



Temperature Controlled Packaging: Considerations You Might Not Know



Summary

Discussion Points

- Temperature spread based on refrigerant coverage
- Conditioning Cold Shock and Refrigerant Bench Times
- Product Mass and Temperature
- Opening up Product Temperature Range
- Ambient Profile and Cost
- Universal vs Seasonal Solutions
- Shipping a Box on its Side
- Cost versus Insulation Choice
- Cost Versus PCM Choice





BEST PRACTICES: Quality by Design (QbD)

DEFINE THE PROBLEM





Define the Problem

Establish a team

- Who should be included? What business functions?
 - Engineering/ Packaging
 - Procurement
 - Regulatory
 - Logistics
 - Operations/ Manufacturing
 - Quality/ Validation
 - Marketing
 - End Customer?
 - Other?





Factors For Team to Consider

Performance Needs	Duration, Temperature, Payload, Ambient Profiles		
Regulatory Needs	Reference Documents, Available Excursions		
End User Needs	 Packout Configuration: Universal / Seasonal, Ease of use, # of components, weight, pack-out time, dimensional, etc. 		
Pricing (value) need	Package Cost, freight cost, physical weight vs dimensional weight		
Safety	• Ergonomics		
Quality	Tolerances / testing requirements		
Other	Sustainability, shipping lanes, return-reuse, conditioning, data monitoring, etc.		





Factors to Consider

- Distinguishing Between Various Factors
 - Cost vs Quality
 - Packaging Cost vs Shipping Costs
 - Costs vs Ergonomics
 - Sustainability
 - Use of Excursion Data vs Design Complexity
 - Ease of Use vs Cost
 - Single use vs Return/Reuse
- Different Stakeholders / Different Views



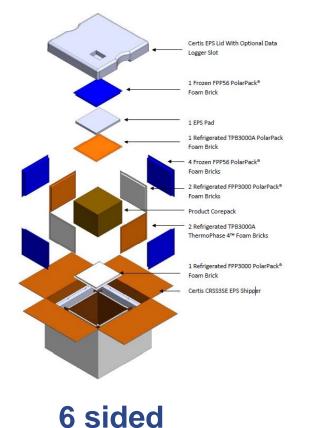


TEMPERATURE SPREAD BASED ON REFRIGERANT COVERAGE

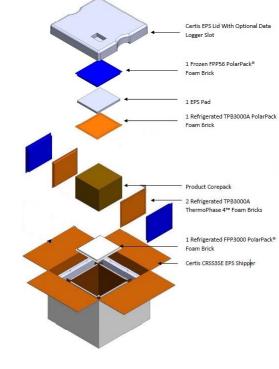




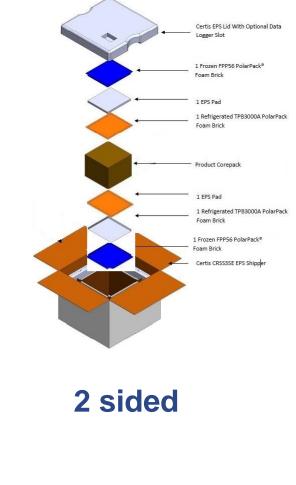
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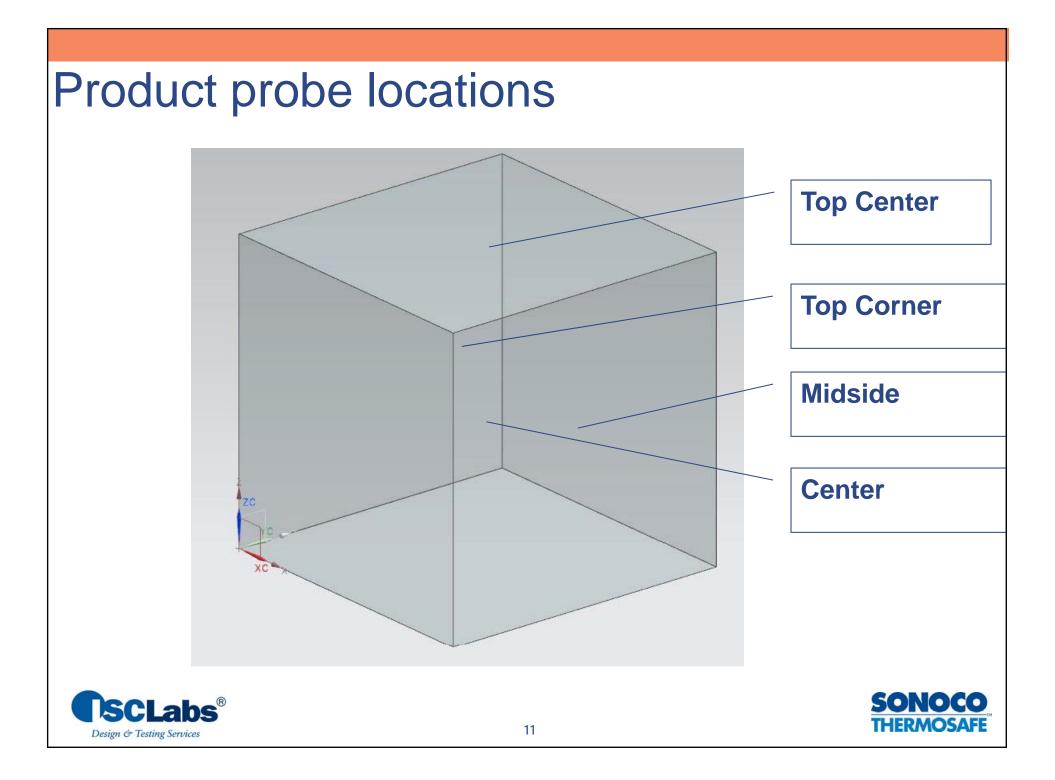
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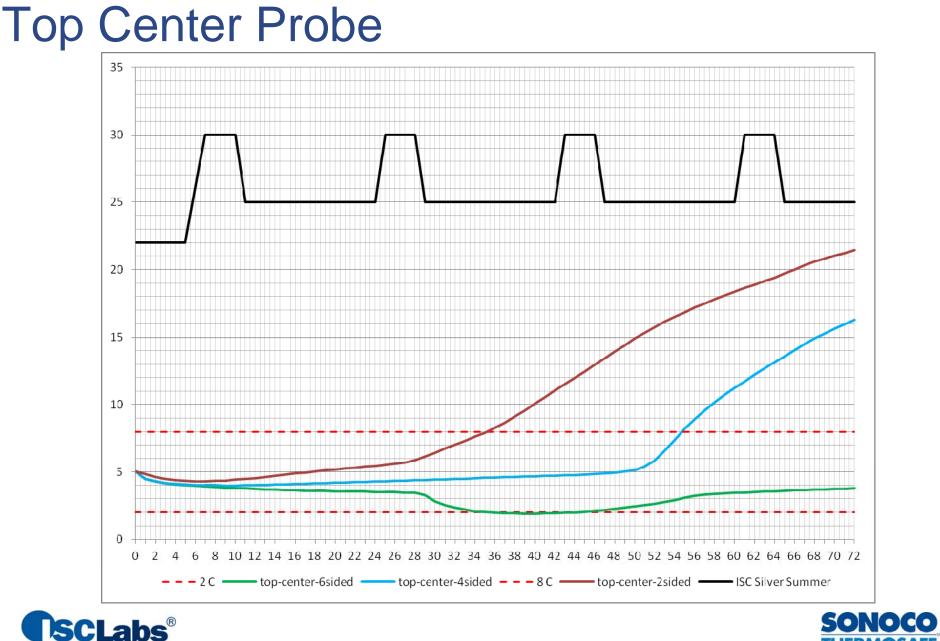


