## THERMAL, ACOUSTIC AND FIRE PROTECTION

# **Office Facilities**

Office and multi-functional buildings have an important impact on our urban environment. With their growing functional and structural complexity, designing and managing these buildings efficiently means reducing the energy consumption without compromising the safety and comfort of occupants. Armacell's best in class equipment insulation solutions save energy, help to cut operating costs and contribute towards a safer and more comfortable environment in offices. **Creating sustainable value for your customers.** 

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## SOLUTIONS ENABLING ENERGY SAVINGS.

We are the inventors of flexible foams for equipment insulation and a leading provider of engineered foams. Our lightweight thermal, acoustic and mechanical solutions create sustainable value for our customers. Innovation and entrepreneurship are an integral part of our DNA. We drive industry-leading solutions and aspire to launch new technologies using alternative resources or natural feedstock. Day in day out, our products significantly contribute to global energy efficiency and make a difference around the world.

In meeting the challenges of megatrends, such as energy efficiency, acoustic comfort, lightweighting, the globalisation of food supplies, our product solutions stand out in terms of functionality and ease of installation.

Armacell. Making a difference around the world.



## OPTIMISING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND OCCUPANT COMFORT

Almost 20 percent of total expenditure for typical office buildings is spent on energy. A significant operational cost that deserves attention. While office buildings can be up to 70 percent more efficient when the means available today are used, there is still a lot of potential for saving energy and money.

Insulating mechanical equipment is one of the simplest and most efficient measures to save energy in buildings. With Armacell's insulation solutions energy costs in office buildings can be decreased for many years to come.

#### **BEYOND GOING GREEN**

Architects, building developers and engineers have recognised the link between buildings and occupants' health, and are designing places where workers are more productive, less stressed and less likely to fall sick. Post-pandemic office design will have to put hygiene at the heart of workplace planning.

From preventing moisture and providing protection against bacterial growth to enhancing office comfort and implementing environmental considerations, the right type of insulation is key for the performance of an office building. Balancing **ENERGY-EFFICIENCY** and office experience is critical when creating optimal working spaces. When specifying insulation materials, objectives for ACOUSTIC COMFORT, **RELIABLE OPERATION, HYGIENE and** INDOOR AIR REQUIREMENTS as well as FIRE SAFETY have to be taken into account.

Armacell's insulation solutions are fibre and dust free. They ensure greater comfort for employees, rapid amortisation and a reduced risk of downtime due to unplanned maintenance work. Even renovating while the building remains operational is no sweat with our easy-to-install solutions.

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#### **CITIC TOWER**

#### Beijing (China)

For a building of superlatives, reliable equipment insulation is crucial to safeguard energy efficiency. The 108-storey, 528-metre high Citic Tower in Beijing, popularly known as China Zun, is the tallest building in the Chinese capital and the ninth tallest in the world. The flagship building of Beijing's comprehensively planned 30-hectare central business district core has obtained LEED®-CS Gold Pre-Certification and the China Certificate of Green Building Label-Three Star. As energy efficiency was key to optimise the equipment design and construction, Armacell was commissioned to supply 7,000 cubic metres of ArmaFlex® to insulate the chilled-water pipes and air ducts of China Zun's HVAC systems.

ArmaFlex



\* In standard cold applications with an insulation thickness of 19 mm

## INCREASED ENERGY EFFICIENCY WITH ARMAFLEX THERMAL INSULATION





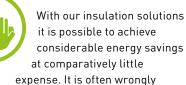
The global building sector is growing at unprecedented rates. According to the International Energy Agency, 230 billion square metres in new construction will be built over the next forty years – adding the equivalent of Paris to the planet every single week. Around 75 percent of Europe's buildings are not energy efficient. Increasing the energy efficiency of new and existing office buildings therefore offers a huge energy- and costsaving opportunity. Space heating is the most important end-use with cooling demand increasing rapidly. Modern glass facades, which allow plenty of daylight to enter the interior of building complexes, increase the need for cooling in summer and heating in winter.

