

GREENGUARD MICROBIAL RESISTANCE LISTING TEST FOR K-FLEX SHEET AND TUBULAR FOAM

prepared for

K-FLEX USA, LLC.



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Authorization Form for Listing of Microbial Resistant Products

Name of Manufacturer

K-Flex USA, LLC 100 Nomaco Drive Youngsville, NC 27596 Product Name of Exact Product Tested (Provide market name and details of primary construction including composition, thickness, treatments etc.)

K-Flex Sheet and Tubular Foam

(50 characters or less)

The product tested and qualified for GREENGUARD Environmental Institute's (GEI) Microbial Resistant Listing Program is eligible for listing on the GEI website. Under this program, this product will be listed on GEI's website (http://www.greenguard.org) for one year; it will need to be retested to continue to be listed after one year. Your participation in this program allows you to communicate your product's performance with customers in the marketplace. In order to avoid any miscommunication or confusion on this performance, use the following quidelines in your marketing materials:

GEI MARKETING GUIDELINES

Tag Line: "GREENGUARD Listed for Microbial Resistance"

Complete Description: "Listed by GREENGUARD Environmental Institute as complying with GREENGUARD Test Method, 'Method For Measuring Microbial Resistance From Various Sources Using Static Environmental Chambers,' developed according to ASTM Standard D 6329-98."

This complete description need not be used in every communication but should be minimally used in some appropriate public format such as an MSDS sheet or on your website. Alternatively, you can link to the appropriate page on the GEI website for more detailed information.

| Pro | oduct Description K-F | ex Sheet and Tubular | Foam . |
|-----|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| | Ranking | | Product Measurement |
| 1 | Highly Susceptible to I | Mold Growth | |
| 2 | Susceptible to Mold G | rowth | |
| 3 | Resistant to Mold Grov | vth | |
| 4 | Highly Resistant to Mo | ld Growth | ✓ |

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Air Quality Sciences, Inc. (AQS) is pleased to present the results of a microbial resistance evaluation of K-Flex USA, LLC.'s "K-Flex Sheet and Tubular Foam" insulation. AQS conducted this study using a GREENGUARD product evaluation test protocol (1), which employs a specified method based on ASTM D 6329, "Standard Guide for Developing Methodology for Evaluating the Ability of Indoor Materials to Support Microbial Growth Using Static Environmental Chambers" (2). The material was delivered to AQS by the manufacturer as presented in the Chain of Custody description in Appendix 1. Samples were tested and the data analyzed to obtain a microbial resistance rating.

The material was tested as supplied, without any pre-conditioning. Representative samples of the material were inoculated with spores of <u>Penicillium brevicompactum</u> and transferred to a static environmental chamber maintained at 95% relative humidity and 25°C. The inoculated samples were incubated for three weeks to determine the susceptibility to mold growth.

RESULTS

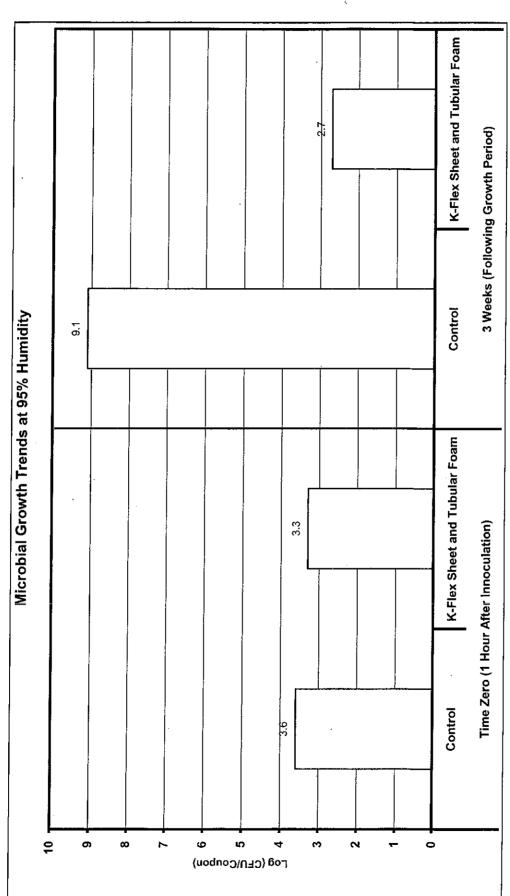
The results are presented in Figure 1. For reference, the CFU levels recovered from highly susceptible control samples at 3 weeks are also included. The sample tested (K-Flex Sheet and Tubular Foam) is resistant to mold colonization under the method test conditions. The concentration of mold recovered from the sample after 3 weeks was 5.0E+02 CFU/coupon. The log of this is 2.7, with a decrease of at least 0.5 Log(CFU) after 3 weeks, giving the product a rating of 4, highly resistant.

