



## **INSTALLATION GUIDE**

**Staycell<sup>®</sup> 275-1.8 Spray Foam Insulation**

## General Information

Staycell<sup>®</sup> 275-1.8 is a spray polyurethane foam system intended for installation by qualified contractors trained in the processing and application of closed cell, rigid polyurethane systems as well as plural-component dispensing equipment. Contractors and applicators must be certified in writing by Preferred Solutions, Inc. and must comply with all applicable storage, handling, processing and safety guidelines. Preferred Solutions, Inc. should be consulted in all cases where the application conditions or materials are questionable. Refer to the Staycell<sup>®</sup> 275-1.8 technical data sheet and MSDS sheets for additional information.

## Cautions & Recommendations

Staycell<sup>®</sup> 275-1.8 is not designed for use as an exterior roofing system. Coolers & freezers demand special design considerations with regard to thermal insulation and moisture-vapor drive. Staycell<sup>®</sup> 275-1.8 should not be installed in cooler or freezers unless designed by a certified professional. PSI Authorized Applicators must contact Preferred Solutions, Inc. prior to any application in cold-storage structures.

Worker Exposure Hazards: Both Components “A” and “B” can cause severe inhalation and skin sensitization. Please refer to the Staycell<sup>®</sup> 275-1.8 technical data sheet and MSDS sheets for more information.

In addition to reading and understanding the MSDS & technical data sheets, all applicators and workers who may come into contact with the Staycell<sup>®</sup> 275-1.8 must be trained in the safe usage of this product, with emphasis on appropriate respiratory, skin and eye protection (PPE - Personal Protective Equipment). To obtain safety information and training materials, visit Preferred Solutions Inc.’s (PSI) website [www.stayflex.com](http://www.stayflex.com), Spray Polyurethane Foam Alliance (SPFA) [www.sprayfoam.org](http://www.sprayfoam.org) and the Center for the Polyurethane Industry websites [www.spraypolyurethane.com](http://www.spraypolyurethane.com) and [www.polyurethane.org](http://www.polyurethane.org).

For interior applications, full body protection is recommended including an air-supplied respirator such as a self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) or a supplied air respirator (SAR) in the positive pressure or continuous flow mode (this includes air supplied hoods). Alternatively, a full-face air purifying respirator with suitable organic vapor/particulate filter combination cartridge (OV/P100) may be worn.

## Environmental & Substrate Conditions

Applicators must recognize and anticipate climatic conditions prior to application to ensure highest quality foam and to maximize yield. Ambient air and substrate temperatures and moisture are critical determinants of foam quality, which will influence the chemical reaction of the two components, directly affecting the yield, adhesion and the resultant physical properties of the foam insulation.

For optimal results, Staycell<sup>®</sup> 275-1.8 should be applied to substrates when ambient air and substrate temperatures are between 70° F and 120° F. The minimum recommended air and substrate temperature is 40° F. Please contact PSI technical support for applications below 40° F. At the lower end of the indicated temperature ranges, thin “flash passes” should be avoided.

PSI does not recommend the spraying of this system when the relative humidity (RH) exceeds 85%. Excessive wind velocities may result in loss of exotherm and interfere with the mixing efficiency of the spray gun affecting foam surface texture, cure, physical properties and will cause overspray. Precautions must be taken to prevent damage to adjacent areas from overspray.

All surfaces must be clean and dry, free of dirt, oil, solvent, grease, loose particulates, curing compounds, frost, ice and other foreign matter, which could inhibit adhesion. Moisture content and surface conditions of

the substrate are critical to adhesion and need to be verified in small test areas before proceeding with full application. Prime substrates as necessary.

Suitable substrates include gypsum sheathing, OSB, plywood, lumber, CMU, structural and lightweight concrete and galvanized, aluminum and painted metal. Lightweight insulating concrete or other friable substrates are not recommended.

In freezing conditions ( $\leq 32^{\circ}$  F), when adding heat to the spray area, it may be required to maintain an elevated temperature during the foam cure cycle (24-72 hours) so extreme temperature drops to the "green" foam are not experienced, which could cause shrinking or cracking.

PSI should be consulted in all cases where application conditions are marginal.

