# PAROC<sup>®</sup> PRO WIRED MAT **LE**

Thermal insulation for high temperature indoor industrial applications

# **BREATHE**WITH EASE



UP TO

FORMALDEHYDE Emissions<sup>1</sup>

<u>0%</u>

# LOWER EMISSIONS IMPROVED INDOOR AIR QUALITY DURING FIRST HEAT-UP



**INSULATION FOR** high temperature indoor industrial applications usually generates emissions during the first heat-up.<sup>2</sup> But there is a possibility to reduce those emissions. The right insulation can make a big difference.

**PAROC® PRO WIRED MAT LE** is a thermal insulation specifically designed for indoor industrial high temperature applications. During first heat-up of insulated equipment, it emits up to 50%<sup>1</sup> less formaldehyde and up to 90%<sup>1</sup> less monoisocyanates than traditional wired mat insulation.

## **REDUCING EMISSIONS WITH PAROC® PRO WIRED MAT LE CAN RESULT IN:**

- · better working conditions.
- saving time and money by preventing longer shutdowns and reduction of efforts for preventive measures.
- improved air quality during first heat-up.

## PROBLEM

## SOLUTION

## **PROOF POINTS**

## BENEFITS

## **CONTACT US**

 Understanding binder decomposition at first heat-up

• A new generation of binders Product properties

 Comparative third party laboratory tests 1) PAROC<sup>®</sup> Pro Wired Mat LE vs. known competing stone wool products 2) Traditional PAROC<sup>®</sup> Pro Wired Mat vs. PAROC<sup>®</sup> Pro Wired Mat LE

 Protection of staff during first heat-up • Saving time and money

• Sales offices & contacts

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## PROBLEM

**THE BINDER** used in insulation products can create emissions during the first heat-up.

- Many industrial plants are insulated with stone wool using urea-modified phenolformaldehyde resin (PUF).
- At high temperatures above 200 °C, conventional binder usually decomposes and releases non-methane volatile organic compounds (VOC) like monoisocyanates and formaldehyde.
- Special measures need to be taken when stone wool on indoor applications is heated the first time, e.g. during start-up or after maintenance.

Binder degradation

and release of

monoisocvanates

and formaldehyde

> 250-300 °C

If temperature kept

stable emissions

leveling out

over time

300 °C

# SOLUTION

Paroc has developed a NEW GENERATION OF BINDERS based on renewable, biobased ingredients.

- The Low Emission Binder helps to release lower amounts of emissions than standard products and thus can improve the indoor climate during first heat-up of insulated equipment.
- PAROC<sup>®</sup> Pro Wired Mat LE utilizes our **NEW LOW EMISSION BINDER** and is specifically designed for high temperature industrial indoor applications.



heavy-duty stone wool mat for industrial applications.

## CAN CONTRIBUTE to

an improved indoor climate during and after the heat-up of a plant and/or maintenance of equipment.

#### Every installation has its own characteristics:

VOCs start to

evaporate from

the product

200 °C

20 °C

The amount of insulation being heated above the critical temperatures and speed of the released emissions of the binder depend on the specific situation in the plant

#### Factors influencing the emissions in the air:

Further increase

of temperature will

release smaller

amounts of emissions

since the heat goes

deeper into the insulation material

> 300 °C

- Volume of the facility
- Air change rate in facility
- Amount of insulation
- Density and thickness
- Temperature and time

**HASSLE-FREE** and clean handling with minimal dust and loose fibers.

**OPTIMAL FOR** use in thermal insulation of high temperature applications.

### **OFFERS FORM**

stability<sup>4</sup>, even with long time use at high temperatures, e.g. for maintenance.

PAROC<sup>®</sup> PRO WIRED MAT LE **IS OFFERED IN A RANGE OF** SIZES, DENSITIES AND FACING MATERIALS TO ACCOMMODATE **DIVERSE REQUIREMENTS.** 

**SEE FULL TECHNICAL DETAILS** 

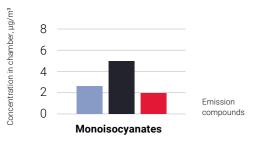
# **PROOF POINTS**

HOW DOES the new binder affect the emissions of stone wool insulation during first heat-up?

