THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY OF CERAMICS AND OTHER INSULATING MATERIALS

Thermal conductivity values for ceramics, refractory oxides, and miscellaneous insulating materials are given here. The thermal conductivity refers to samples with density indicated in the second column. Since most of these materials are highly variable, the values should only be considered as a rough guide.

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Material	Dens. g/cm³	*t* °C	Ther. cond. W/m K
Alumina (Al_2O_3)	3.8	100	30
		400	13
		1300	6
		1800	7.4
	3.5	100	17
		800	7.6
Al_2O_3 + MgO		100	15
		400	10
		1000	5.6
Asbestos	0.4	–100	0.07
		0	0.09
		100	0.10
Asbestos + 85% MgO	0.3	30	0.08
Asphalt	2.1	20	0.06
Beryllia (BeO)	2.8	100	210
		400	90
		1000	20
		1800	15
	1.85	50	64
		200	40
		600	23
Brick, dry	1.54	0	0.04
Brick, refractory:			
alosite		1000	1.3
aluminous	1.99	400	1.2
		1000	1.3
diatomaceous	0.77	100	0.2
		500	0.24
	0.4	100	0.08
		500	0.1
fireclay	2	400	1
		1000	1.2
silicon carbide	2	200	2
		600	2.4
vermiculite	0.77	200	0.26
		600	0.31
Calcium oxide		100	16
		400	9
		1000	7.5
Cement mortar	2	90	0.55
Charcoal	0.2	20	0.055
Coal	1.35	20	0.26
Concrete	1.6	0	0.8
Cork	0.05	0	0.03
		100	0.04
	0.35	0	0.06
		100	0.08
Cotton wool	0.08	30	0.04
Diatomite	0.2	0	0.05
		400	0.09
	0.5	0	0.09
		400	0.16
Ebonite	1.2	0	0.16
Felt, flax	0.2	30	0.05
	0.3	30	0.04
Fuller's earth	0.53	30	0.1
Glass wool	0.2	–200 to 20	0.005
		50	0.04
		100	0.05
		300	0.08
Graphite			
100 mesh	0.48	40	0.18
20-40 mesh	0.7	40	1.29
Linoleum cork	0.54	20	0.08
Magnesia (MgO)		100	36
		400	18
		1200	5.8
		1700	9.2
MgO + SiO_2		100	5.3
		400	3.5
		1500	2.3
Mica:			
muscovite		100	0.72
		300	0.65
		600	0.69
phlogopite		100	0.66
Canadian		300	0.19
		600	0.2
Micanite		30	0.3
Mineral wool	0.15	30	0.04
Perlite, expanded	0.1	–200 to 20	0.002
Plastics:			
bakelite	1.3	20	1.4
celluloid	1.4	30	0.02
polystyrene foam	0.05	–200 to 20	0.033
mylar foil	0.05	–200 to 20	0.0001
nylon		–253	0.10
		–193	0.23
		25	0.30
polytetrafluoroethylene		–253	0.13
		–193	0.16
		25	0.26
		230	2.5
urethane foam	0.07	20	0.06
Porcelain		90	1
Rock:			
basalt		20	2
chalk		20	0.92

Material	Dens. g/cm³	*t* °C	Ther. cond. W/m K
granite	2.8	20	2.2
limestone	2	20	1
sandstone	2.2	20	1.3
slate, ⊥		95	1.4
slate, ||		95	2.5
Rubber:			
sponge	0.2	20	0.05
92 percent		25	0.16
Sand, dry	1.5	20	0.33
Sawdust	0.2	30	0.06
Shellac		20	0.23
Silica aerogel	0.1	–200 to 20	0.003
Snow	0.25	0	0.16
Steel wool	0.1	55	0.09
Thoria (ThO_2)		100	10
		400	5.8
		1500	2.4
Titanium dioxide		100	6.5
		400	3.8
		1200	3.3
Uranium dioxide		100	9.8
		400	5.5
		1000	3.4
Wood:			
balsa, ⊥	0.11	30	0.04
fir, ⊥	0.54	20	0.14
fir, ||	0.54	20	0.35
oak		20	0.16
plywood		20	0.11
pine, ⊥	0.45	60	0.11
pine, ||	0.45	60	0.26
walnut, ⊥	0.65	20	0.14
Wool	0.09	30	0.04
Zinc oxide		200	17
		800	5.3
Zirconia (ZrO_2)		100	2
		400	2
		1500	2.5
Zirconia + silica		200	5.6
		600	4.6
		1500	3.7