4 sided



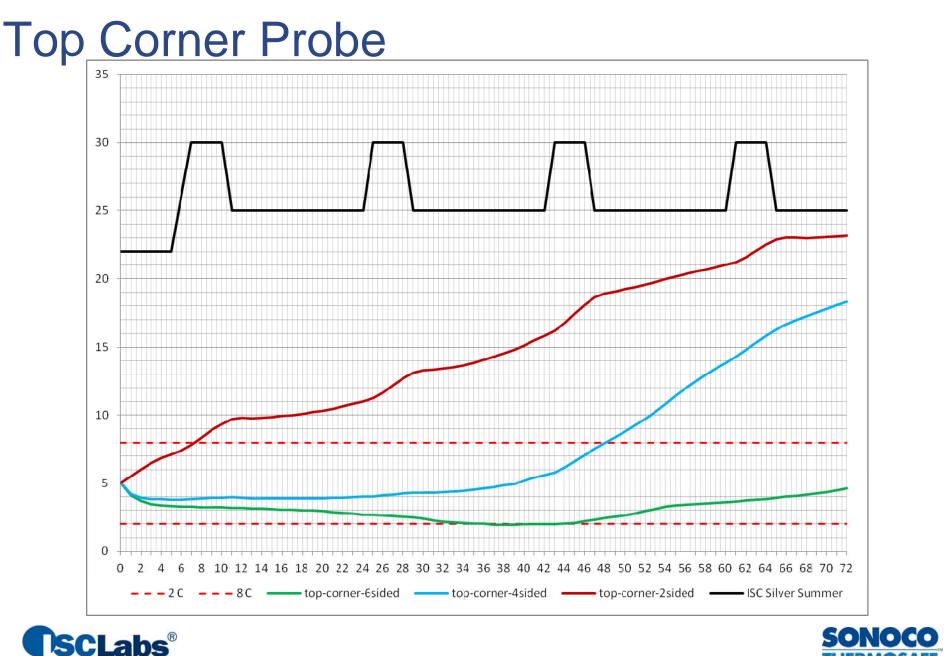








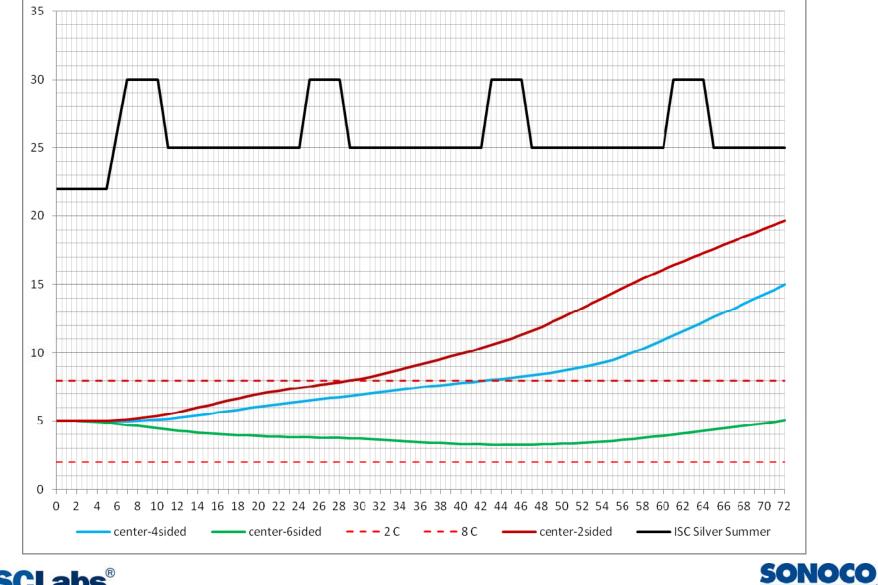
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Center Probe

