# Cooling energy savings from high reflective coatings using Omyasphere, hollow microspheres

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## Heat Build-up and Energy Consumption

In most countries, energy usage in the building sector represents almost **one-third of the total energy** consumption.

In many developed countries, the residential building sector accounts for more than half of the electricity consumption.

In warm areas, air conditioning accounts for up to 60% of residential energy use.

The demand for residential cooling, and consequently the required energy, is expected to increase significantly as a result of global warming phenomena.

Countries located in tropical or sub-tropical zones are already concerned with **increasing energy cost**, lately it's also becoming a pronounced issue in temperate zones.



#### **Challenge & Solution**

## How To Overcome The Heat Build-Up?

Over the past few years, **highly reflective coatings** have received increasing attention thanks to their contribution to the reduction of overall **heat transmission**, enhancing "comfort properties".

The working principle of reflective coatings is mainly based on **high solar reflectance** using **TiO**<sub>2</sub> and **engineered mineral fillers (e.g. calcium carbonate)** with high purity, optical properties and tailored PSD.

Recently, the use of **lightweight fillers / microspheres** is increasing due to their positive impact in additional properties (e.g., **thermal conductivity, diffusivity, emissivity)**, enhancing the insulating properties of the coating and leading to **cooling energy savings.** 

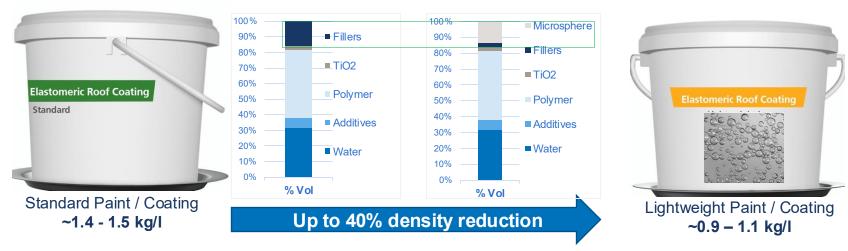
In addition to enhancing thermal insulating properties, lightweight fillers / microspheres can match current market needs calling for **weight reduction**, **higher elongation**, **reducing weathering** and extending **service life** and overall improving the **sustainability** of coatings.



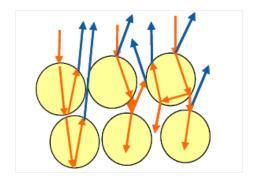
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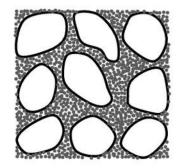
#### Mechanism of Microspheres / Lightweight Fillers to Enhance Insulating Properties

#### Partial replacement (by volume) of mineral filler by Lightweight Fillers / Microspheres



- Hollow Microspheres reduce the thermal conductivity and help to reflect solar radiation
- Due to its low surface area, higher raw materials efficiency, allowing for formulation optimization







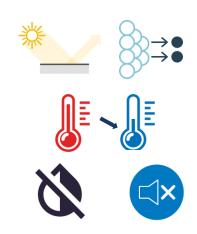


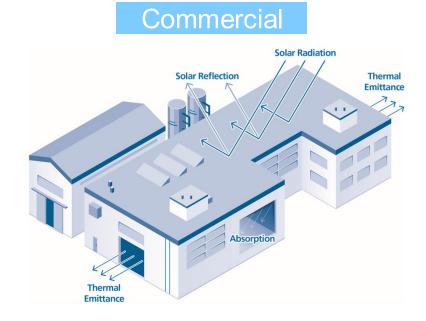
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## Where can Microspheres be Used for Improving Comfort Properties?

