

News Release



Leader of the pack

SureTight receives National Testing Association certification with BASF's Neopor® expandable polystyrene

WYANDOTTE, MI, November 11, 2009 – SureTight Insulated Panel Corporation's President and CFO, Neal Shipley, in collaboration with OPCO, a leading molder of EPS foam panels, created a recognized brand of SIP panels known as SureTight. SureTight Insulated Panel Corporation has been one of the nation's leading manufacturers and suppliers of EPS rigid foam core structural insulated panels (SIPs) for more than 20 years.

Shipley also sits on the board of the Structural Insulated Panel Association (SIPA), which promotes the use of the high-performance building panels used in floors, walls, and roofs for residential and light commercial buildings. SIP homes have demonstrated 50-60 percent energy savings, cut framing time by half and produce almost no job site waste. Building a SIP home that uses half the energy is equivalent to removing one car from America's highways.

BASF's Neopor® is a key ingredient in the success of SureTight SIPs out-performing other traditional materials by:

- Delivering more insulating R-value than standard EPS, reducing heating and cooling loads over the lifetime of the home.
- Healthy indoor environment – certified by Greenguard™ for Indoor Air Quality.

Other benefits of SIPs are:

- Resistance to air infiltration and moisture intrusion increases the life of a home and improves indoor air quality.
- The usage of lightweight materials reduces transportation fuel costs.
- Less lumber and natural resources are used to produce the material.

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OPCO, a leading molder, offers the latest technology in certified foam boards for SIPs on the market today. By being the first to actively seek and receive NTA certification for SIPs made from Neopor, SureTight and OPCO have paved the way for other SIP manufacturers to easily receive certification for their products.

Obtaining certification from NTA, a nationally recognized third party accredited testing service, provides the standards that other products need to meet without going through the expense, time and testing.

“SureTight’s mission to provide new and innovative products further demonstrates the SIP industry’s role in shaping the future of construction technology,” said Bill Wachtler, Executive Director of SIPA.

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About OPCO

Located in Latrobe, Pennsylvania is an EPS foam block molder and fabricator with 22 years experience in the industry. They utilize current technology equipment providing high performance materials to the lamination, insulation and packaging fabrication markets. From their 130,000 sf facility located in western Pennsylvania, OPCO is situated to serve a large geographic market.

About SureTight Insulated Panel Corporation

Located near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, SureTight Insulated Panel Corporation is one of the Nation's leading manufacturers of energy efficient, green, structural insulated panels (SIPs). SureTight has invested in the best available technology in the industry: Hundegger's 5-axis CNC panel cutting machine and Dietrich's D-CAM Premium CAD system. SureTight is a member of the Structural Insulated Panel Association (SIPA), its products are third-party tested and are approved by the Housing Standards Division of the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development. SureTight SIPs have been evaluated for compliance with the 2006 International Building Code (IBC) and the 2006 International Residential Code (IRC) by NTA, Inc. of Nappanee, IN. Our listing report, STI071008-7, is available on our website: www.suretight.com.

About SIPA

The Structural Insulated Panel Association (SIPA) is a non-profit association representing manufacturers, suppliers, dealer/distributors, design professionals, and builders committed to providing quality structural insulated panels for all segments of the construction industry.
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