

# ITP STANDARD BACKER ROD

CLOSED-CELL POLYETHYLENE FOAM

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## PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

**Basic Use:** ITP Standard Backer Rod is an ideal non-absorbent compressible backup material. It is inserted into a joint to control sealant depth to create a backstop to:

- Allow proper sealant tooling
- Allow proper sealant wetting of the joint surfaces
- And yield a proper bond breaker between the Backer Rod and sealant

It can also be used as a temporary seal.

**Compatibility:** ITP Standard Backer Rod is compatible with butyl, polysulfide, acrylic polyurethane, silicone and most other cold applied sealant compositions.

**Specific Uses:** Commonly used in glazing installations, window and door applications, expansion joints, curtain wall joints, partitions, log construction, pavement joints, repairs, precast units and copings.

**Composition and Materials:** ITP Standard Backer Rod is an extruded round, closed cell, low density polyethylene foam material with a skin-like outer texture. It is highly flexible and compressible for easy installation. Available in stock grey and several other colors on a custom basis. Available in a wide variety of diameters. (See Table 1)

**TABLE I**

### STOCK SIZES AVAILABLE

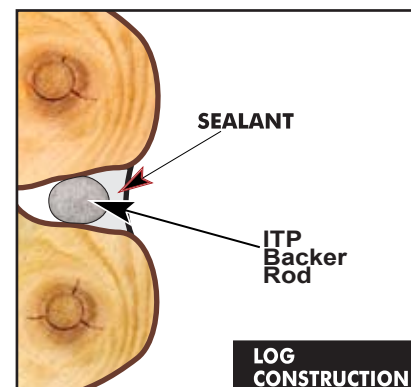
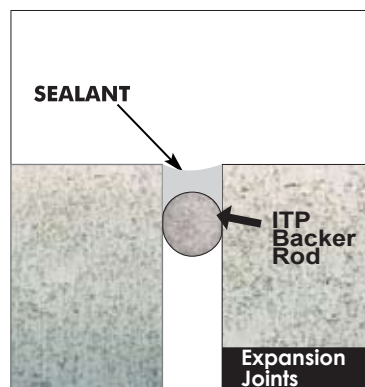
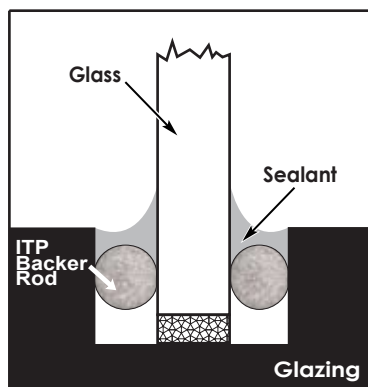
DIAMETER	SHIPPING FORMAT	FEET PER CARTON	METRIC DIAMETER	METERS PER CARTON
* 1/4"	2 Spools	4000	6mm	1219
* 3/8"	1 Spools	2100	9mm	640
1/2"	2 Spools	2500	12mm	762
5/8"	2 Spools	1550	15mm	472
3/4"	1 Spool	1100	19mm	335
7/8"	1 Spool	850	22mm	259
1"	1 Spool	600	25mm	182
1 1/4"	1 Spool	400	31mm	121
1 1/2"	6' Lengths	420	38mm	128
2"	6' Lengths	240	50mm	73
2 1/2"	6' Lengths	156	63mm	48
3"	6' Lengths	102	76mm	31
4"	6' Lengths	48	101mm	15
5"	6' Lengths	90	127mm	27
6"	6' Lengths	60	152mm	18

Sizes 2

- Rectangular cartons with convenient hand holes for carrying are ideal for warehousing and handling
- UPS and most other package express services will accept all cartons except 5" and 6" for reshipment
- Truckload quantities furnished on pallets and may be warehoused two pallets high to maximize space

\*Minimum 2 carton purchase for Baby Backer Rod Carton (sizes 1/4" and 3/8")

## Common Applications of ITP Standard Backer Rod



## TECHNICAL DATA

ITP Standard Backer Rod is chemically inert and will resist oil, gasoline and most other solvents. This material will not stain nor adhere to sealant materials and is non-exuding. (Refer to Table II for typical physical properties)

## INSTALLATION

Joint or opening must be clean, dry and free of obstructions. Using Table III select proper rod diameter and cut to length or use directly from spool. With a blunt instrument or roller, uniformly install rod at the level recommended by the sealant manufacturer, specifier or architect involved. Generally, the depth of the joint after the backer rod is installed is one half the width. Very large and very small joints vary in terms of this depth to width ratio. DO NOT PUNCTURE, STRETCH OR OVERLY COMPRESS.

## PURCHASING AND PRICING

ITP Standard Backer Rod is widely available throughout the United States and Canada. Please contact Industrial Thermo Polymers Ltd. at [info@tundrafoam.com](mailto:info@tundrafoam.com) or 1-800-387-3847 for the name and address of your local distributor source they will provide you with samples and pricing information as required.

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Industrial Thermo Polymers Ltd. has qualified representatives available to assist users of the various Backer Rod materials referenced herein. Please contact your local ITP distributor should assistance be required.

## PURCHASING ADVANTAGE

- North America's first full line / full service Backer Rod supply source
- One stop shopping for all your Backer Rod requirements

TABLE II

### PHYSICAL PROPERTY ANALYSIS

PROPERTY	VALUE	TEST METHOD
Density (nominal)	2.0 lbs/cu. ft.	ASTM-D-1622
Tensile Strength	50 PSI	ASTM-D-1623
Compression Deflection	5 PSI @ 25%	ASTM-D-1621
Water Absorption	0.03 gm/cc	ASTM-C-1016
Water Absorption	0.02% by volume	ASTM-C-509
Temperature Range	-90°F to 210°F	

*Water Absorption<sup>1</sup> "Determination of water absorption by sealant (joint filler) materials"*  
*Water Absorption<sup>2</sup> "Standard specifications for cellular elastometric preformed gasket and sealing material. Historic standard no longer applicable to Backer Rod."*

TABLE III

### ITP ROD SIZE TO JOINT WIDTH

Joint Width	Rod Diameter	Joint Width	Rod Diameter
1/8" - 3/16"	1/4"	1" - 1-1/4"	1-1/2"
3/16" - 1/4"	3/8"	1-1/4" - 1-1/2"	2"
1/4" - 3/8"	1/2"	1-1/2" - 2"	2-1/2"
3/8" - 1/2"	5/8"	2" - 2-1/2"	3"
1/2" - 5/8"	3/4"	2-1/2" - 3"	4"
5/8" - 3/4"	7/8"	3" - 4-3/4"	5"
3/4" - 7/8"	1"	4-3/4" - 5-3/4"	6"
7/8" - 1"	1-1/4"		

TABLE IV

### CARTON SIZES AND WEIGHTS

Rod Diameter	Weight / Carton	Carton Measurement
1/4" - 3/8"	6 lbs.	18" x 18" x 15"
6mm to 9mm	2.7 kgs.	457mm x 457mm x 381mm
1/2" - 1 1/4"	11 lbs.	18" x 18" x 30"
12mm to 31mm	5 kgs.	457mm x 457mm x 762mm
1 1/2" to 4"	14 lbs.	17" x 10" x 74"
38mm to 101mm	6.4 kgs.	432mm x 254mm x 1880mm
5" to 6"	35 lbs.	17" x 23" x 74"
127mm to 152mm	15.9 kgs.	432mm x 584mm x 1880mm

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