The use of lightweight fillers / microspheres improves overall comfort properties (solar reflectance, thermal conductivity, emittance, diffusivity, acoustic, anti-condensation)



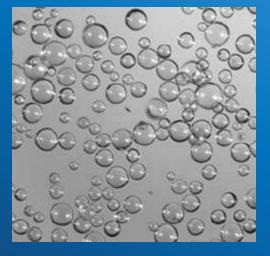






## Microspheres / Lightweight Fillers Overview

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#### **Main Lightweight Fillers**

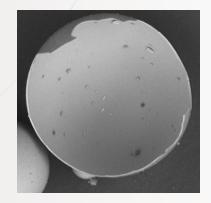
- True Density or Effective Particle Density <1 g/cc
- Hollow Structure, Microsphere
- Lightweighting and Insulating as main Function intended

**Hollow Glass** 



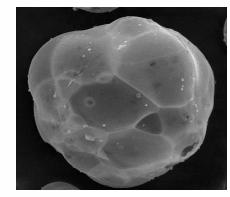
**Omyasphere 900 Series** 

Cenospheres





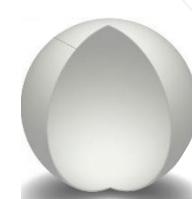
**Expanded Glass** 



**Omyasphere 200 Series** 

**Omyasphere 400 Series Higher Resistance** 

Closed-Cell **Expanded Perlite** 



**Polymeric** 





**Omyasphere 900 Series** 

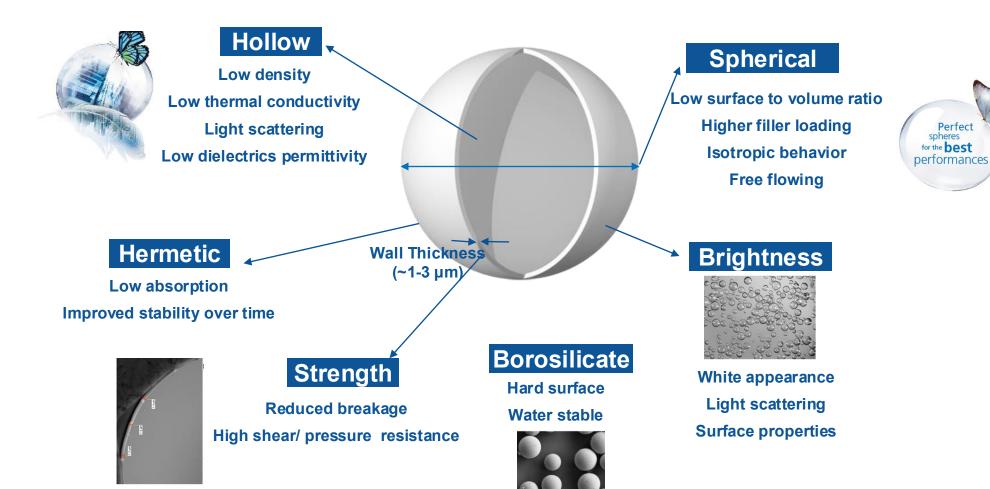
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Hollow Glass Microspheres



#### **Omyasphere 900 series**

## **Key Attributes and Benefits**



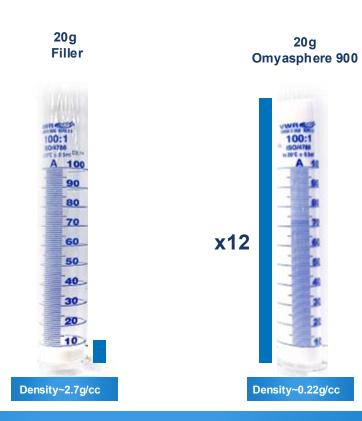


#### **Omyasphere 900 series**

Approaching LWF by volume rather than by weight. Density makes the difference...