PRODUCT RANKING

| Product | | K-Flex Sheet and Tubular Foam | | |
|---------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|--|
| Ranking | | Product Measurement | Definition | |
| 1 | Highly Susceptible to Mold Growth | | Growth comparable to highly susceptible materials. Log(CFU) > 7.5 at 3 weeks. | |
| 2 | Susceptible to Mold Growth | | Growth comparable to susceptible materials. Log(CFU) ≤ 7.5 and > 5.5 at 3 weeks. | |
| 3 | Resistant to Mold Growth | | Growth comparable to resistant materials. Log(CFU) ≤ 5.5 and > 2.5 at 3 weeks. | |
| 4 | Highly Resistant to Mold Growth | ✓ | Growth comparable with highly resistant materials. Log(CFU) ≤ 2.5 at 3 weeks, or Log(CFU) < 5.5 with a decrease of at least 0.5 Log(CFU) after 3 weeks. | |

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FIGURE 1



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REFERENCES

- 1. GREENGUARD Environmental Institute, "Method For Measuring Microbial Resistance From Various Sources Using Static Environmental Chambers" 2008. http://www.greenguard.org
- 2. ASTM D 6329 "Standard Guide for Developing Methodology for Evaluating the Ability of Indoor Materials to Support Microbial Growth Using Static Environmental Chambers." American Society for Testing and Materials, West Conshohocken, PA, 2003.

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APPENDIX 1



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Product #: 060 H/A



General Material Test Product Documentation/Chain of Custody

TO BE COMPLETED BY CUSTOMER AND RETURNED WITH PRODUCT (CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION)

| I. TESTING | S INFORMATION (Please check) |) ☐ Chemical Microbiological |
|---------------------------------|--|---|
| II. IDENTIF | ICATION INFORMATION | |
| Manufacturer Manufacturer's rep | K-FLEX USAILLC presentative Daw Jan | Telephone number (919) 435-556/ |
| Website | | |
| Address | 100 Nomaco Dr. | Fax number (919) 569-4001 Email dans James @KFLexusa.com |
| City, State Contact person | Youngs Ville, NC Dan James | Zip 27.596 Contact number (9.14) 43.5-5561 |
| CATEGORY B (I | Ory): K-Flex Shee7 an | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| IV. PRODUC CATEGORY A (V | T INFORMATION Vet): | |
| Model designation | | Packing list included |
| Brand/Trade name | | Date of manufacture |
| Lot number | | |
| Application/Usage F | | |
| Curing Recommend | ations | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| Primary use of produ | uct | |

General Material Test Product Documentation/Chain of Custody

| Product description including primary composition | / treatments/ finish/ thickness |
|--|---|
| Antimicrobial used? | |
| CATEGORY B (Dry): Model designation Date of Manufacture Product size/weight width (cm) 2,54 height | Brand/Trade name Sheet/Tubular Foar Lot number ht (cm) 2.54 depth (cm) 2.54 weight(kg) |
| Primary use of product | / treatments/ finish/ thickness |
| Antimicrobial used? Yes No V. MANUFACTURING PLANT INFORM | |
| V. MANUFACTURING PLANT INFORM Plant name | A HON Plant contact |
| Address | Telephone number () |
| | _ Fax number () |
| City, State | Zip |
| VI. CERTIFICATION I hereby certify that the information provided is accompany to the second to the s | Date 2/5/09 |
| Position/Title EH+S ENGIN. | <u> </u> |
| Company K-blex USA, LLC | mu (7/ 2 1/ |
| Phone (919) 435- \$561 | Fax number (911) 569-4001 |

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General Material Test Product Documentation/Chain of Custody

VII. RETURN INSTRUCTIONS

Insert completed form in an envelope marked "CONFIDENTIAL" and attach to product before shipping. Please include a detailed packing list with product shipment.

Or, you may fax or mail the original(s) to:

PE/GREENGUARD Coordinator Air Quality Sciences, Inc. 2211 Newmarket Parkway, Suite 106 Marietta, Georgia 30067 Fax: (770) 933-0641

| ^ | AQS USE ONLY | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Receive date 2./0.09 | Receive time <u>8130</u> | Project number |
| Receiver name <u>55m; +h</u> | Receiver signature | CD SOL |
| ls packing list included? | Is product description com | plete? |
| Comments: | | |