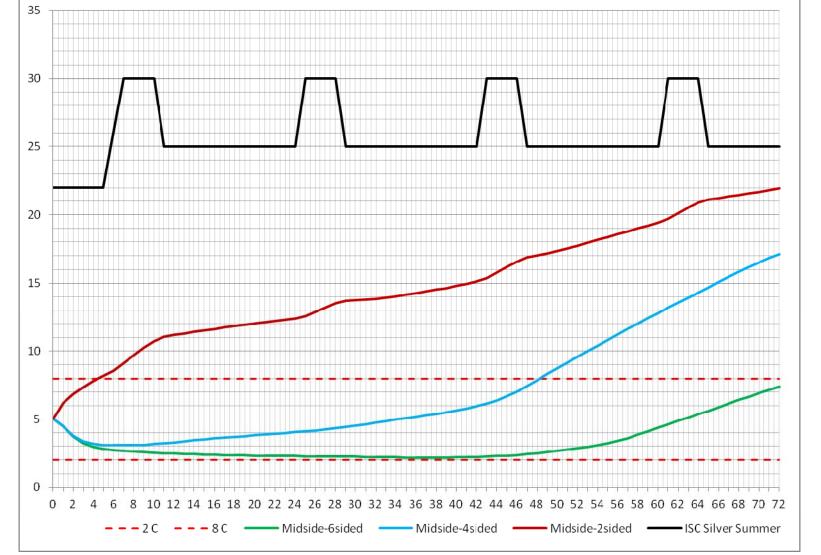




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Midside Probe

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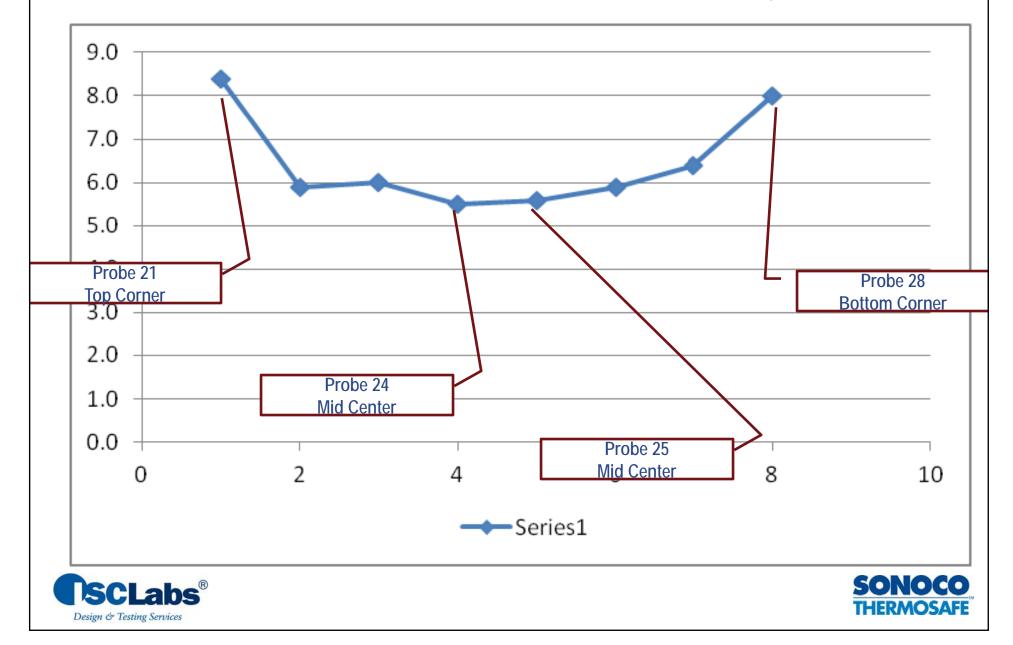
Product Temperatures in Specification

	Duration in Specification (hours)			
Design Configuration	Top Center Probe	Top Corner Probe	Center Probe	Midside Probe
6-sided	72	72	72	72
4-sided	54	48	42	48
2-sided	35	7	29	4





EF6040 pallet, product probe temperatures by location



CONDITIONING – COLD SHOCK AND REFRIGERANT BENCH TIMES



Preventing Cold Shock

- Cold Shock is the rapid decline in product temperature during the initial packout phase, when frozen refrigerant comes into contact with the product
 - How to prevent cold shock
 - Refrigerated gels or bricks
 - Buffer pads e.g. corrugate, EPS, bubble wrap
 - Bench time for frozen refrigerants
 - PCMs with phase temperatures above cold shock temperatures







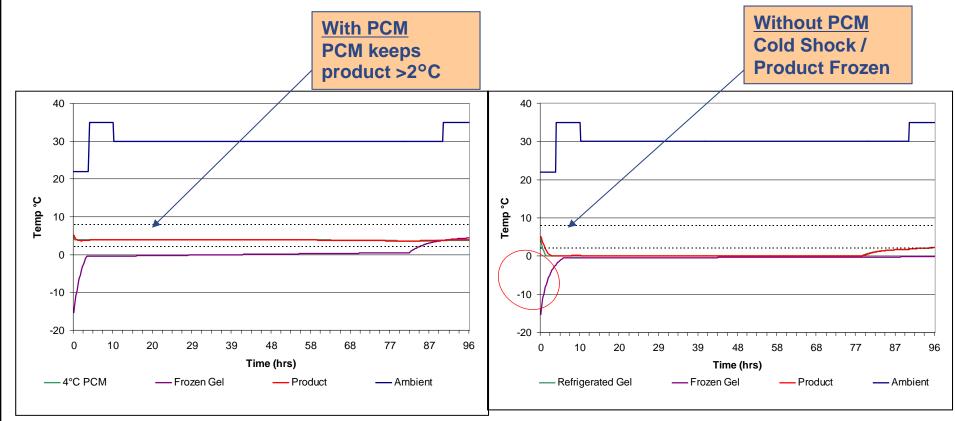


Using PCMs to prevent Cold Shock

PCM vs. water-based gel pack

• PCM phases at $4^{\circ}C \rightarrow$ keeps product >2°C

• Water-based gel phases at $0^{\circ}C \rightarrow \text{product drops below } 2^{\circ}C$