Filler	Density [g/cc]
Barium Sulfate	4.5
Titanium Dioxide	4.2
Talc	2.8
Calcium Carbonate	2.7
Ceramic Microspheres	2.5
Cenospheres	<0.95
Expanded Glass	<0.8

### **LWF Density – Volume Approach**



LWF comparison on a volume basis, not by weight. Replacement on a weight basis will lead to formulation issues (oversaturating the system)



#### Omyasphere 900 series

## **Portfolio for Construction Applications**

* PROPERTIES				PRIMARY CONSTRUCTION APPLICATIONS							
Applications	True Density [g/cm³]	Compressive Strength [MPa/Psi]	D50 [µm]	D90 [µm]	Spackles Putties Smoothing compounds	Acrylic Plasters	Comfort Paints / Anti- condensation Paints / Acoustic Paints	Thermal insulating Paints	Deco Paints	Elastomeric Roof Coatings	Adhesive & Sealants
Omyasphere 915 - CNZ	0.15	4 / 500	85	120	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Omyasphere 920 - CNZ	0.2	4 / 500	65	110	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Omyasphere 925 - CNZ	0.25	5 / 750	65	100	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Omyasphere 938 - CNZ	0.38	38 / 5500	40	65				<b>√</b> #	√#	√#	✓
Omyasphere 922 S - CNZ	0.22	8 / 1200	45	70	√#	√#	√#	√#	√#	√#	✓
Omyasphere 928 S - CNZ	0.28	28 / 4000	45	65	√#	√#	√#	√#	√#	√#	✓
Omyasphere 938 S - CNZ	0.38	38 / 5500	30	50				√#	√#	√#	✓
Omyasphere 942 S - CNZ	0.42	55 / 8000	25	40				√#	<b>√</b> #	√#	✓

<sup>\*</sup> Typical values - no specs







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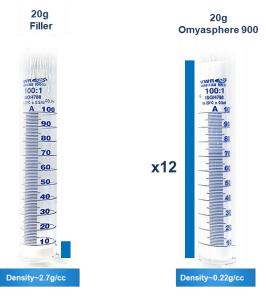
Case Study:
High Reflective
Coatings / Cool
Roof



## Omyasphere 900 Selection

Product selected for this application/ case study: Omyasphere 922S

	True Density [g/cm³]	Compressive Strength [MPa/Psi]	D50 [μm]	D90 [μm]
Omyasphere 922 S	0.22	8 / 1200	45	70

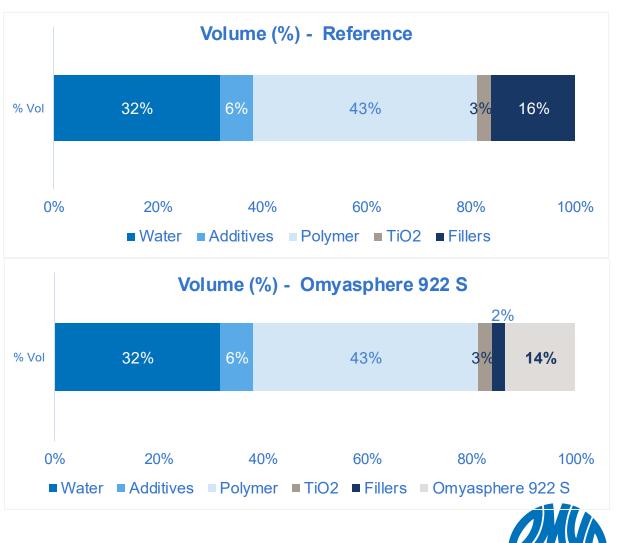


- Suitable for spraying operations
- Loading of Omyasphere 922S ~ 2.9% by weight, replacing mineral filler on the volume basis
- ~12 times lower density (0.22 g/cm<sup>3</sup>) vs mineral fillers (2.7 g/cm<sup>3</sup>)!
- Omyasphere selection can vary depending if any existing microspheres, film thickness...

