3M[™] Interam[®] Thermal and Emissions Solutions

Research and Development



3M is dedicated to advancing state-of-the-art mounting materials and thermal insulation. Access to 3M Corporate R&D resources allows our team to provide our customers with solutions to address their mat mount and thermal insulation needs. 3M's 100-year history of innovation, combined with this team's 30 years of experience, contributes to what makes Interam® Brand Products a market leader.



3M Corporate R&D

Since 3M began operations more than 100 years ago, we've been developing products that make life easier and better for people. 3M operates laboratories in 34 countries and Customer Technology Centers in more than 25 countries. We have over 30 labs outside the United States and about 40 labs in the United States. And we have 139 plant locations and 188 sales office locations worldwide.

We use our technology platforms (shown below) to develop solutions that are tailored to customer needs ... both articulated and unarticulated. To fully understand these needs, our technical people work closely with their counterparts in customer locations worldwide. For us, satisfying customers means adding real value to their operations.

Thermal and Emissions R&D

The Development Philosophy behind 3M[™] Interam[®] Brand Products:

3M is committed to using the best materials available, worldwide, in order to create cost-effective, high-performance catalyst mounting and exhaust insulation systems. We leverage 30 years of mat-making and material expertise to create these solutions. Finished mats incorporate carefully selected fibers and other components that are chosen to tailor the mat to the requirements of the specific application.

3M Core-Technologies

Ab Abrasives	Bi							Pm Polymer Melt Processing	Sm Specialty Materials
Acoustics	Ce Ceramics	Em Electronic Materials					Nano Technology	Porous Materials & Membranes	Su_ Surface Modification
Ad Adhesives	Drug Delivery	Flexible Converting & Packaging				Microbial Detection & Control	Nonwoven Materials	Pp Precision Processing	Track and Trace
Am Advanced Material	Di Display	Flexible Electronics	FS Filtration Separation Purification	Integrated Systems & Design	Metal Matrix Composites	Molding	Opto- electronics	Process Design & Control	Vp Vapor Processing
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Analytical	Dental & Orthodontic Materials	Films	Imaging	Light Management	Mechanical Fasteners	Micro- replication	Particle & Dispersion Processing	Radiation Processing	Accelerated Weathering

Prototype Manufacturing

To respond quickly to customer requests, the 3M team working on Interam* Brand Products operates two pilot lines that offer the opportunity for in-house testing and analysis. The Wet-Laid Pilot Line provides a tool to fine tune mat properties before proceeding to full-scale production.

Wet-Laid Pilot Line Converting Pilot Line



The Converting Pilot Line creates smaller scale specs, using

customer dies kept locally and converts the order into parts

for customer pre-production approval. These two pilot lines

shapes and material types to the customer quickly.

allow for the ability to get prototype samples in a variety of part

Introduction of non-classified mats, Interam® Mat Mount 1200NC and 570NC First heavy-duty diesel hybrid, Interam® Mat Mount 7200, is introduced Interam® Endcone Insulation 900HT-E is introduced

Interam® Endcone Insulation 900HT introduced
Interam® Mats I-W and 550 introduced as second generation low vermiculite mats

Work begins on Interam® Mat Mount 1000

Work begins on hybrid seals Patent filed on polycrystalline/intumescent hybrids

Interam® Mat I-M developed for thin wall monoliths

Thermal Emissions Business transfers to Automotive Division

Work begins on caulk edge seal

Patents filed for Interam® Mat Mount MM, polycrystalline mat

Work begins on Interam® Mat I-S (low vermiculite mat)

Work begins on mat mount using 3M's ultrafiber polycrystalline mat

3M presents first SAE paper on mat mount properties

Continued sales of Interam® Mat Mount to OEMs

First sale of Interam® Mat Mount to OEM

First Interam® Mat patent filed





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