spacers, facilitating easy installation and a minimum 13 mm air gap between the insulation material and the pipe surface, allowing moisture to dry out and leading water away from the pipe surface. For dimensioning guidance, please refer to the separate dimensioning guide.

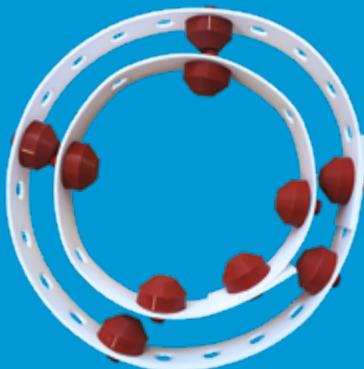
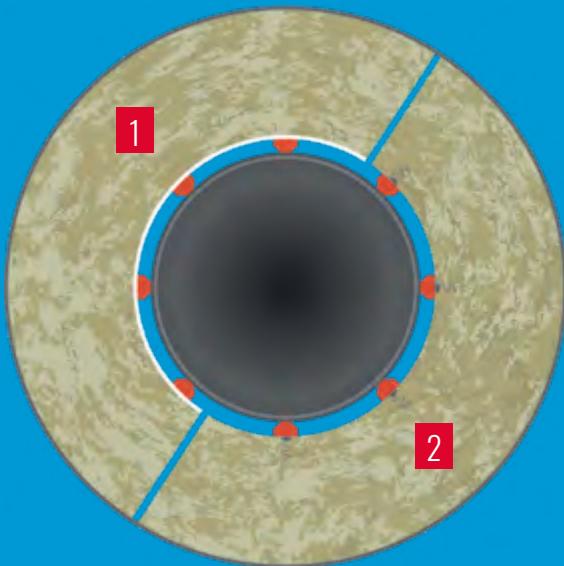
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PAROC® CUI Spacer is made of a high-temperature and high performance silicone material creating a minimum 13 mm air gap between the insulation material and the pipe surface, allowing moisture to dry out and leading water away from the pipe surface. For dimensioning guidance, please refer to the separate dimensioning guide.

PAROC® CUI Spacers and Belts can be used in systems with a continuous temperature up to 200 °C, with peak temperatures up to 230 °C. One size fits all pipe dimensions, allowing easy installation. The minimum 13 mm airgap even provides space for electrical tracing, as well as moisture, water accumulation, or corrosion detection systems.



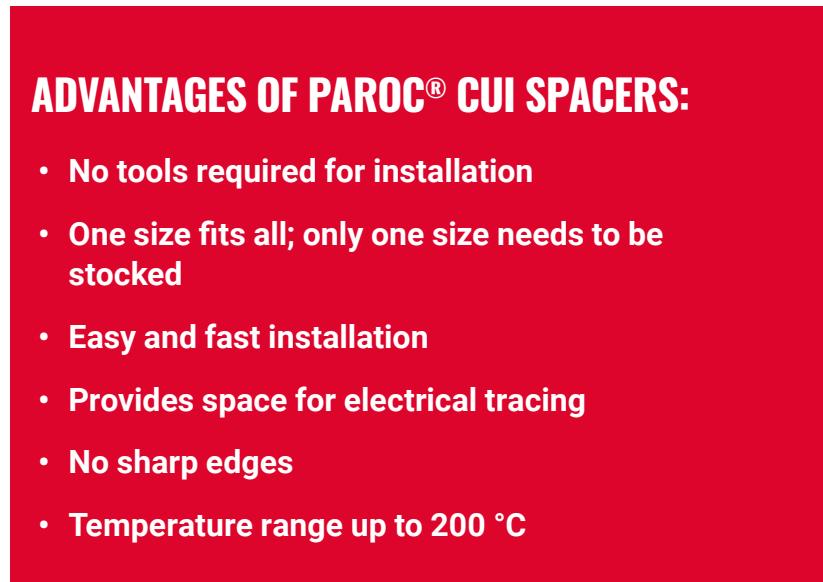
# INSTALLATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAROC® CUI SPACERS



**Option 1: Mounted on a belt**  
Recommended for pipes >30 mm diameter

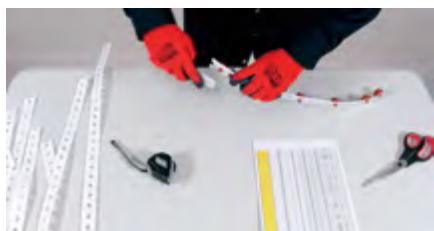
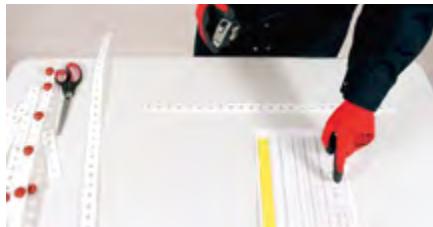