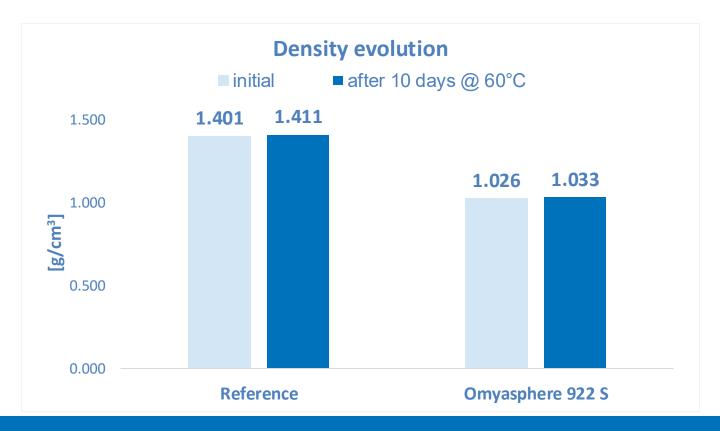


#### **Formulation**

	Reference	Omyasphere 922 S
Water deionised	23,09	30,58
Dispersant Agent	0,40	0,53
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pH regulator	0,08	0,11
Rheology modifier	0,41	0,54
Defoarmer	0,11	0,14
Coalescent Agent	0,58	0,77
Propylenglycol	2,02	2,67
Omyacarb 10 - GU	28,90	3,03
Optiwhite	2,44	3,23
TiO <sub>2</sub>	8,15	10,79
Pure Acrylic Emulsion	32,79	43,39
Biocide	0,18	0,23
Omyasphere 922S	-	2,9
Defoamer	0,16	0,18
Rheology Modifier	0,40	0,53
Total (%)	100,00	100,00
Density (g/cc)	1,40	1,05
PVC (%)	46	46