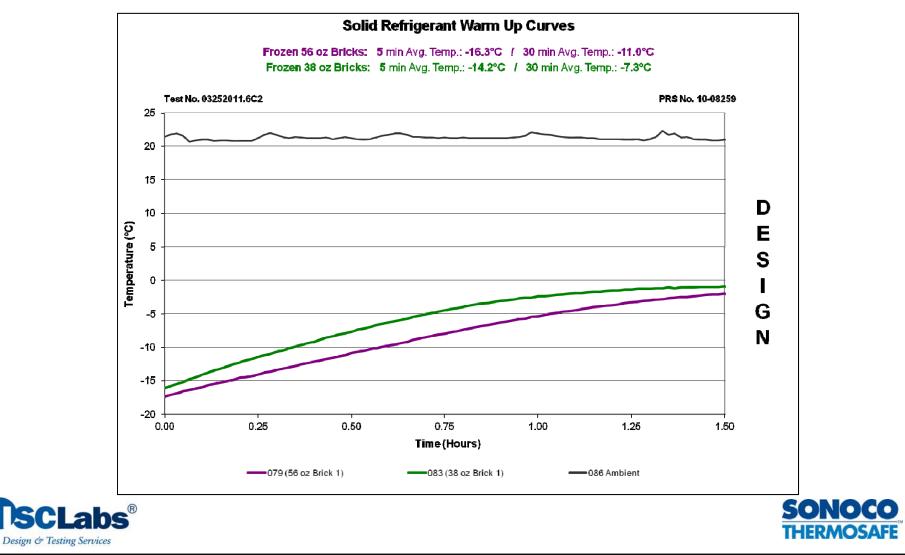






Effect of Bench Time on Refrigerants

- Higher Refrigerant mass requires more bench time for warm up
- Bench time at room temperature can help reduce cold shock



PRODUCT MASS & TEMPERATURE

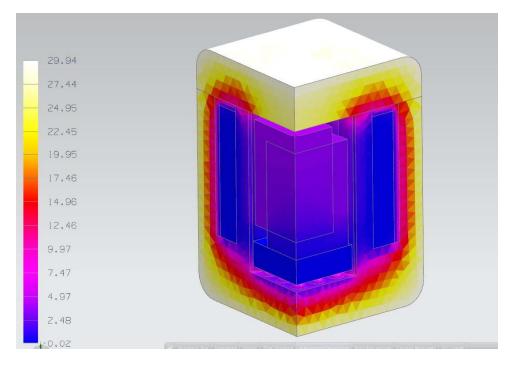




Impact of Mass and Density

- The rate of change of thermal energy per unit volume
 - To achieve the same change in temperature a greater mass (density) requires a greater rate of change of thermal energy.

$$\dot{E} = \rho \, c_p \, \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \, dx \, dy \, dz$$







Probe Locations and Methodology

Product packaging and thermal mass

Small thermal mass will make product temperatures much more responsive to ambient conditions



- Thermal considerations for Product Load selection
 - Thermal Mass or Capacitance
 - Effect of Conduction and Convection
- Product Loads for Testing
 - Bracketing Product Mass for Testing
 - Minimum Load
 - Maximum Load
 - Empty container



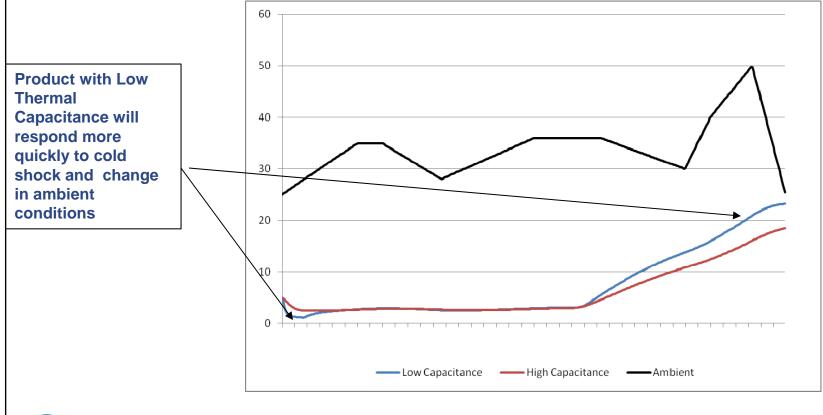




Thermal Mass or Capacitance

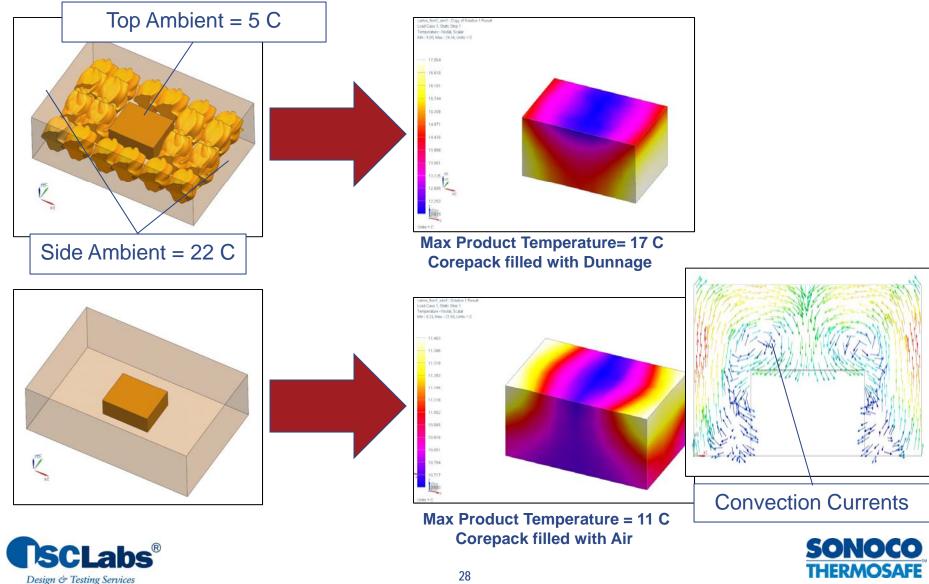
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- Defined as the product of mass and specific heat ρ * Cp
- Determines the rate of product thermal response to changes in ambient conditions