The good news: By using the energy-saving means available today, the energy demand of a new office building can be lowered by up to 70 percent. In a typical office building heating, cooling, ventilation, hot water and lighting represent almost 80 percent of the total energy use, making these systems the best targets for energy savings. Sustainable office buildings can actually cost less to build, operate and maintain. They can generate substantially more profit and provide economic benefits to all stakeholders.

#### OUR SOLUTIONS

Tapping the significant potential for energy savings in new and existing office buildings brings benefits in terms of lower energy costs and decreased CO<sub>2</sub>

emissions.



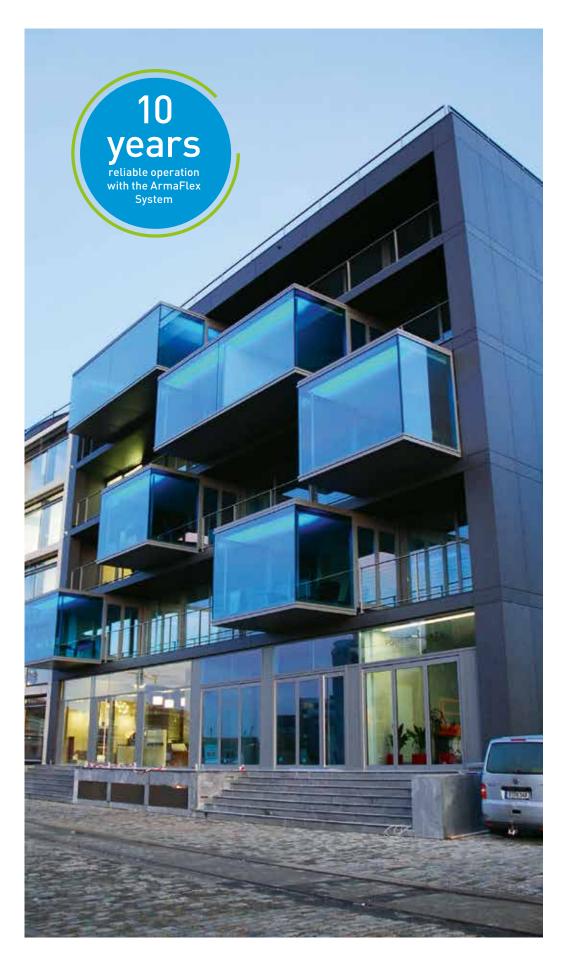
assumed that a well-insulated building shell is a sufficient barrier to prevent energy losses. However, even in modern, well-insulated buildings substantial energy losses occur due to uninsulated or poorly insulated technical infrastructure.

## State-of-the-art insulation of mechanical equipment is one of the easiest and most efficient ways to save energy in buildings.

ArmaFlex is our product heritage. This highly flexible, lightweight insulation features a closed-cell structure and combines a low thermal conductivity with an in-built water vapour barrier.

As an independent life-cycle assessment (LCA) revealed, ArmaFlex saves 140 times more energy than is needed for its production. No other energy-saving measure pays off as quickly. ArmaFlex saves

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#### CUBE

#### Münster (Germany)

Modern, transparent, outstanding. Glass boxes which protrude from the façade over the harbour promenade are the architectural highlight of the Cube office complex built in Münster in 2007. The technical insulation is also outstanding: the heating, hot and cold water pipes were insulated with SH/ArmFlex to protect them against energy losses. Chilled-water pipes were protected against condensation with AF/ArmaFlex and fire protection seals created with ArmaFlex Protect. Tubolit<sup>®</sup> AR Fonoblok reduced structure-borne noise transmission from the waste-water pipes. Installing the Armacell products as a system ensures high energy efficiency, reliable fire and structure-borne noise protection. And has been doing for more than 10 years.

## AF/ArmaFlex SH/ArmaFex

Tubolit

ArmaFlex Protect



## RELIABLE OPERATION FOR THE LONG-TERM

RESILIENCE IS CRUCIAL IN OFFICE BUILDINGS. THE POTENTIAL COST OF DOWNTIME IS TOO HIGH TO IGNORE. Creating a great employee experience is critical to enable work that creates value. According to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) a positive work experience results in increased engagement, greater levels of innovation and up to four times higher profits. Thermal comfort and indoor air quality are fundamental for a good office experience and, consequently, employee performance. A breakdown of the heating, ventilation, air conditioning or plumbing systems will not usually bring work to a complete standstill in an office building, but it can lead to an uncomfortable working environment that hinders productivity. Operation downtime can result in loss of revenue and reputation.

