Technical Data Sheet

Engineered Materials



C-RAM[™] HC Lightweight, high power, broadband honeycomb RF absorber

Description

C-RAM[™] HC is a series of high power radar absorbing material made from Nomex/phenolic honeycomb with a proprietary lossy coating, available in three different types listed below.

The hexagonal open cell structure provides a high strength-toweight ratio, making C-RAM[™] HC an ideal material for aircraft parts, such as fairings, covers, and leading edges, which must combine strength, light weight, and low radar reflections.

C-RAM[™] HC is also ideal for cavity backed spiral antenna applications. The open cell structure permit forced air cooling, allowing high-power applications. On special order, skins can be applied on the C-RAM[™] HC material, typically fiberglass material.

C-RAM[™] HC with no forced air can handle up to 10 W/in² of RF energy, Power handling can be increased with forced air cooling through the material cells.

Availability

- Standard sheet size is 12"x12" or 24"x24".
- Standard thicknesses are:
- 0.500, 0.625, 0.750, 1.000, 2.000, 3.000 and 4.000 inches.
- Standard cell size is 3/16 inch (1/8 and 1/4 inch cell size is also available upon request)
- C-RAM[™] HC can be supplied in other
- Sizes, thickness or per customer specified configurations upon request.

Applications

Depending on the type of C-RAM[™] HC, it can be used in free space reflectivity reduction applications or in isolation of components or antennas by means of insertion loss.

Typical Properties

Nominal density: Insertion loss: Reflectivity:

Temperature range:

4.5 lbs./ft³ from 2 to 30 dB/inch 15 dB minimum, 20 dB avg. over range. -65 to +400 °F



C-RAM[™] HC Types

C-RAM[™] HCGR X/Y:

Gradient loaded flat sheets with reflectivity as follows, where X = thickness and Y= reflectivity.

0.500" -15 dB minimum 10GHz to 18 GHz 0.750" -15 dB minimum 8 GHz to 18 GHz 1.000" -15 dB minimum 6 GHz to 18 GHz

C-RAM™ HCGI X/Y:

Gradient loaded flat sheets with insertion loss tuned to customer requirements, where X = thickness in inches and Y = insertion loss in dB/inch. Maximum insertion loss is 20 dB/ inch. Note that, for instance, a .75 inch sheet specified with 20 dB/in, will have an insertion loss of 15 dB (.75 x 20)

C-RAM™ HCUI X/Y:

Uniformly loaded flat sheets with insertion loss tuned to customer requirements, where X = thickness and Y = insertion loss in dB/inch. Maximum insertion loss is 30 dB/inch.

Note: pyramidal and wedge-shaped Honeycomb absorbers are also available, see data sheet for C-RAM™ SFC-HC.

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Figure 1. Typical Reflectivity of C-RAM™ HCGR 1.00/15 3/16" cell, 1.00 inch thick







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