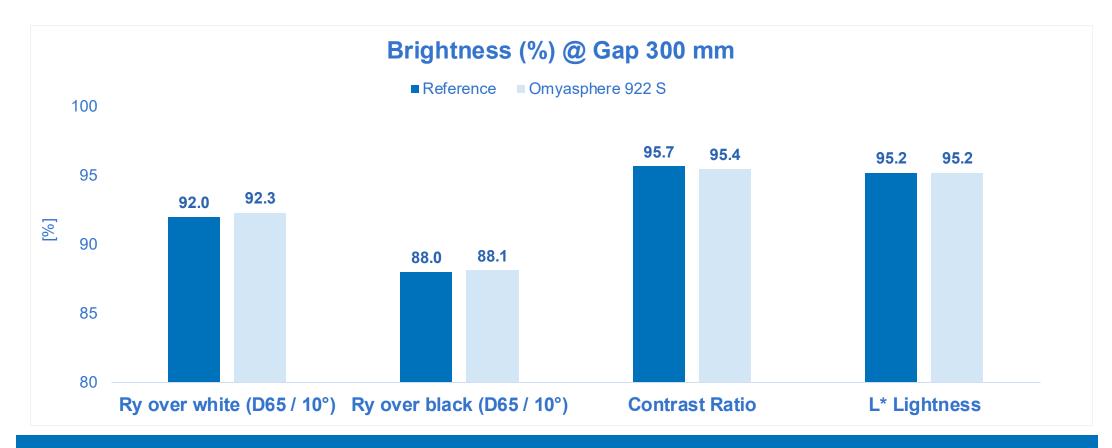
## Density



Omyasphere leads to ~26% density reduction vs reference formulation

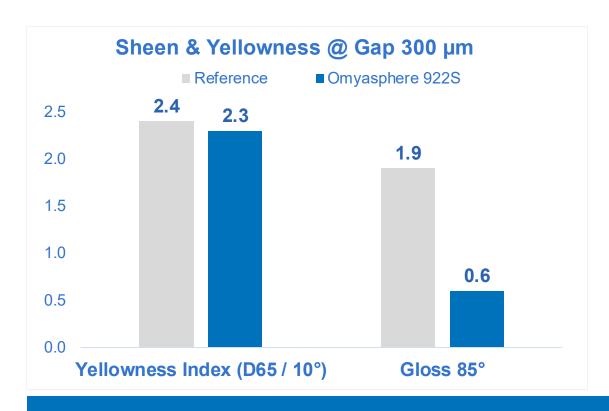


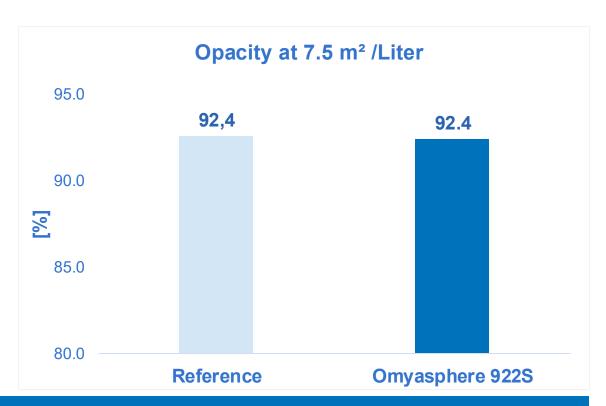
## Optical Properties (I)



Omyasphere leads to equivalent Ry, Lightness and Contrast vs reference formulation

## Optical Properties (II)

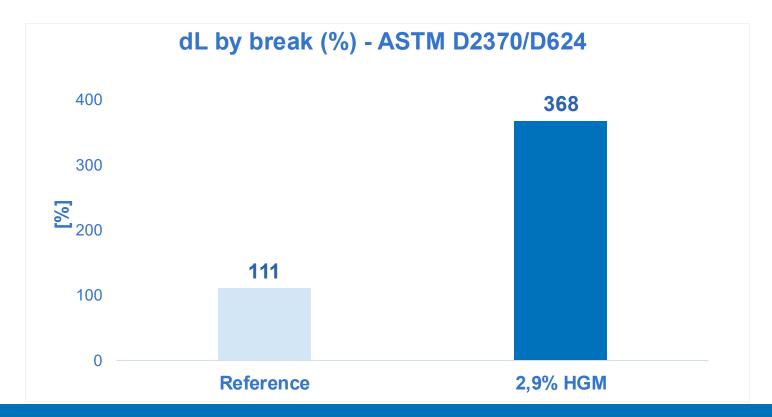




Omyasphere leads to equivalent YI, Opacity and lower sheen vs reference formulation



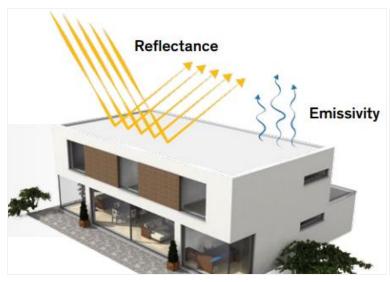
## Elongation

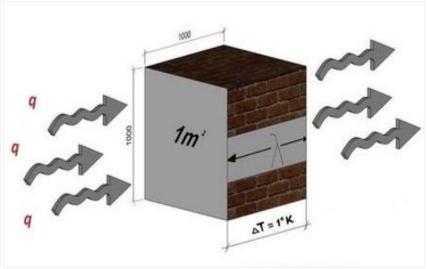


Omyasphere leads to higher elongation resistance vs reference formulation



## Mechanism for Cooling Energy Saving





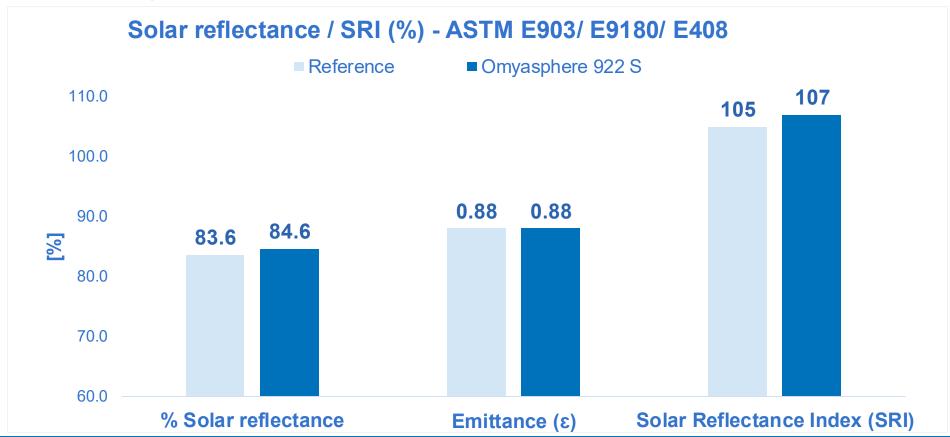
Reflectance (R) and **Emissivity (ε)** 

Thermal Conductivity (λ) Thermal Diffusivity (α)