For technical installations, condensation is enemy number one: if moisture forms on the surface of pipes or water vapour penetrates the insulation material from the outside, the insulation system has failed. Humidity is the source of many problems: A reduced thermal performance because of humidity intake is often the least of them. Mould, corrosion, structural damage, water dripping from suspended ceilings or disruption of processes due to maintenance work can easily result in huge costs.

> RELIABLE, QUICK AND EASY



#### Frank Hoffmann Managing Director of

Hermann Hoffmann GmbH (Münster, Germany)

We've been installing Armacell products very successfully for decades to protect technical installations against energy losses, condensation, corrosion and noise emissions. Quality and service you can rely on.

## OUR SOLUTIONS

ArmaFlex is a closed-cell insulation with a high resistance to water vapour



transmission. Equipment is reliably protected against condensation and energy losses throughout its service life.

We are a provider of systems where individual components fit perfectly together and are tested as a system. ArmaFix® pipehangers, our ArmaFlex Protect and ArmaProtect® passive fire protection solutions, flexible Arma-Chek® claddings and ArmaFlex adhesives complement and strengthen the system to guarantee long-term functionality.

To ensure professional installation we developed a unique concept: trained ArmaFlex installation partners can be certified by Armacell and receive an extended warranty on AF/ArmaFlex products. In many European countries this certification has established itself as a seal of quality.



## LA TOUR LA MARSEILLAISE

#### Marseille (France)

30 shades of blue, white and red: the office tower "La Marseillaise" is reminiscent of the French flag and evokes the typical colours of the region. By aiming for environmental excellence (HQE Excellent and Leed Gold certifications). the new landmark asserts itself at the leading edge of sustainable development. A key requirement in the specification was acoustic comfort. To minimise noise from wastewater pipes they were insulated with ArmaComfort<sup>®</sup> Alu Plus.

## ENHANCED OFFICE ACOUSTICS INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY

Noise is the single most disturbing factor for the majority of employees working in open-plan offices. Acoustics affect our performance. Noise levels of 60 to 65 dB which are common in open-plan offices well exceed the 55 dB recommended for intellectual work. By creating workplaces with good acoustics, communication, concentration and productivity can be increased, stress levels reduced and overall employee satisfaction improved.

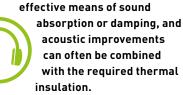


Ve perceive a reduction of **10 dB** as half the volume def % due to distracting noise

A QUIETER WORKPLACE CAN BOOST EMPLOYEE SATISFACTION AND INCREASE WORKPLACE EFFECTIVENESS.

## OUR SOLUTIONS

We offer comprehensive solutions for enhanced sound control on mechanical equipment and structural building elements. Our systems provide an