**Option 2: Single spacers with springs**  
recommended for pipes with <30 mm diameter  
and smaller areas of insulation (e. g. inspection  
hatches) as well as pipe elbows

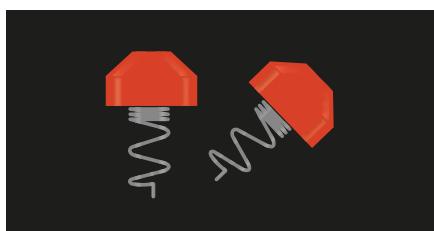


# INSTALLATION OF PAROC® CUI SPACERS

1. Spacers mounted on a belt



2. Single spacers with springs



# BELT LENGTH/NEEDED NUMBER OF SPACERS (RECOMMENDATIONS)

Nominal pipe size inch	A	B	C	Nominal diameter D	Pipe Section inner diameter with spacers E	Belt length single mm F	Number of spacers for single belt G	Belts per pipe section		Belts per pipe section	
								Belt mm	Spacers pcs	Belt mm	Spacers pcs
								3	4		
1/4	13,70		15	43	48	195	3	585	9		
3/8	17,10		18	46	48	204	3	613	9		
1/2	21,30		22	50	54	217	3	651	9		
3/4	26,70		28	56	57	236	3	708	9		
1	33,40		35	63	64	258	3	773	9		
1,25	42,20		42	70	70	280	3	839	9		
1,5	48,30	48		76	76	299	4	896	12		
		54		82	84	317	4	952	12		
		57		85	89	327	4	981	12		
2	60,30	60		88	89	336	4	1009	12		
		64		92	102	349	4	1047	12		
		70		98	102	368	4	1103	12		
		76		104	108	387	5	1160	15		
3	88,90	84		112	121	412	5	1235	15		
		89		117	121	427	5	1282	15		
3,5	101,60	102		130	133	468	5	1405	15		
		108		136	140	487	5	1461	15		
4	114,30	114		142	151	506	6	1518	18		
		121		149	151	528	6	1584	18		
		127		155	156	547	6	1640	18		
		133		161	162	566	6	1697	18		
5	141,30	140		168	168	588	6	1763	18		
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		479		507	508	1652	15		6608	60	
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20	508,00	508		536	558	1743	15		6972	60	
		533		561	612	1822	16		7286	64	
		558		586	612	1900	17		7600	68	
24	610,00	612		640	665	2070	18		8278	72	
		630		658	665	2126	19		8504	76	
28	711,20	714		742	762	2390	21		9560	84	
30	762,00	762		790	813	2541	22		10162	88	

# PAROC® CALCULUS: DESIGN ENERGY-EFFICIENT INSULATION TAILORED TO YOUR PROJECT

PAROC® Calculus is a technical insulation calculation program for dimensioning thermal insulation for different HVAC and Process Industry applications e.g. pipes, ventilation ducts and process industry tanks. With PAROC® Calculus it is also possible to calculate the heat loss for insulated and uninsulated valves and flanges, which usually increases the risk of heat loss. Additionally, the heat loss caused by thermal bridges in pipe and duct suspensions can be taken into account.

With PAROC® Calculus you can design energy efficient and economical insulation solutions for different HVAC and process industry applications with PAROC products.

## PAROC® Calculus features:

- Easy to use interface
- Works on pc, tablets and mobile phones
- Calculations for heat loss, surface temperature and temperature drop in pipes, ventilation ducts, process industry tanks, valves and flanges.
- Easy input of pipe diameters and duct dimensions (predefined)
- Thermal bridges of pipe and duct suspensions
- Print out your calculations to pdf
- All calculations are based on equations described in the EN ISO 12241 standard.

Select application

Updated according to ISO 12241:2022

Calculate with surface temperature display - cladding systems, suspensions and substructures can optionally be used for the calculation



This software (the Service) calculates properties of insulation solutions made by PAROC Technical Insulation products. Calculations are based on standard ISO 12241. The latest version is always on Paroc web pages. The information contained in the online insulation, energy and CO<sub>2</sub> calculations (the Service) is provided in good faith and for general information purpose only. Owens Corning as well as any of its direct or indirect affiliates, including Paroc Group OY (individually and jointly "Owens Corning") assumes no responsibility for errors or omissions in the contents of the Service, including technical or product data, product recommendations, research information, data and/or content contained in the Service. In providing the Service, Owens Corning does not make any warranties about its completeness, its reliability and its accuracy. Any action you take upon the information you find in using the Service, is strictly at your own risk. In no event shall Owens Corning be liable for any special, direct, indirect, consequential, or incidental damages or any other damages whatsoever, whether in an action of contract, negligence or other tort, arising out of or in connection with the use of the Service or the contents of the Service. Owens Corning reserves the right to make additions, deletions, or modification to the contents on the Service at any time without prior notice. By using the Service, you hereby consent to the present disclaimer and agree to its terms.

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