

# RH Rainscreen Horizontal Open State Cavity Barrier

Open state cavity barriers designed to allow ventilation and drainage in rainscreen façades whilst offering fire protection.



## Application

Siderise RH 'Open State' horizontal cavity barriers have been specifically developed to meet the requirements for cavity barriers used in drained and ventilated façades. Their use ensures that the system will drain moisture within the façade construction whilst maintaining airflow in normal service. In the event of fire, the intumescent on the leading edge rapidly expands, closing the ventilation gap to provide an effective fire seal.

Siderise has developed two 'Open State' (open void) horizontal solutions: RH25 for air gaps up to 25mm and RH50 for air gaps up to 50mm.

Siderise RH 'Open State' horizontal cavity barriers are compliant with current market requirements and have been tested to ASFP Guidance: 'Open State' Cavity Barriers used in External Envelope or Fabric of Buildings, utilising principles of EN 1363-1, referred to as ASFP Technical Guidance Document –TGD 19 (EN 1364-6).

### Third-party Certification

Siderise was the first manufacturer to achieve Third-party certification for Rainscreen Cavity Barriers.

For current details of Siderise certified 'Open State' Cavity Barriers, including the testing and scope of our Third-Party Certification, please refer to IFC Certification IFCC 1712.

This Certificate is available from our online Technical Resources or by contacting our Technical Support department: [technical.services@siderise.com](mailto:technical.services@siderise.com)

### CCPI assessed status

Siderise RH 'Open State' horizontal cavity barrier products have been assessed under the CCPI scheme except for the new product addition RH25 120/120, which is awaiting approval.

Assessment Number: 000800105/1226



## Product Description

Siderise RH 'Open State' horizontal cavity barriers consist of a non-combustible stone wool lamella core, with reinforced aluminium foil faces. This primary seal has a reaction to fire performance to Class 'A1'. The exposed leading edge is also sealed with aluminium foil. Whilst the base material is water repellent and non-hygroscopic, this predominantly enclosed arrangement affords an added degree of weather protection to the core material.

Siderise RH 'Open State' horizontal cavity barriers incorporate a continuous reactive intumescent strip which is bonded to the leading edge. The intumescent material has a reaction to fire performance to Class 'E'. In the event of exposure to fire, the intumescent rapidly expands and fully seals the purposely designed ventilation gap formed at the time of installation, between the barrier and the rear of the cladding.

As standard, the range includes a choice of products to suit either 25mm air gaps - referred to as RH25 - or 50mm air gaps - referred to as RH50. Both options are available with either galvanised mild steel (G) or stainless steel (S) fixing brackets as part of the system.

The specific horizontal cavity barrier system is then referred to as either RH25G, RH25S, RH50G or RH50S accordingly. The choice of brackets is usually determined by the rainscreen system designer according to project exposure and/or location.

The leading edge of the horizontal cavity barriers is encapsulated in a polymer film. As standard, the film is black to register as a 'shadow-line' behind open joints in the cladding.

For product identification purposes, the top edges of the film used on the RH25 and RH50 cavity barriers are colour-coded and labelled to show the product fire performance rating.

## Fire Performance

Siderise 'Open State' horizontal cavity barriers have been tested in accordance with ASFP TGD19 (prEN 1364-6): 'Open State' Cavity Barrier used in External Envelope or Fabric of Buildings. This test method specifies a procedure for determining the fire resistance of 'open state' cavity barriers when subjected to the standard fire exposure conditions and performance criteria stipulated in EN 1363 Part 1: 2012.

The tests have been undertaken to assess the ability of the horizontal 'open state' cavity barrier products to reinstate the fire resistance of a pre-cast, aerated concrete supporting construction. This is the standard assembly for testing such cavity barrier products as it allows the performance of the individual barrier to be classified.

We advise that all 'RH' Open State Cavity Barriers are positioned either flush or projecting in front of the thermal insulation.