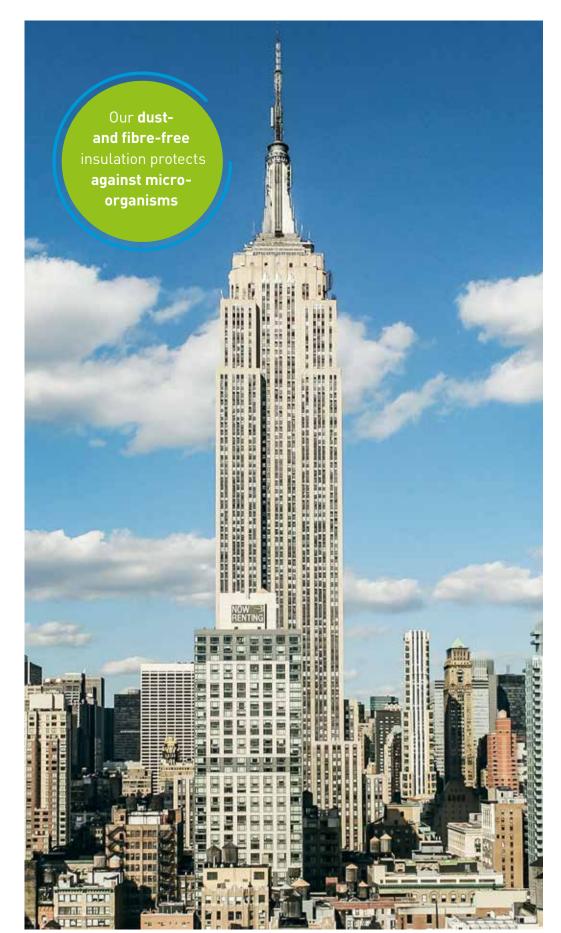
Our ArmaFlex and Tubolit products have very good structure-borne sound insulation properties on small pipe diameters. As a system with ArmaFix pipehanger, ArmaFlex acoustically decouples pipes and ducts from the building structure and thus prevents the transmission of structureborne noise into the building. Our highperformance, multi-layer ArmaComfort AB solutions provide both sound reduction and acoustic decoupling of waste-water and rainwater pipes. Our latest innovation creates new types of acoustic barriers with excellent transmission reduction and ultrathin thicknesses. ArmaComfort Barrier products allow space-saving sound attenuation of new and existing building constructions and mechanical equipment.

For applications which demand a high noise absorption, such as housings for emergency power generators, heat pumps and power plants, the open-cell acoustic foam ArmaSound<sup>®</sup> RD is the ideal solution.



In comparison to conventional products, our multi-layer ArmaComfort AB products achieve greater noise reduction with thinner wall thicknesses.

#### HYGIENE REQUIREMENTS



#### **EMPIRE STATE BUILDING**

#### New York (USA)

An icon like the Empire State Building moves with the times. The extensive LEED Gold certification process involved all areas of the building being carefully benchmarked to identify energy-saving potential. Although ArmaFlex had been installed years before on airducts, it did not require replacement as the fibre-free insulation was (and still is) delivering energy efficiency, indoor air quality protection and noise attenuation.

#### ArmaFlex



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ARMACELL, OFFICE FACILITIES CAN STRIVE FOR TOP-NOTCH INDOOR AIR QUALITY.

Unprotected surface

Protected with Microban®

## HEALTH, WELL-BEING AND PRODUCTIVITY

A healthy workplace is vital for employee productivity and the long-term success of any company. The air quality in office environments varies and occupants can be exposed to a range of airborne pollutants such as dust, irritants, pathogens, unpleasant odours, mould and mildew and other contaminants. Excess moisture in combination with dust and dirt particles

provides an ideal breeding ground for microbial growth. The health implications associated with poor indoor air quality – from respiratory problems to infections – are well established. As studies have shown, improved ventilation and increased outside air rates can improve productivity by up to 11 percent.

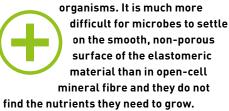


## MICROBAN

Armacell is the only manufacturer of flexible technical insulation materials to provide its premium products with built-in antimicrobial protection: AF/ArmaFlex and SH/ArmaFlex are equipped with Microban<sup>®</sup>. These antimicrobial additives provide 'proactive' protection against harmful bacteria, mould and mildew.

## OUR SOLUTIONS

Dust and fibre-free, ArmaFlex products provide protection against micro-



Due to their closed-microcell structure and high resistance to water vapour transmission, ArmaFlex insulation materials have reliable protection against condensation and moisture ingress. Plus, they have extremely low VOC emissions and can contribute to green building certification schemes. Large office buildings can pose a particular risk of legionella infections. As a result of the Covid 19 pandemic shutdown, the water temperature in the plumbing systems of non-operational buildings could decrease and the risk for growth and spread of Legionella and other biofilmassociated bacteria increase. Our ArmaFlex and Tubolit insulation protect hot and cold water pipes against unacceptable temperature fluctuations which can lead to a contamination with legionella and pseudomonas aeruginosa bacteria.





FIRES CAN NEVER BE COMPLETELY RULED OUT AND THEY OCCUR UNEXPECTEDLY. PROTECTING YOUR INVESTMENT AND EMPLOYEES AGAINST FIRE BREAKOUTS IS CRUCIAL.

