

# “Great British Refurbishment – Case Studies”

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## Knauf Group

- The Knauf Group was founded in 1932.
  - 150 factories in 40 countries employing over 22,500 people
  - European Market Leader in gypsum based materials
  - Insulation operations worldwide and the
  - **fastest growing ins**
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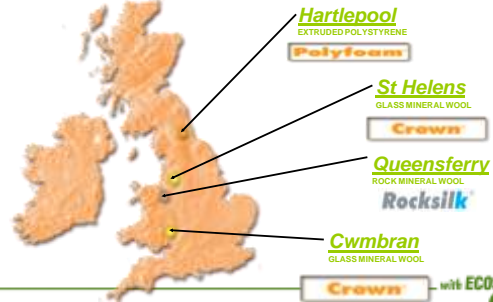
## Knauf Insulation U.K.

- UK market leader in insulation formerly Owens Corning / Pilkingtons / Fibreglass formed in 1946. Fully owned by Knauf since 2002 with over £100 million investment
- 4 insulation manufacturing plants

- **St Helens & Cwmbarn** (Glass Mineral Wool)
- **Queensferry** (Rock Mineral Wool)
- **Hartlepool** (Extruded Polystyrene)



## Knauf Insulation - the only UK manufacturer of rock and glass mineral wool, and foams...



## Plants & Products

**Cwmbarn** glass mineral wool    **St Helens** glass mineral wool    **Queensferry** rock mineral wool    **Hartlepool** Extruded Polystyrene



...supplying products in rolls, slabs and also as loose wool



## Knauf Insulation has always had trusted product brands in the UK...

Crown - glass mineral wool



Rocksilk - rock mineral wool



Polyfoam – extruded polystyrene and extruded polyethylene



### Retrofitting

#### “Standard” package:

- Cavity wall insulation
- Loft insulation
- Condensing Gas Boiler
- Heating controls
- Low energy lighting
- Draft proofing
- Floor insulation
  
- Circa £3,000 to £4,000



### Retrofitting

#### “Hard/Expensive to treat” package:

- Solid wall insulation- EWI/IWI
- Loft insulation
- Condensing Gas Boiler / Biomass boiler
- Heating controls
- Low energy lighting
- Draft proofing
- Floor insulation
- Party Wall insulation
  
- Circa £12,000 to £20,000



### External Wall Insulation



### External Wall Insulation – before / after



Wetherby Building Systems

### Solid Wall Houses



Are all walls suitable for External Wall Insulation?



### Advantages of Internal Wall Insulation

- It costs less to install than external insulation
- It is easier to maintain than external insulation
- No scaffolding is required
- The external appearance of the building is maintained so it can be installed in conservation areas
- No specialist skills or equipment are required to install the insulation
- Materials are readily available
- It can be installed on a room-by-room, single façade or whole house basis, as part of a full refurbishment plan
- Installation is not delayed by bad weather

## ThermoShell IWI System



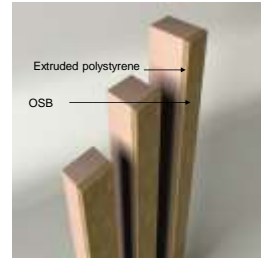
- Four component system
- EcoStuds
- EcoBatt Glass wool insulation
- Vapour check plasterboard
- Thermal Laminate for reveals and returns



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## EcoStud - Composite Stud



### Extruded Polystyrene:

- No thermal bridge through insulation
- Unaffected by moisture
- Lightweight but with high compressive strength
- Excellent pullout strength
- Moisture resistant OSB



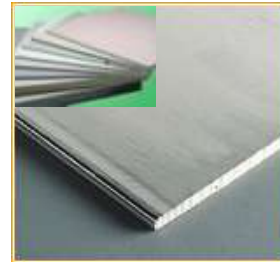
## Insulation – EcoBatt



- Water repellent glass mineral wool
- Manufactured with ECOSE Technology
- Compression fits between studs, no air gaps in system
- Green guide A+



## 12.5mm Vapour Check Plasterboard



- Readily available standard products
- Specialist board for a specialist application



## System Ancillaries



- Masonry fixings in accordance with BS1210 (140-150mm long)
- Masonry wall plugs
- Knauf Multi Purpose Sealant (solvent-free)
- Knauf Drywall screws for plasterboard
- Knauf Drywall taping & jointing
- Vapour control layer – polyethylene membrane with a minimum vapour resistance of 260MN.s/gramme (for use instead of vapour check plasterboard)
- RPE / Goggles / Gloves



## Installation Process



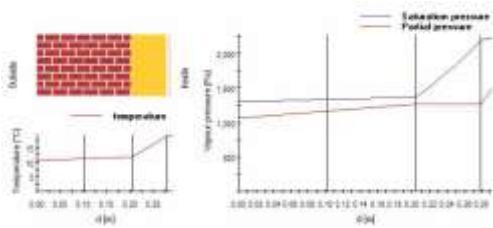
- EcoStuds mechanically fixed to substrate with 140mm fixings at 600mm centres and sealed where needed
- 555mm EcoBatt friction fitted between EcoStuds
- Polyfoam Linerboard fitted to reveals and return walls
- 12.5mm Vapour check plasterboard screwed to EcoStuds
- Seal perimeter edges
- Taped and jointed or skim finish as appropriate