**COMPARATIVE THIRD** party laboratory tests show that PAROC® Pro Wired Mat LE offers lower monoisocyanates and formaldehyde emissions compared to known competing stone wool products.

#### PAROC® PRO WIRED MAT LE VS KNOWN **COMPETING STONE WOOL PRODUCTS**

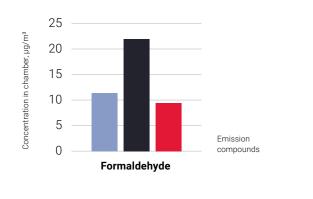
Benchmarks A and B vs PAROC® Pro Wired Mat LE



Competitor PAROC<sup>®</sup> Competitor Benchmark A Benchmark B Pro Wired Mat LE

Benchmarks A and B vs PAROC® Pro Wired Mat LE

**TESTS VS COMPETING LE PRODUCTS** 



Competitor PAROC<sup>®</sup> Competitor Pro Wired Mat LE Benchmark A Benchmark B

-30% -59%

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TESTED

**MONOISOCYANATES<sup>6</sup>** 

-15% to -57% **FORMALDEHYDE**<sup>6</sup>

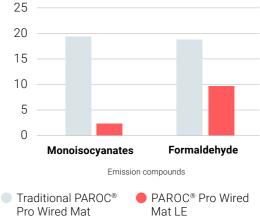
PAROC<sup>®</sup> PRO WIRED MAT LE PROVIDES ONE OF THE LOWEST EMISSIONS **AVAILABLE FOR STONE WOOL INSULATION PRODUCTS.<sup>6</sup>** 



#### TRADITIONAL PAROC® PRO WIRED MAT VS PAROC® PRO WIRED MAT LE

Third party comparative laboratory tests demonstrate significant differences in emissions.

Traditional PAROC® Pro Wired Mat vs PAROC® Pro Wired Mat LE



Sample test in emission chamber at 300°C

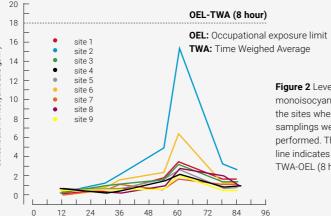
WHEN STONE WOOL insulation is heated the first time to a temperature above 200 °C, the binder starts to decompose. Typically thermal breakdown products are e.g. monoisocyanates and formaldehyde. PAROC<sup>®</sup> Pro Wired Mat LE products can be used in facilities requiring lower emission levels of formaldehydes and monoisocyanate components.

## **PROOF POINTS**

FIELD TESTS conducted in Sweden show that PAROC<sup>®</sup> Pro Wired Mat LE omitted monoisocyanate emissions well below the national Occupational Exposure Limit OEL.

#### STATIONARY SAMPLING

- THE AIR FLOW IN THE PLANT was from the bottom to the top of the building.
- SITE 1, 2, 3 and 4 were on the highest floor and site 2 was selected as being a suspected "hot spot".
- **SITE 5–9** were in the lower part of the building.
- AFTER 60 H the furnace core had reached a temperature of 720 °C and the parts insulated 350-380 °C. Site 2 significantly higher.



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Figure 2 Levels of monoisocyanic acid at the sites where stationery samplings were performed. The dotted line indicates the Swedish TWA-OEL (8 h).

**"THE PERSONAL SAMPLINGS REVEALED THAT THE CONCENTRATION OF ICA** NEVER EXCEEDED 1 µg/m<sup>3</sup>."

Assessment by Occupation Environmental Medicine

#### Setup and conditions

Two different density products were installed on a boiler at

- 486 m<sup>2</sup> Paroc PRO Wired Mat LE 100 (100mm)
- 135 m<sup>2</sup> Paroc PRO Wired Mat LE 80 (100mm)
- 62.1 m<sup>3</sup> new insulation with a mass of 5.9 metric tons
- Air measurements at the start-up were conducted by occupational and environmental medicine, Linköping University Hospital, Sweden.
- Stationary sampling was performed at 9 different spots around the newly installed wool.
- Personal samplers were mounted near the breathing zone (< 30 cm from the mouth/nose) of the operators and emissions were collected while work with the stationary stations were done.
- Sampling of emissions was done 12-84 h after the heating of the boiler had started.