### FIRE SAFETY IS THE TOP PRIORITY

Business owners usually do not think of a fire destroying their company or offices. They are more worried about less tangible threats, such as downward trends in their industry or economy. If a fire hits a commercial building, it can cause great losses. According to the US National Fire Protection Agency, 112,000 fires in non-residential buildings and a loss of \$778 million in store and office properties were reported in 2018. In office buildings, fires are most likely to break out during regular work hours, thus endangering the lives and health of employees.

In the event of a fire, smoke poses a much greater threat than the fire itself: 95 percent of fire fatalities die as a result of smoke inhalation. If a fire breaks out in a building, low smoke density can mean the difference between life and death.





#### **OSTERWALDER TOWER**

#### Zurich (Switzerland)

A successful symbiosis of space planning and energy efficiency, the Osterwalder Tower forms a new, modern landmark in the north of Zurich. The asymmetrical double building was certified according to the Swiss Minergie standard. Fire protection was a top priority in the planning: ArmaFlex Ultima was used to insulate the cooling and sanitary installations and the pipes were sealed off with ArmaFlex Protect.

#### ArmaFlex Ultima

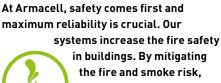
#### ArmaFlex Protect



Michael Doswald Delegate of the Management Board and CEO of Osterwalder Immobilien Zürich AG

We are always keen to incorporate the latest technology in our planning. In the event of fire, ArmaFlex Ultima releases only a minimum amount of smoke and meets the ecological and health requirements of Minergie-Eco.

## **OUR SOLUTIONS**



they improve visibility and respiration, thus extending the time to safely evacuate a building in the event of a fire.

With ArmaFlex Ultima we have set a new safety standard in technical insulation. Based on the patented ArmaPrene® technology, ArmaFlex Ultima is the first flexible technical insulation material in the world with fire class B<sub>L</sub>-s1,d0. In comparison to a standard elastomeric product, the flame-resistant insulation material exhibits 10 times less smoke.

To prevent fire spreading from one room to another, passive fire protection has a significant impact on safety in office facilities. ArmaFlex Protect and ArmaProtect systems have fire-stopping components which seal off pipe penetrations in fire-resistant walls or floors.



## AT YOUR SERVICE



At Armacell, we are committed to creating an exceptional customer experience. We understand the challenges in today's construction industry and are here to help you complete your projects successfully. From the planning stage to the handover – our 360° service supports you throughout. At Armacell, we do all we can to ensure your project runs smoothly.

#### ARMACELL APPLICATION TRAINING

No other insulation material can be installed as reliably, neatly, simply and as fast as ArmaFlex solutions. To ensure that our thermal and acoustic insulation materials are installed properly, Armacell has trained thousands of installers around the world. Special training centres have been set up at many locations and we also provide valuable support on site. Several thousand insulators attend courses on installing Armacell products every year and are awarded the ArmaFlex application certificate.

#### ARMWIN - PROFESSIONAL INSULATION CALCULATIONS

With our powerful ArmWin software you can carry out all common technical calculations in HVAC applications - even on the building site, thanks to the app. You can easily determine not only the minimum insulation thickness required for condensation control, but also surface temperature, heat flow, temperature changes in flowing and stationary media, freezing times for water pipes and the most economical insulation thicknesses, i.e. those with the shortest pay-back periods.

## BIM PLUG-IN FOR PLANNING TECHNICAL INSULATION



The future of construction is digital: Business Information Modelling (BIM) allows buildings to be planned, built and operated digitally from design to commissioning, maintenance, demolition and disposal. Armacell's BIM plug-in is seamlessly integrated in the AutoDesk® Revit® program and provides key product information. The software accesses the data required directly in the model and supports the user in choosing and configuring products.

#### EPDs FOR SUSTAINABLE BUILDING ASSESSMENT

Armacell is the first manufacturer of flexible technical insulation materials to present third-party verified environmental product declarations (EPDs). They are based on an independent lifecycle assessment (LCA) and are the key to designing green buildings in accordance with green-building schemes, such as LEED, BREEAM®, DGNB, HQM, and others.



