

Duchesne's reflective insulation contributes to breaking thermal transfers that are responsible for about 75% of all heat loss in residential buildings.

Here are three types of thermal transfer:



CONDUCTION

Thermal transfer through a solid body or two conductive bodies that are in contact. Advantage of Duchesne reflective insulation: air bubbles reduce conduction. **EXAMPLE:** stove or oven



CONVECTION

Fluid movement (e.g. air, water) which under the influence of temperature variations will transport heat. Advantage of Duchesne reflective insulation: reduces the movement of air within structures.

EXAMPLE: convection oven



RADIATION

Heat, under the form of electromagnetic waves, propagates from a high to a low temperature body. Advantage of Duchesne reflective insulation: contributes to reducing heat losses by radiation, which accounts for 75% of all heat losses in residential buildings. **EXAMPLE:** isothermal container (thermos)



Easy and Safe Installation

The only things you will require for installation are a utility knife, a tape measure, a stapler and especially your safety glasses.

Here are some useful basic principles:

- Before any renovation, one must remove the original vapour barrier before installing any reflective insulation. Furthermore, make sure that the surface you will insulate does not require any repairs.
- The R value increases when you leave an air space on the aluminum side. The air space should never be less than 16 mm (0.6 in.).
- Maintain perforations in your insulation to a minimum. If you have wiring
 to do, it is recommended to let the wires run in the air space, behind
 the reflective insulation, in order not to reduce the insulation's efficiency.
 Once the reflective insulation is installed, make sure that all the openings
 are well covered with the proper finishing tape.
- Apply the recommended finishing tape so that it adheres perfectly to the insulation.
- The application of a sealant bead is recommended around electrical boxes and power outlets in order to prevent air infiltration.

 We recommend the use of stainless steel staples for the installation of reflective insulation inside agricultural buildings.



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INSULATION PERFORMANCE **COMPARISON** CHART

		DUCHESNE REFLECTIVE INSULATION	152.4 mm (6 in.) thick FIBERGLASS	101.6 mm (4 in.) thick CELLULOSE	19.05 mm (3/4 in.) thick RIGID INSULATION
	Reflectivity	97%	5 to 10%	5 to 10%	5 to 10%
	Emissivity	.03	.90 to .95	.90 to .95	.90 to .95
	Condensation and mildew	NONE	yes	yes	yes
	Shrinkage / Compaction	NONE	yes	yes	yes
	Health hazard	NONE	caution	none	none
	Special clothes	NONE	required	required	-
	Water contact damage	NONE	yes	yes	yes
	Protection against radon	YES	NO	NO	NO
	Reduces the rate of flame spread	YES	-	-	-