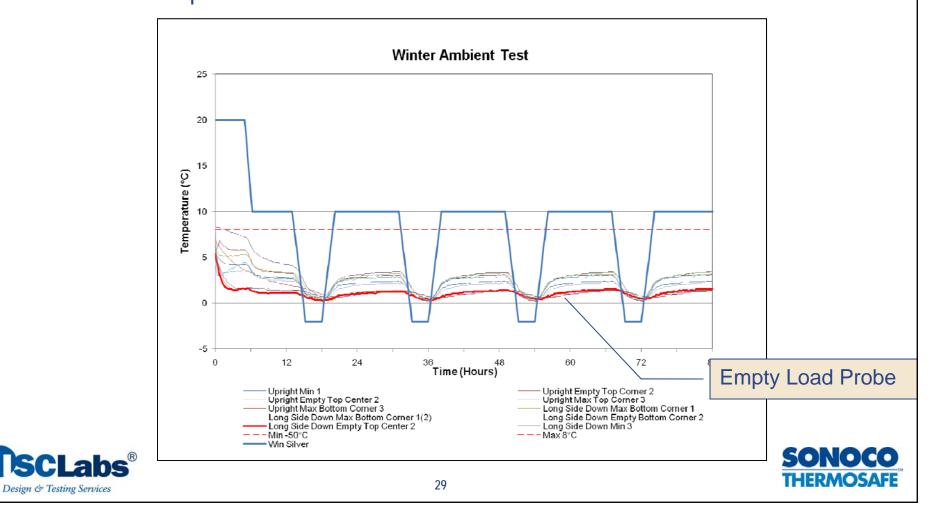




Effect of Conduction & Convection

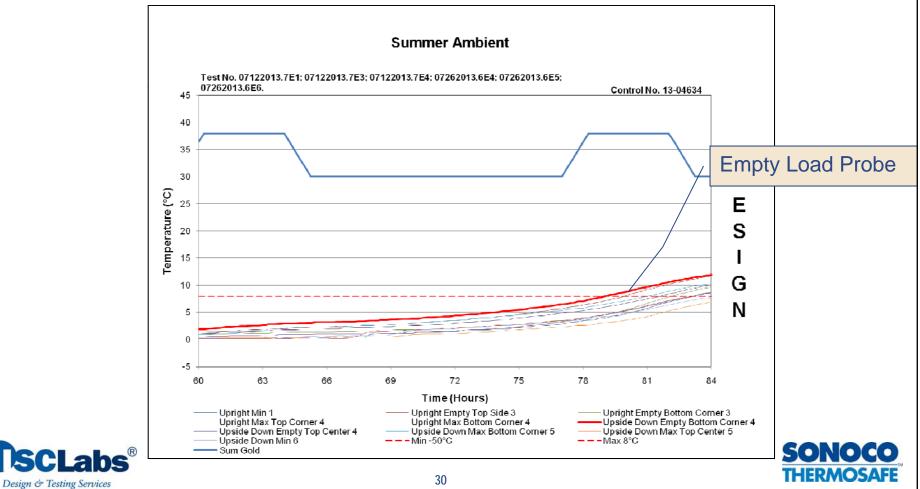


- Difference between Maximum, Minimum and Empty Product Loads
- Winter Ambient indicates that Empty Load Probe will have the lowest or worst case temperature.



- Difference between Maximum, Minimum and Empty Product Loads
- Summer Ambient indicates that Empty Load Probe will have the highest or

worst case temperature.