- **Reflectance**: fraction of solar energy reflected
- > **Emittance**: relative ability of the roof surface to radiate absorbed heat
- Thermal Conductivity: Capacity of the material to transfer heat



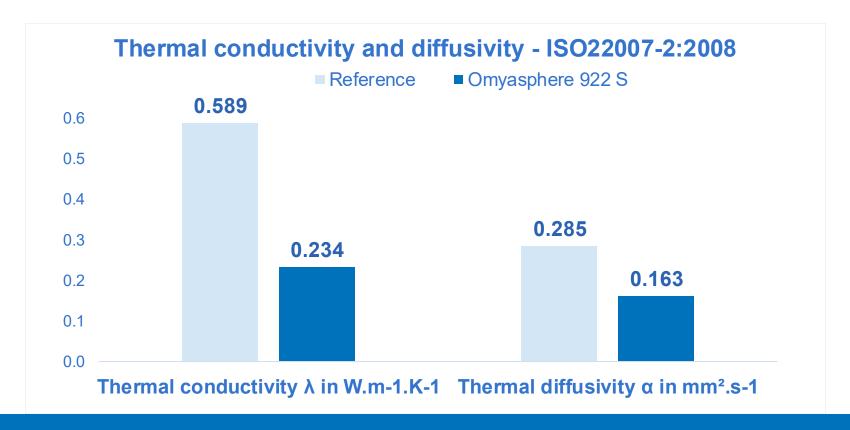
## Solar Reflectivity Index



Omyasphere leads to higher SRI (Solar Reflectivity Index) vs reference formulation

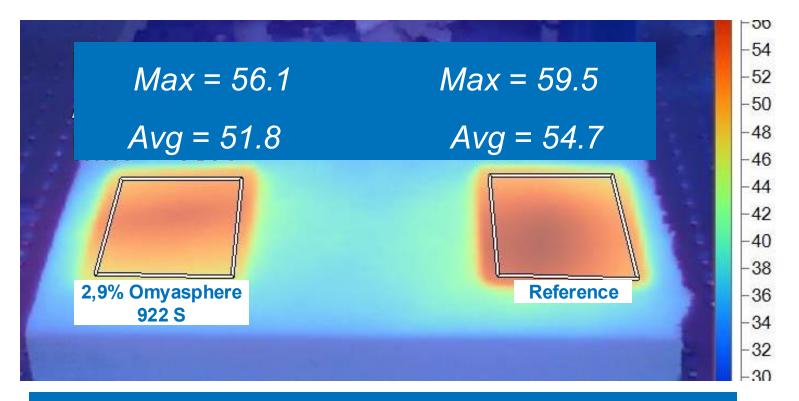


## Thermal Conductivity



Omyasphere leads to enhanced thermal conductivity reducing lambda (λ) vs reference

## **Heat Build-up**



Omyasphere leads to lower heat build up





Higher reflectivity leads to lower surface coating temperatures.

Lower Thermal conductivity leads to lower room T<sup>a</sup> buildup and cooling savings.

\*\*According to energy experts, a room temperature reduced by only 1°C offers up to 5 % savings in energy cost



# Summary



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Omyasphere 900 hollow glass microspheres lead to tangible savings:

Weight Reduction → Safer handling, easier application, less transportation

Yield Improvement → Doing more with less







Higher flexibility, Reduced ageing 

Extending service life

Enhanced SRI and thermal conductivity — Cooling energy savings



Omyasphere improving key Megatrends: lightweighting, extending service life, enhancing comfort properties and improving overall sustainability





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