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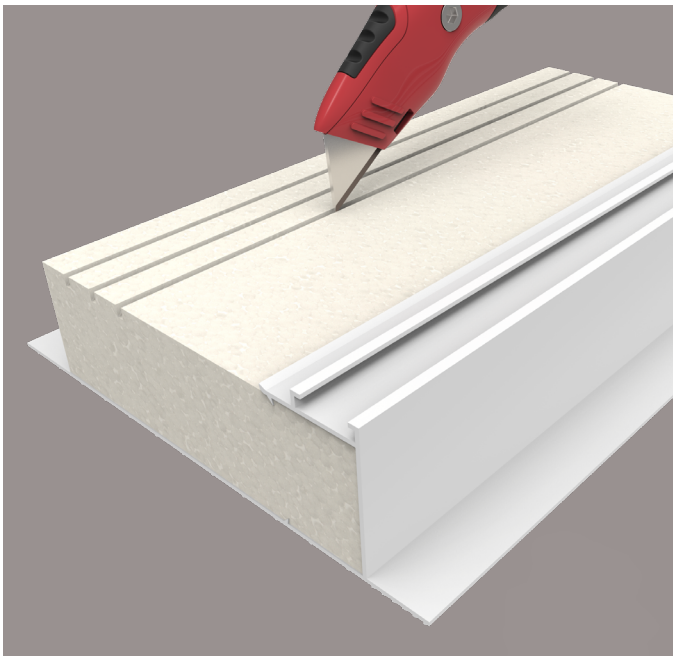
FLEXI-CLOSER

Multi-width thermal cavity closer for window and door reveals

- Closes cavity around window and door reveals
- Fits multiple cavity widths in one product - simply cut to size
- Prevents cold bridging
- Integral DPC
- Helps eliminate moisture, mould and staining from around windows and doors
- Insulated with expanded polystyrene (EPS)
- Single flange available for check reveal details



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Application

ARC Flexi-Closer closes the cavity around window and door openings in masonry walls, providing excellent thermal properties. The rigid PVCu profile acts as an integral DPC, and is insulated with expanded polystyrene (EPS).

ARC Flexi-Closer is supplied complete with cutting guides to enable common cavity widths to be quickly and accurately cut.

Cold Bridging

Cold bridges are sections through the fabric of significantly lower thermal resistance than the rest of the construction. It is most commonly found around window and door openings and usually shows itself through so called pattern staining. A cold bridge through an external frame attracts moisture in the form of surface condensation which attracts dirt and dust. This surface condensation can also lead to mould growth and damage to internal plaster and paint work.

The Solution

ARC Flexi-Closer will significantly reduce the risk of cold bridging around window and door openings when fitted in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

ARC cavity closers have been assessed using software that complies with the Standard for Thermal Bridge Calculations BS EN ISO 10211-2007. The conventions for calculations specified in the BRE document BR497 were also followed. The results are compared with the criteria set in the BRE Information Paper IP1/06 'Assessing the Effects of Thermal Bridging at Junctions and Around Openings' which is referenced in Building Regulations as shown below.

Detail	Default F-value	F-value with ARC Flexi-Closer	Default Ψ-value	Ψ-value with ARC Flexi-Closer
Jamb (100mm cavity)	0.75	0.925	0.05	0.016
Sill (100mm cavity)	0.75	0.945	0.04	0.010

Standards

ARC Flexi-Closer has a thermal conductivity of 0.038W/mK.

Environment

No CFCs or HCFCs are involved in the manufacturing process of ARC's EPS insulation. The material presents no known threat to the environment and is classed as ODP and GWP zero.

ARC Flexi-Closer has a Green Guide rating of A+.

Installation

The ARC Flexi-Closer is easily installed, either as the brick and block work progresses, or in to pre-formed openings.

Firstly, cut the lengths of cavity closer to the required cavity width.

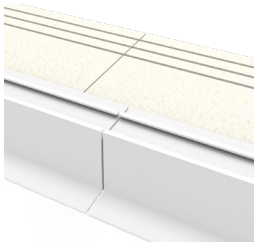
Secondly, cut the jamb profile to the height of the window or door opening plus 75mm to allow the bottom edges to drop into the cavity below the sill. Once the jamb sections are installed, measure the required width for the sill section and cut a length to butt tightly to the jamb sections. If a longer length than 2.4m is required, see jointing method to the right.

Option 1 (First Fix): As above and build in the jamb sections as the brickwork progresses using ARC Brick Ties* (1 every 225mm). Ties are not required on the sill section, simply hold in place with an adhesive or nail to block. *ARC Brick Ties are optional and are sold separately.