OPENING UP PRODUCT TEMPERATURE RANGE

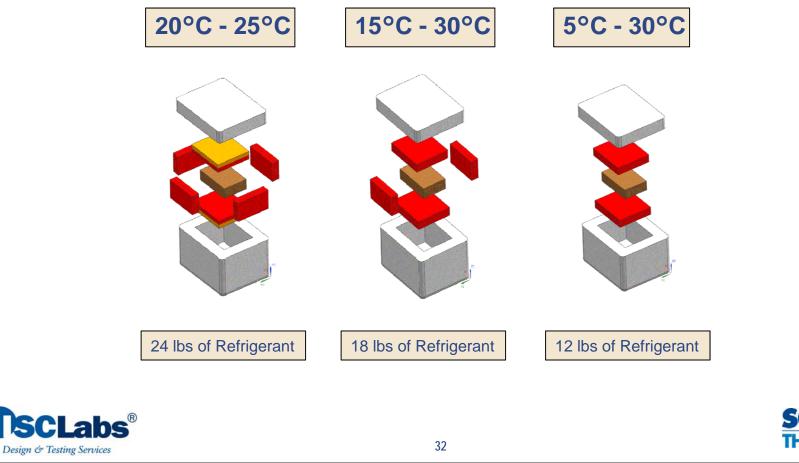




Effect of Product Temperature Range

CRT Case Study

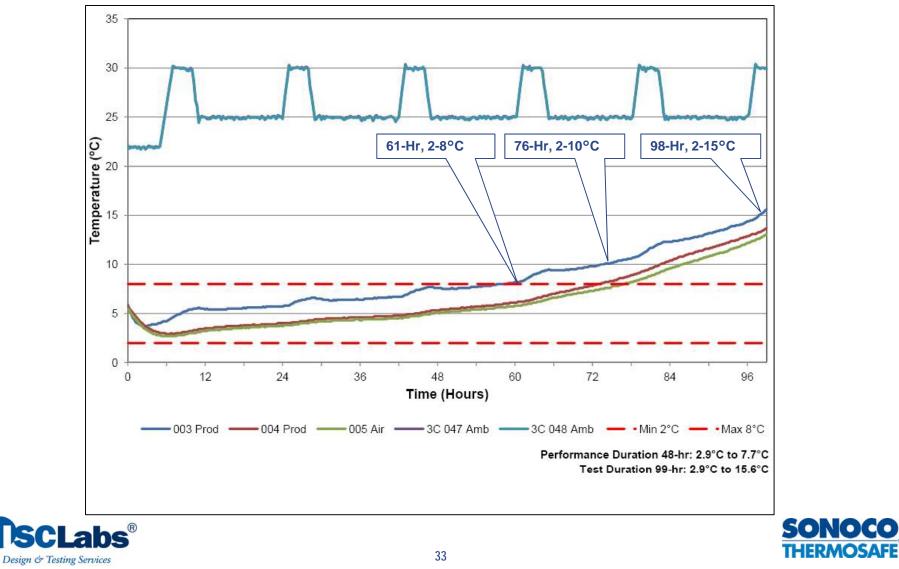
The narrower the product temperature criteria the more challenging is the thermal design, more refrigerants, more insulation





Effect of Product Temperature Range

Refrigerated Case Study



AMBIENT PROFILE AND COST



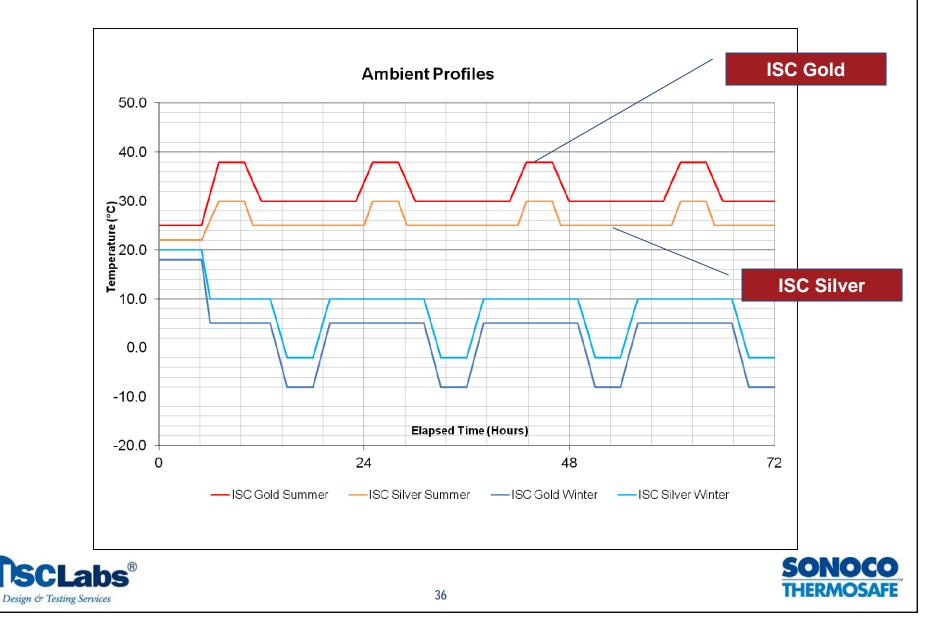
Effect of Ambient Profiles on Package Design

- An more extreme Ambient Profile will have the following impact on TAP design:
 - More refrigerant weight
 - More components
 - Higher insulation e.g. thickness, R-value
 - Higher Cost
 - Larger container dimensions



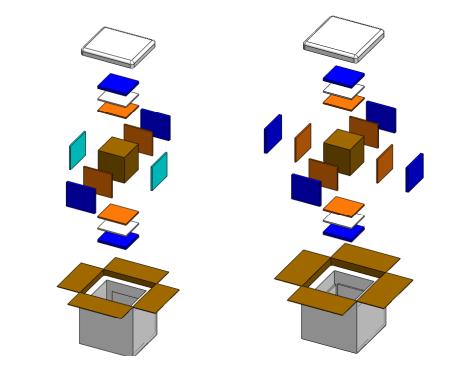


Effect of Ambient Profiles on Package Design



Effect of Ambient Profiles on Package Design

ISC Gold profile vs. ISC Silver profile, 48 hours, 2°C to 8°C, Universal



Ambient Profile:	ISC Silver Universal	ISC Gold Universal
Payload Volume (L):	16.4	16.4
Shipper O.D. Volume (L):	109.7	141.2
Number of Components:	11	15
Weight (lbs):	31.6	40.5
Dimensional Weight (lbs):	40	52