All technical insulation calculations in one tool.

## OFFICE BUILDINGS AROUND THE WORLD ARE RELYING ON OUR PROVEN SOLUTIONS

#### To name just a few of the successful projects.

#### // China

Citic Tower, Beijing KK100, Shenzhen Guangzhou International Finance Centre (ICF)

#### // Czech Republic

BB Centrum, Prague Main Point Karlin, Prague

#### // France

La tour la Marseillaise, Marseille Poste du Louvre, Paris Grand Central Saint Lazare, Paris Tour Alto, Paris Pont d'Issy, Paris Urban Garden, Lyon Archipel, Nanterre

#### // Germany

Airbus, Ingolstadt Arcadia Stern, Düsseldorf B:HUB, Berlin Bayrischer Rundfunk, München Beiersdorf Campus, Hamburg Cube, Münster DB Tower, Frankfurt FOUR, Frankfurt Multiscale Imaging Centre (MIC), Münster Nobilia, Paderborn Olympus Campus, Hamburg Stream Tower, Berlin

#### // Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

MOI Headquarters, Jeddah

#### // Kuwait

KIPIC Al-Zour NRP, Zour Gulf Consult, Kuwait City

#### // Netherlands

Share Building in Park 20|20, Hoofddorp

#### // Oman

Institute of Public Administration, Muscat Royal Oman Police - Officers Club, Muscat

#### // Poland

Bałtyk, Poznań Mennica Legacy Tower, Warsaw West Station, Warsaw Posejdon, Szczecin Varso, Warsaw

#### // Romania

Swan Office & Technology Park, Bucharest Skanska - Campus & Equilibrum, Bucharest The Mark, Bucharest AFI Park, Brasov Park Lake, Bucharest Orhideea Tower, Bucharest The Bridge, Bucharest

#### // Sweden

Sergelhuset, Stockholm SKF Headquarters, Gothenburg Sveriges Radio Headquarters, Stockholm SKY City Office One, Stockholm Urban Escape, Stockholm Vattenfall Headquarters, Solna

#### // Slovakia

Zuckermandel, Bratislava

#### // Singapore

Fusionopolis SBF Center ARC 380

#### // Spain

Torre Caleido, Madrid Edificio Oficina Airbus, Getafe Complejo Oficina A2 Plaza, Madrid Edifico oficinas M-30, Madrid Edificio Zara.com, Arteixo

#### // Switzerland

Osterwalder Tower, Zurich

#### // Turkey

Vadikoru, Istanbul Seba Flats, Istanbul Nevbahar, Istanbul Vadi, Istanbul Seba Flats, Ayazağa Central Balat, Bursa Sinpaş Kağıthane Flats, Istanbul La Marin, Istanbul

#### // United Arab Emirates

Jafza-3, Dubai Bee'ah Headquarters, Dubai GV11, Dubai Sol Bay Tower, Dubai

#### // United Kingdom

Goldman Sachs HQ, London Devonshire Square Offices, London Atlantic Square, Glasgow Central Capital Square Offices, Cardiff Calendar Park 3 Towers, Falkirk

#### // USA

Empire State Building, New York, NY 555 Mangum, Durham, NC Chase Center, San Francisco, CA Kirkland Urban, Kirkland, WA One Glenwood, Raleigh, NC Waterfront Corporate Campus, Renton, WA

// Vietnam

Kumho Asiana Plaza, Ho Chi Minh City

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consultants and applications engineers.

#### Your project demands

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## ABOUT ARMACELL

As the inventors of flexible foam for equipment insulation and a leading provider of engineered foams, Armacell develops innovative and safe thermal, acoustic and mechanical solutions that create sustainable value for its customers. Armacell's products significantly contribute to global energy efficiency making a difference around the world every day. With 3,135 employees and 24 production plants in 16 countries, the company operates two main businesses, Advanced Insulation and Engineered Foams. Armacell focuses on insulation materials for technical equipment, high-performance foams for high-tech and lightweight applications and next generation aerogel blanket technology. For more information, please visit www.armacell.com

