Alaska Minimum Insulation Requirements for Low-Slope Commercial Roofing

Alaska does not enforce a uniform state-wide building energy code; however, major jurisdictions adopt and enforce a building energy code. Building owners should consider meeting or exceeding the requirements of the most current version of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) when installing a new or replacement roof system in order to improve energy efficiency and reduce operating costs. The IECC’s minimum insulation requirements apply both to new construction and roof replacements on existing buildings.

Minimum R-value Requirements for Insulation Entirely Above the Roof Deck

- Climate Zone 7 and 8: R-35ci

Notes
- **About R-value:** R-value is a measurement of a material's ability to resist heat flow. The higher the R-value, the greater the insulating power. Installers should consult data sheets provided by polyiso manufacturers for information on product-specific R-values.
- **Code Compliance:** The International Energy Conservation Code recognizes ASHRAE 90.1 as an alternate compliance option for both new construction and existing buildings.

Resources
- Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association
- U.S. Department of Energy
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For more than 30 years, the Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association (PIMA) has served as the voice of the rigid polyiso industry, proactively advocating for safe, cost-effective, sustainable, and energy-efficient construction. Organized in 1987, PIMA is an association of polyiso manufacturers and industry suppliers. Polyiso is one of North America’s most widely-used and cost-effective insulation products.

About Polyiso Insulation
Polyiso is a rigid foam insulation used in more than 70% of commercial roof construction and offers a continuous insulation solution for commercial and residential wall assemblies. As one of North America’s most widely used and readily available building products, polyiso is a cost-effective insulation option for reducing building energy use and improving the overall service-life of roofs and walls.

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