**Product Fire Performance**

**Siderise RH25 'Open State' horizontal cavity barrier for maximum 25mm air gaps**

Siderise has tested horizontal cavity barriers with a 25mm air gap to the ASFP TGD19 method. During the fire tests, the seals achieved full effective closure in under 5 minutes. Seal temperatures remained below a 180°C rise during this activation period and maintained the EI requirements for up to E 120 and I 120. See Table 1 for details.

**Siderise RH50 'Open State' horizontal cavity barrier for maximum 50mm air gaps**

Siderise has tested horizontal cavity barriers with a 50mm air gap to the ASFP TGD19 method. During the fire tests, the seals achieved full effective closure in under 5 minutes. Seal temperatures remained below a 180°C rise during this activation period and maintained the EI requirements as detailed in Table 1 for up to E 60 and I 60. See Table 1 for details.

**System Fire Performance**

Siderise cavity barrier products have been used in several large-scale system tests such as BS 8414 (1&2) and NFPA 285. These may be used to evaluate the performance of the Siderise cavity barriers within a complete cladding system. The rules for extended application of results from BS 8414 tests are subsequently defined in BS 9414.

For information regarding performance and assembly details in system tests please see our system tests page.

**Table 1: Fire classification performance to TGD 19 (prEN 1364-6)**

Product Ref	Colour	Void Range (mm)	Air Gap (mm)**	Integrity (mins)	Insulation (mins)	Third-party Certification
RH25-120/90*	Grey	0 - 25	≤ 25	120	90	IFCC 1712
RH50-60/60*	Blue	0 - 50	≤ 50	60	60	IFCC 1712
RH25-90/30	Green	26 - 425	≤ 25	90	30	IFCC 1712
RH25-60/60	Orange	26 - 425	≤ 25	60	60	IFCC 1712
RH25-90/60	Purple	26 - 300	≤ 25	90	60	IFCC 1712
RH25-120/60	Yellow	26 - 425	≤ 25	120	60	IFCC 1712
RH25-120/90	Grey	26 - 425	≤ 25	120	90	IFCC 1712
RH25-120/120***	White	75 - 425	≤ 25	120	120	IFCC 1712
RH50-30/30	Red	51 - 300	≤ 50	30	30	IFCC 1712
RH50-60/60	Blue	51 - 300	≤ 50	60	60	IFCC 1712

\*Intumescent strip only.

\*\* To allow for on-site conditions, RH25 can be used for air gaps of 25 +/-3mm and RH50 can be used for air gaps of 50 +/-5mm.

\*\*\* Tested with min. 50mm thick stone wool thermal insulation (classified A1 to EN 13501-1) above and below the cavity barrier.

See IFC Certification IFCC 1712 for further details.

RH open state cavity barriers are generally tested with phenolic insulation used above and below the cavity barrier, with TGD 19 setting out a ranking for insulation products. Stone wool and glass wool insulation are considered less onerous, with PIR, PUR and EPS considered more onerous. The field of application for this standard places limits on the distance between the front face of the insulation and the leading edge of the cavity barrier when combustible insulation is utilised.

**Table 2: Bracket fixing requirements and barrier dimensions for RH25 (voids greater than 75mm) and RH50 (voids greater than 100mm)**