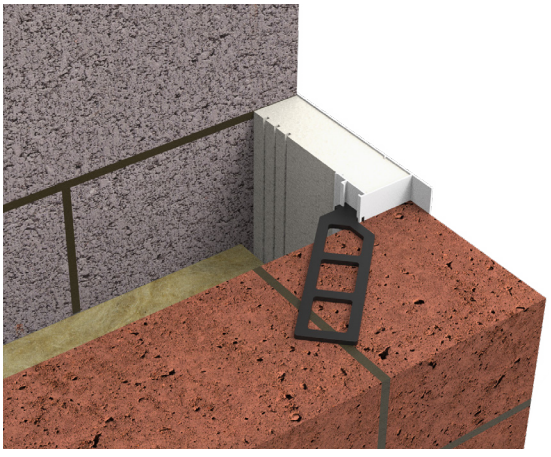
Option 2 (Second Fix): Cut sections to required size as above and simply push fit once the openings are formed. Sections can be secured by nailing to block or using a suitable adhesive.

- No gaps should exist either between the cavity closer and construction, or between jointed sections
- The cavity closer must fill the cavity between brick and block, with cavity insulation cut back
- The PVC up-stand should be fitted against the external leaf to deflect any moisture penetration through the brick
- A plasterboard sill should be mechanically fitted over the cavity closer

Jointing Method



Where a longer length than the supplied 2.4m is required, the following jointing method should be used. Using an appropriate saw, remove 150mm of the plastic profile only, then push the exposed insulation into the next length of plastic profile.



Right: ARC Flexi-Closer installed using ARC Brick Ties

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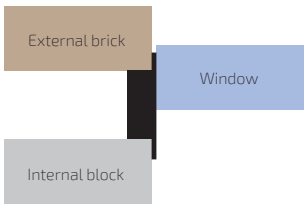
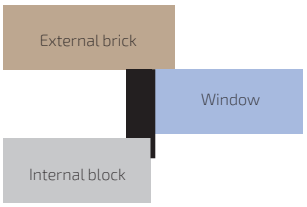
Check Reveal

ARC Flexi-Closer is optionally available with a single flange to suit check reveal details where the window is set back behind the external brickwork.

Standard detail



Check reveal detail



Key Stats

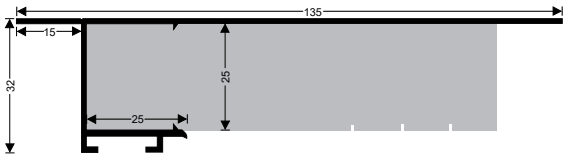
Length supplied	2.4m
Insulation	Expanded polystyrene (EPS)
Thermal conductivity	0.038W/mK
Fire rating	Not applicable
Orientation	Vertical or horizontal
Integral DPC	Yes

Product & Packaging Specification

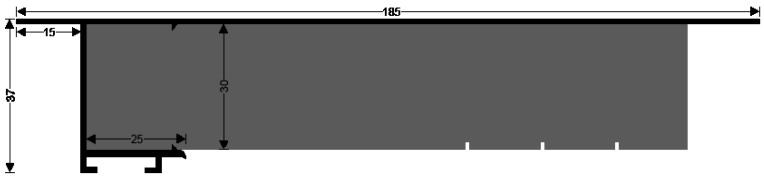
Product Code	Suitable for Cavity Widths	Dimensions	Insulation	Insulation Thickness	Lengths Per Pack	Packs Per Pallet
FC100/25	65, 75, 85, 100mm	100 x 2400mm	EPS	25mm	10	50
FC150/30	110, 125, 150mm	150 x 2400mm	Graphite EPS	30mm	6	50
FC100/25CR & FC150/30CR	As above but single flange for check reveal detail	As above but single flange for check reveal detail	As above	As above	As above	As above

Product Code	Description	Pack Quantity
BRICKTIES	ARC Brick Ties to suit ARC Flexi-Closer	100

FC100/25
65, 75, 85 & 100mm cavity



FC150/30
110, 125 & 150mm cavity



Storage and Packaging

ARC Flexi-Closer is supplied in polythene packs which are designed for transporting and protecting the products. It is not recommended that the packs are stored in direct sunlight. When storing the barriers for longer periods of time it is recommended that the product should be stored indoors, or under cover.

Health and Safety

ARC Building Solutions has an approved Health and Safety Policy and is committed to working and supplying products safely. ARC's rockfibre mineral wool is not classed as a possible human carcinogen. We have assessed products as required by Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH). An ARC COSHH data sheet is available and can be downloaded from ARC's website.

Assessed to ISO 9001 & ISO 14001
BRE Certificate No. 1227