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## Condensation Analysis



## Dickenson Road, Manchester



- Victorian 2 Storey Terrace with front cellar
- Attractive Frontage
- Not So Attractive Rear
- Typical of millions of properties in the UK
- Partial whole house low carbon refurbishment whilst still occupied



Stud in position on inner face of wall, spacing designed to suit standard size plasterboard



Packing and trimming needed on uneven walls



Stud passes right through changes in floor level to minimise levels of thermal bridging



## Kitchen side wall - preparation



Kitchen - Installing EcoStuds



Kitchen - Installing EcoBatts



Kitchen - Ready to decorate



Bedroom Front Wall - Before



Bedroom Front Wall - During



Bedroom Front Wall - After



## Suspended Timber Floor with Access

KNAUF INSULATION  
It's how to get energy



with ECOSE

## Suspended Timber Floor complete

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## What was installed and what was achieved

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- 75mm IWI EcoStuds & EcoBatts on kitchen external walls
- 75mm IWI EcoStuds & EcoBatts on front bedroom wall
- Window reveals and Cellar wall / door insulated with 27mm Thermal Laminate Board
- Loft upgraded with Glass mineral wool from 100mm to 300mm
- Suspended timber floor insulated with 200mm encapsulated glasswool
- Glasswool installed in the intermediate floor zone below IWI system
  
- External doors, cellar door and insulated loft hatch draught proofed
- All lighting changed to low energy bulbs
- Wireless thermostatic control added
- Future refurbishment plan provided to highlight the next steps
- Overall cost was £2,300
- Carbon reduced by 1.07 tonnes per annum
- Energy bills reduced by circa £235 per annum

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## Manor Farm, Binsey

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•200 Year old cottage



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Doncaster Whole House Refurb



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- Voided property for total refurbishment
- Plaster removed on all walls
- Kitchen and bathroom units replaced
- Ceilings downstairs replaced
- **Allowed us to do the following**
- 75mm IW1 System to all external walls and cellar stairs
- Thermal Laminate Board to reveals & returns
- 150mm insulation in suspended timber floor
- Loft upgraded from 100mm to 300mm
- Intermediate floors zone insulated
- Underside of staircase to first floor insulated
- New tightly sealed UPVC door to cellar



- Install monitoring equipment to external walls



Pre Treatment Energy Performance

- Condensing Combi boiler
- UPVC windows and doors
- 100mm Insulation in loft
- **SAP 63 D**
- **3810 kg CO2/annum**





## Post Treatment Energy Performance



Walls Upgraded  
2.1 to **0.35 W/m2K**

Floor Upgraded  
0.71 to **0.21 W/m2K**

Loft Insulation Upgraded  
0.43 to **0.13 W/m2K**

Stairs above and Walls to Cellar  
Stairs Upgraded  
**0.28 and 0.27 respectively**  
Assumed Air leakage has improved  
to 10 m3/h.m2

SAP now 82B  
1833 kg CO2 per annum

52% reduction in CO2



## Doncaster whole house conclusions



- **Energy Performance** → SAP 82B from 63D with 2 tonnes of CO2 emissions saved per year
- **The builders** → easy to use and replicate the system
- **Costs** → only £2,800 added to the renovation costs
- **Predicted payback period** → 7 years based on current energy prices
- **Lost space** → 87.5mm on both front and rear walls represents less than 2% of floor area



## Phoenix Cottage, Surrey



- See separate slides



## Hampstead, London



- See separate slides



## Smithy Wood, Sheffield



- See separate slides



## GBR - Will and Catherine await their fate!



Assessing for underfloor insulation



EcoBatts fitted in the lounge



EcoStuds into the floor zone



Main bedroom window reveal



Main bedroom complete



Will – proud owner of an array of pv's



## Summary of the works



- 139 year old Victorian solid wall property not suitable for EWI
- 1.92 kWp SunSation installed
- 150mm insulation added to the internal solid walls
- 200mm insulation added to the suspended timber floor
- 400mm insulation added to the loft space
- Downsized the radiators, and major draught proofing
- Total cost of £23,000



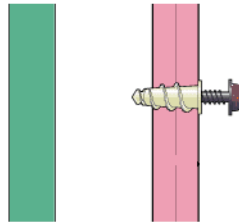
## Summary of savings



- **73 %** reduction in energy use
- **85%** reduction in carbon emissions
- **123 %** reduction in bills ( surplus sold back to the grid)
- 1.92 kWp SunSation installed saving 913 kgs of CO2 pa
- £129 pa saving on bills
- £667 income generated on pay-in tariff



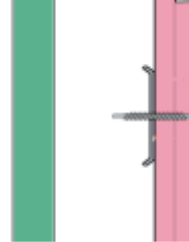
## Fixtures and Fittings - Lightweight



- Knauf Drywall Anchors
- Pictures
- Mirrors
- Dado rails
- Picture rails



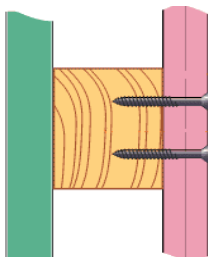
## Fixtures and Fittings - Medium



- Knauf Fixing Channel
- Most radiators
- Small cupboards
- Handrails



## Fixtures and Fittings - Heavyweight



- Timber Battens
- All radiators
- Kitchen cupboards
- Bathroom fittings



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