Product Ref	Void Range (mm)	Air Gap (mm)	Barrier Dimensions T x W (mm)	Length (mm)	Bracket Requirement
RH25-90/30	76 - 250	25	75 x Void -25	1200	3no RS 350 G/S
	251 - 350	25	75 x Void -25	1200	3no RS 450 G/S
	351 - 425	25	75 x Void -25	1200	3no RS 550 G/S
RH25-60/60	76 - 250	25	90 x Void -25	1200	3no RS 350 G/S
	251 - 350	25	90 x Void -25	1200	3no RS 450 G/S
	351 - 425	25	90 x Void -25	1200	3no RS 550 G/S
RH25-90/60	76 - 250	25	90 x Void -25	1200	3no RS 350 G/S
	251 - 300	25	90 x Void -25	1200	3no RS 450 G/S
	351 - 425	25	90 x Void -25	1200	3no RS 550 G/S
RH25-120/60	76 - 250	25	120 x Void -25	1200	3no RS 350 G/S
	251 - 350	25	120 x Void -25	1200	3no RS 450 G/S
	351 - 425	25	120 x Void -25	1200	3no RS 550 G/S
RH25-120/90	76 - 250	25	120 x Void -25	1200	3no RS 350 G/S
	251 - 350	25	120 x Void -25	1200	3no RS 450 G/S
	351 - 425	25	120 x Void -25	1200	3no RS 550 G/S
RH25-120/120	76 - 250	25	120 x Void -25	1200	3no RS 350 G/S
	251 - 350	25	120 x Void -25	1200	3no RS 450 G/S
	351 - 425	25	120 x Void -25	1200	3no RS 550 G/S
RH50-30/30	101 - 250	50	75 x Void -50	1200	3no RS 350 G/S
	251 - 300	50	75 x Void -50	1200	3no RS 450 G/S
RH50-60/60	101 - 250	50	90 x Void -50	1200	3no RS 350 G/S
	251 - 300	50	90 x Void -50	1200	3no RS 450 G/S

Please note:

- RH25-120/120 was tested with min. 50mm thick stone wool thermal insulation (classified A1 to EN 13501-1) above and below the cavity barrier.
- 'T' refers to barrier thickness. 'W' refers to barrier width.
- Brackets are available in two forms: (G) denotes galvanised steel brackets and (S) denotes stainless steel brackets.
- Brackets must be installed at 400mm centres based on a 1200mm strip. For lengths  $\leq 800$ mm 2no brackets must be used, with spacing reduced pro-rata. For lengths  $\leq 200$ mm a single centrally positioned bracket must be used. Lengths  $< 100$ mm should be avoided by cutting down the adjacent barrier accordingly.
- All brackets are to be suitably fixed to the substrate with non-combustible fixings.
- All brackets penetrate the product at mid-thickness. The protruding split ends should be counter-folded to retain the product, except for RH50-60/60 and RH25-120/120. For RH50-60/60, ensure the split end facing down overlaps with the intumescent face. For RH25-120/120, the bracket should overhang the barrier by 15mm then one of the split ends should be bent upwards and the other trimmed flush with the leading face of the barrier.
- Please refer to separate installation instructions.

**Table 3: Screw fixing requirements and barrier dimensions RH25 (voids up to 75mm) and RH50 (voids up to 100mm)**

Product Ref.	Void Width (mm)	Air Gap (mm)	Barrier Dimensions T x W (mm)	Length (mm)	Fixing Requirement
RH25-120/90*	0-25	≤ 25	75 x 15	1200	3no Screws
RH50-60/60*	0-50	≤ 50	35 x 3	1200	3no Screws
RH25-90/30	26-30	≤15	75 x 15	1200	3no Screws
	31-35	≤20	75 x 15	1200	3no Screws
	36-40	≤ 25	75 x 15	1200	3no Screws
	41-45	≤ 25	75 x 20	1200	3no Screws
	46-75	25	75 x Void -25	1200	3no Screws
RH25-60/60	26-30	≤15	90 x 15	1200	3no Screws
	31-35	≤20	90 x 15	1200	3no Screws
	36-40	≤ 25	90 x 15	1200	3no Screws
	41-45	≤ 25	90 x 20	1200	3no Screws
	46-75	25	90 x Void -25	1200	3no Screws
RH25-90/60	26-30	≤15	90 x 15	1200	3no Screws
	31-35	≤20	90 x 15	1200	3no Screws
	36-40	≤ 25	90 x 15	1200	3no Screws
	41-45	≤ 25	90 x 20	1200	3no Screws
	46-75	25	90 x Void -25	1200	3no Screws
RH25-120/60	26-30	≤15	120 x 15	1200	3no Screws
	31-35	≤20	120 x 15	1200	3no Screws
	36-40	≤ 25	120 x 15	1200	3no Screws
	41-45	≤ 25	120 x 20	1200	3no Screws
	46-75	25	120 x Void -25	1200	3no Screws
RH25-120/90	26-30	≤15	120 x 15	1200	3no Screws
	31-35	≤20	120 x 15	1200	3no Screws
	36-40	≤ 25	120 x 15	1200	3no Screws
	41-45	≤ 25	120 x 20	1200	3no Screws
	46-75	25	120 x Void -25	1200	3no Screws
RH25-120/120	75	25	120 x Void -25	1200	3no Screws
RH50-30/30	51-55	≤40	75 x 15	1200	3no Screws
	56-60	≤45	75 x 15	1200	3no Screws
	61-65	≤ 50	75 x 15	1200	3no Screws
	66-70	≤ 50	75 x 20	1200	3no Screws