UNIVERSAL VS SEASONAL SOLUTIONS



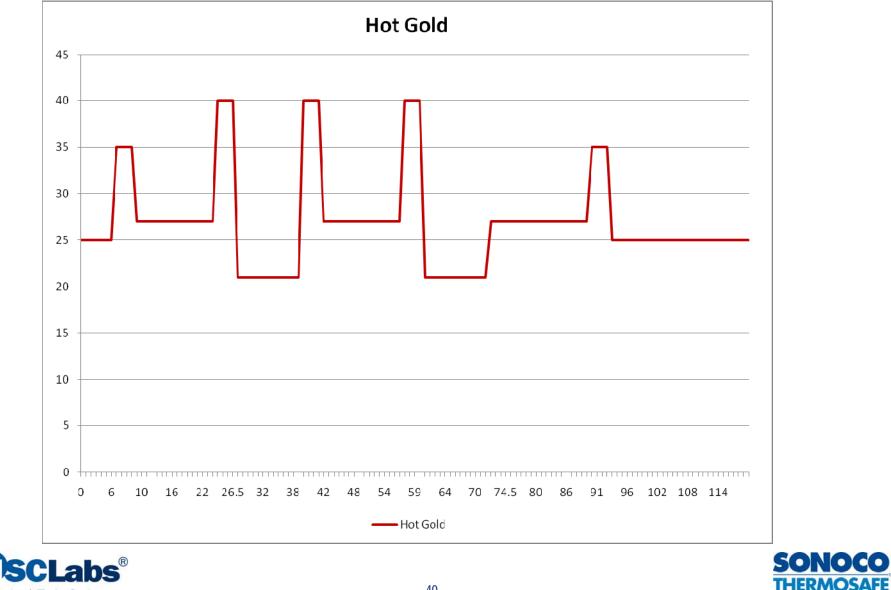


Profile Bracketing

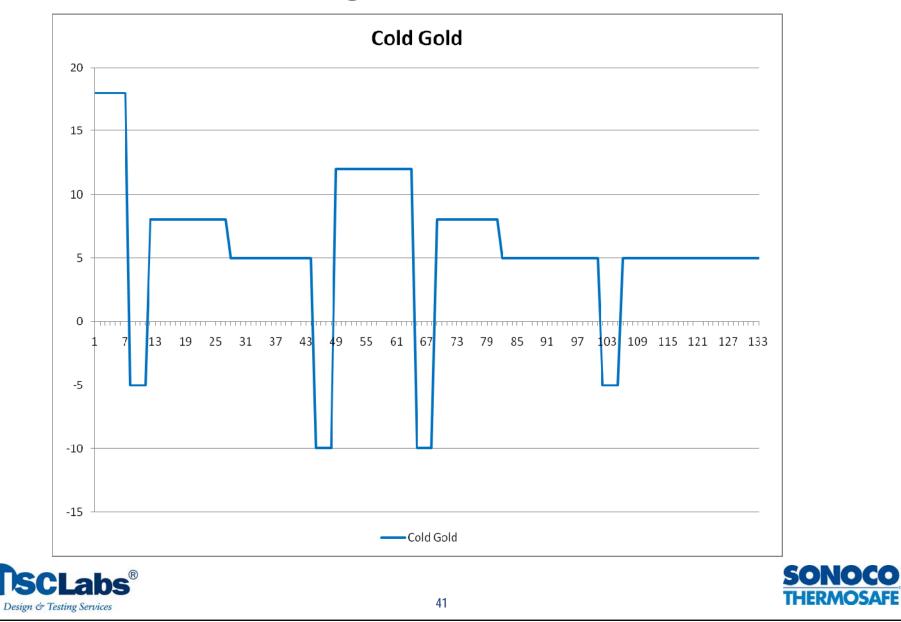
- Packout Configuration
 - Seasonal One Ambient Profile
 - Simpler Packout
 - Lower Cost
 - Different packouts for each season
 - Possibility of Product Excursions if Seasonal Designs are not transitioned at the right time
 - Universal One Summer and One Winter Ambient Profile
 - One packout for all seasons
 - Higher Cost
 - Product Temperature Stability year round
 - Bracketed Upper and Lower Ambient Profiles for Each Season
 - Compromise between Seasonal and Universal
 - Better product stability due to transition between seasons
 - Different packouts for each season