## Equipment

The proportioning equipment shall be manufactured specifically for heating, mixing and spray application of polyurethane foam and be able to maintain 1:1 metering with  $\pm 2\%$  variance. All proportioners shall have adequate main heating capacity to deliver heated and pressurized materials up to  $130^{\circ}$  F. Heated hose shall be able to maintain pre-set temperatures for the full length of the hose. Minimum 2:1 ratio feeder pumps are recommended to supply stored materials through  $3/4$ " inch supply hoses.

Recommended equipment (contact PSI for more details):

- Graco Reactor proportioners or equivalent set at 1:1 volume ratio. Contact PSI for specific models.
- Graco GAP or Fusion AP spray guns.
- Graco T2 2:1 "stick" transfer pumps or equivalent.

## Spraying / Processing Information

Material in containers should be maintained at  $60^{\circ}$ F to  $80^{\circ}$ F while in use. Heated trailers, hotboxes, or other temperature controlled areas may be necessary. Material temperature should be confirmed with a thermometer or an infrared gun.

**Do not recirculate or mix other suppliers' "A" or "B" components into Staycell<sup>®</sup> 275-1.8 containers.**

Processing parameters: Pre-heaters and hose heaters should be set to deliver  $110^{\circ}$ F -  $130^{\circ}$ F materials to the spray gun. Proportioner dynamic pressures should be 1,000 – 1,200 psi range.

In preparation for spraying, an off-target test spray should be performed to verify the processing pressure, primary heater and hose temperature settings. It is important to observe the foam and the reaction time of the reacting mass and make additional adjustments throughout the day as needed to maintain proper cell structure, adhesion, cohesion and general foam quality.

Staycell<sup>®</sup> 275-1.8 should be applied by spraying perpendicular (90 degree angle) to the substrate at an approximate 18-24" distance. Apply by spraying into the wet line as it is rising, overlapping each pass approximately 50%-80%. It is recommended that the total design thickness be completed each day. If the processing parameters are set too high, the pattern may be uncontrollable, the mixing chamber may clog often, the wet line will not be as pronounced and the surface characteristics will be rough. When the parameters are too low the foam may spray in a direct stream and remain un-reacted for several seconds. Staycell<sup>®</sup> 275-1.8 should be applied in uniform, minimum pass thickness of one inch and maximum pass thickness of three inches. Spraying sections too thick, too fast may result in charring of the foam, or in extreme conditions a fire may result. Thin foam layers ( $1/4$ " or less "flash passes") can result in poor chemical reaction, poor physical properties, reduced coverage and loss of adhesion due to low exothermic heat

generated from the chemical reaction, which is needed to create proper closed cell formation. If touch-ups or subsequent passes are needed to achieve the prescribed thickness, allow the foam lifts to cool to 100°F (38°C) or below before additional foam is applied. When multiple layers are necessary to achieve the proper R-value, cross-hatching should be done. This technique aids in proper cohesion of passes. To avoid heat damage when applying over membranes (such as Blueskin SA), apply initial one-inch pass and allow to fully cool before subsequent passes. Water on the substrate from rain, fog, condensation, etc. will affect the chemical reaction of the foam adversely affecting the physical properties, performance and adhesion. It should not be applied when the relative humidity is above 85%. For applications where the substrate and/or ambient air temperature is ≤ 40°F, refer to the Cold Weather Processing Guide.

As with all SPF systems, improper application techniques should be avoided. Examples of improper application techniques include, but are not limited to, excessive thickness of SPF and off-ratio material and Potential results of improperly installed SPF include dangerously high reaction temperatures that may result in fire and offensive odors that may or may not dissipate. Improperly installed SPF must be removed and replaced with properly installed materials. On a daily basis remove all debris and shavings from the jobsite leaving a clean work area.

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Keep containers tightly sealed and stored at 50° to 75°F for maximum shelf life. Storage temperatures should not exceed 85°F. Do not store in direct sunlight. Open the container slowly to allow any pressure to be released before removing the bung. Keep drums tightly sealed when not in use to avoid contamination. Water, solvents or oil in the liquid components will degrade foam quality. Protect from heat, sparks and open flame. Do not cut or weld near this container. Do not smoke near container. Do not store near food or feed.

### **Shelf Life**

Staycell® 275-1.8 has a shelf life of approximately six (6) months from the date of manufacture when stored in original, unopened containers between 50° to 75°F. As with all industrial chemicals, this material should be stored in a covered, secure location and never in sunlight or direct sources of heat. Storage temperatures above the recommended range will shorten shelf life and may also result in elevated headspace pressure within packages.

### **Limited Warranty Information**

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