OE	L-T	WA
18	μG	/M3

#### PERSONAL SAMPLING

DAY	Time since start of furnace (h)	Operator	Sampling time (minutes)	Concentration of ICA (ug/m³)
2	30-363	1	119	0,81
2	30-36	2	119	0,46
3	54–50	3	74	0,75
3	54-60	4	74	0,86
4	78-84	2	91	0,81

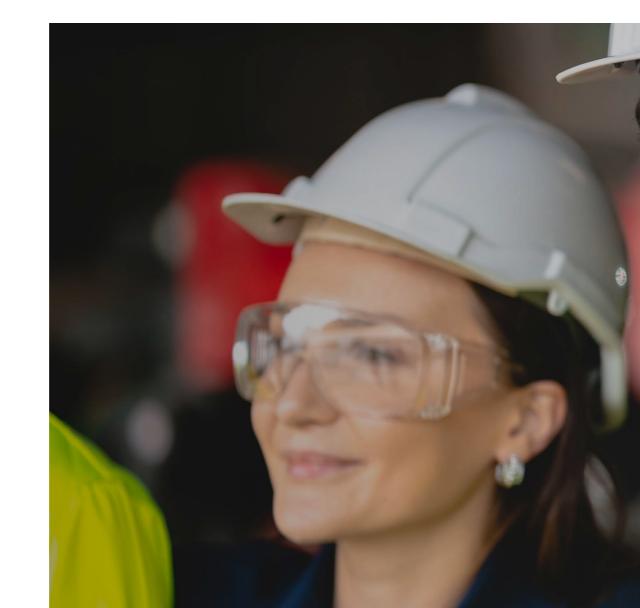
Total of two samplings each day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.



## **BENEFITS**: **BREATHE WITH EASE**







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**PROTECTION OF STAFF** during first heat-up by minimizing health risks for workers and releasing less odor.

Low levels of emissions ensure a good working environment and improve indoor climate. During the first heat-up of insulation wool, health risks are reduced. It becomes easier to comply with national Occupational Exposure Limits (OEL) of the substances like monoisocyanates. This can lead to a reduction of preventive measures at the workplace like exposure monitoring, costly ventilation systems or personal respiratory protection. Also, the reduced odor of the PAROC® Pro Wired Mat LE makes installation much more pleasant.

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SAVING TIME AND MONEY by preventing longer shutdowns and reduction of efforts for preventive measures.

By avoiding longer downtimes and shutdowns during heat-up phases and maintenance work, valuable time and therefore money can be saved.<sup>7</sup> Additional costs can be reduced by avoiding high levels of protective measures, as workers can continue their work, since necessary safety precautions can be reduced or avoided <sup>8</sup>.

WHEN OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY, EFFICIENCY AND PEACE OF MIND ARE IMPORTANT, CHOOSE PAROC<sup>®</sup> PRO WIRED MAT LE AND BREATHE WITH EASE.



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#### Notes

- <sup>1</sup> Comparative laboratory test of traditional PAROC<sup>®</sup> Pro Wired Mat and PAROC<sup>®</sup> Pro Wired Mat LE, conducted by Linkoping University Hospital, Sweden. A sample was heated in a 4.75 m<sup>3</sup> chamber to 300 °C. 2024\_04 Linköping report. Recommended for operating temperatures of 200°C and above.
- <sup>2</sup> Not only from the insulation material itself.
  <sup>3</sup> Find details in Product Declaration of
- Performance.
- <sup>4</sup> Find details in Product Declaration of Performance. MST (Max Service Temp) covers high temp dimensional stability.
- $^{\rm 5}$  Sample was heated in a 4.75 m $^{\rm 3}$  chamber to 300 °C.
- <sup>6</sup> Compared to two known competitor products with declared lower emissions of formaldehyde and monoisocyanates.
- <sup>7</sup> The amount of insulation being heated above the critical temperatures and speed of the released emissions of the binder depend on the specific situation in the plant.
- Avoidance or reduction of safety precautions needs to be validated by an emission test or analysis.

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