	71-100	50	75 x Void -50	1200	3no Screws
RH50-60/60	51-55	≤40	90 x 15	1200	3no Screws
	56-60	≤45	90 x 15	1200	3no Screws
	61-65	≤ 50	90 x 15	1200	3no Screws
	66-70	≤ 50	90 x 20	1200	3no Screws
	71-100	50	90 x Void -50	1200	3no Screws

\*Intumescent strip only.

- RH25-120/120 was tested with min. 50mm thick stone wool thermal insulation (classified A1 to EN 13501-1) above and below the cavity barrier.
- Screw fixings must be installed at 400mm centres based on a 1200mm strip. For lengths ≤800mm 2no screw fixings must be used, with spacing reduced pro-rata. Lengths <100mm should be avoided by cutting down the adjacent barrier accordingly.
- All barriers to be suitably fixed to substrate with non-combustible fixings and washers with a 10-15mm (max.) head diameter.
- For RH25 all screw fixings to penetrate product at mid-thickness. For RH50 all screw fixings to penetrate the top edge of the RH50 intumescent.
- Please refer to separate installation instructions

## Thermal Performance

Thermal conductivity: λ= 0.038 W/m.K (tested foil to foil)

## Technical Specification

### Siderise RH ‘Open State’ horizontal cavity barriers

**Table 4: Technical Specification**

Properties	Value
Form Supplied	1200mm long. Supplied pre-cut in width to suit advised void size reduced by the ventilation gap required.
Product Finish	Aluminium foil tape to top and bottom surfaces
Appearance	Black leading edge with coloured tapes to indicate performance
Weight	Precut strips with stone wool from 0.5kg to 4.8kg dependent on grade of product and void width. Intumescent strip only product 0.2kg
Thermal Conductivity	λ = 0.038 W/m.K (tested foil to foil)

Reaction to Fire	The primary stone wool seal is Classified 'A1' to EN 13501-1 The reactive intumescent along the leading edge is Class 'E' to EN 13501-1. This is permitted by Regulation 7(3)(f) - Approved Document B for England & Wales.
Resistance to Fire	For product fire performance see Tables 1, 2 and 3

## Environmental

### Recyclability

The stone wool core is recyclable.

### Third-party verified EPD

Siderise RH 'Open State' horizontal cavity barriers have an Environmental Product Declaration (HUB-0824) in accordance with EN 15804+A2 & ISO 14025 / ISO 21930. Please see [EPD](#) in Product Resources or [EPD Hub](#) for further information.

### 60 Year Design Life

To confirm long-term durability, RH Cavity Barriers have been put through EOTA TR 024 'Type X' accelerated age testing. This is the harshest category which replicates exposure to rain, UV, high temperatures, and frost and thaw cycles.

When correctly installed in recommended applications, RH Cavity Barriers have an expected service lifespan of 60 years.

## Additional Information Available

The following information is available upon request or via download from the website:

- Third-party Certification
- Environmental Product Declaration
- Material Data Sheet
- Installation Instructions
- Installation Video
- Standard Details
- NBS Specification Clauses

## Technical Support

For technical advice, support, or to request a copy of a test or classification report - please contact: [technical.services@siderise.com](mailto:technical.services@siderise.com)

For Installation Training or Site Inspections please contact: [site.services@siderise.com](mailto:site.services@siderise.com)

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## Context

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