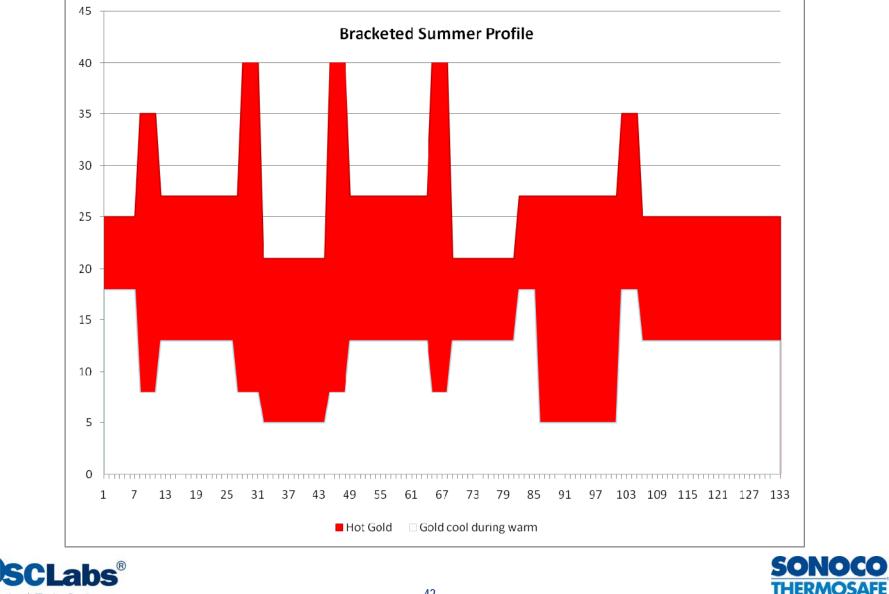




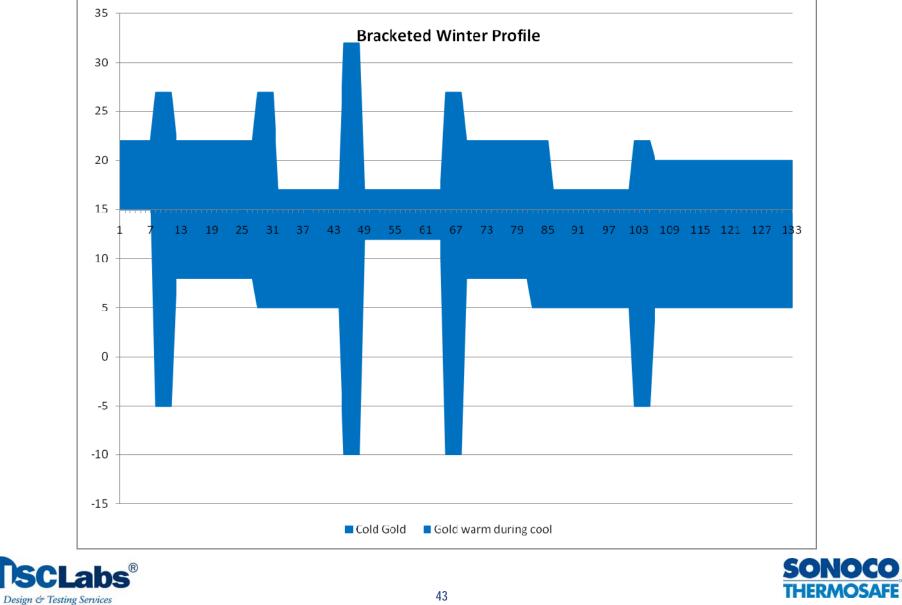


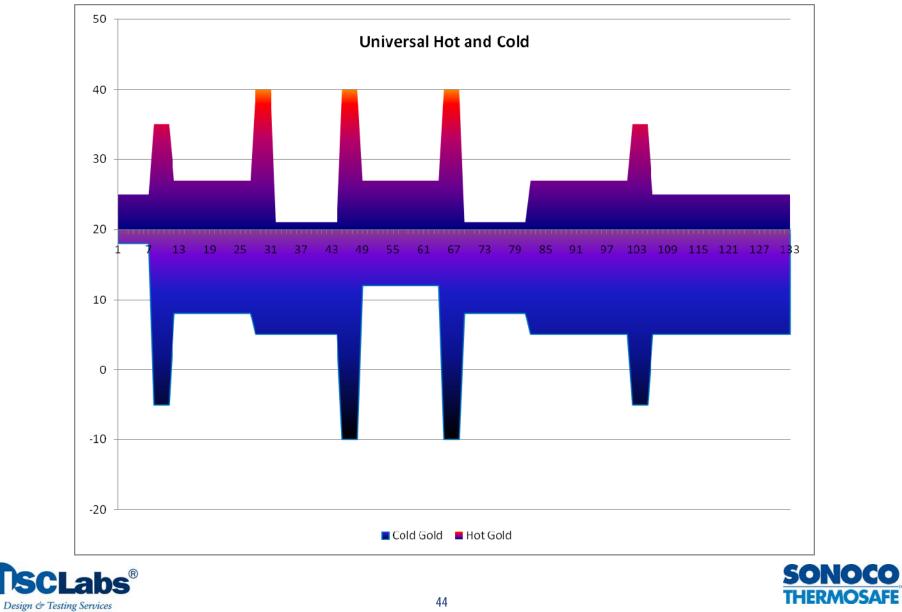












Profile Bracketing: Total Cost of Ownership

2-8C / 96-Hours	Stratta [™] , Universal	Stratta, Summer	Stratta, Winter
System Weight	30 lbs	24 lbs	22 lbs
International Dim Wt.	31 lbs	27 lbs	27 lbs
System Price	\$81	\$54	\$54
Shipping Cost	\$62	\$54	\$58
Total Cost	\$143	\$108	\$106
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SHIPPING A BOX ON ITS SIDE

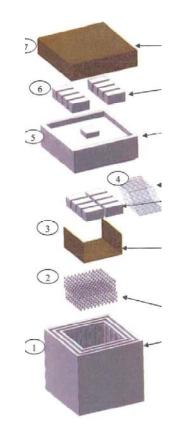




Impact of Orientation

Experience with a small parcel shipping system qualified in the upright orientation only









Impact of Orientation

Carrier A

"Place shipping labels on the package's largest surface. While we cannot ensure compliance with markings such as "Up" arrows or "This End Up," properly placing the shipping label increases your chance for the preferred orientation."

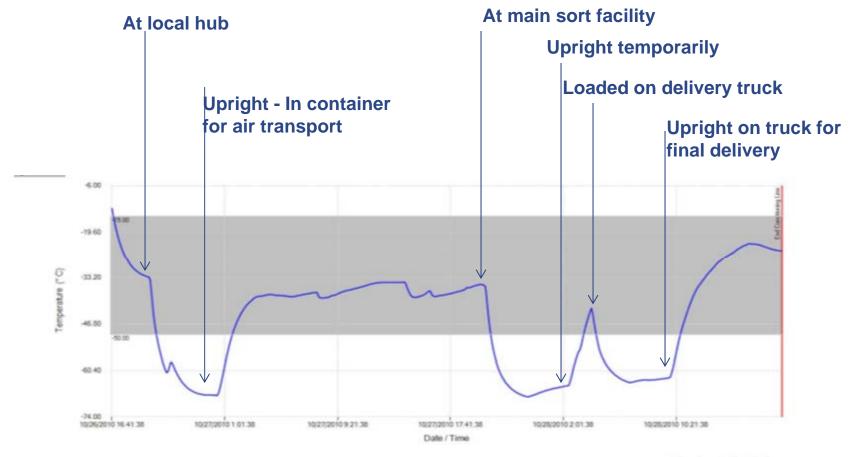
Carrier B

"Note: Carrier B does not provide special handling for packages with "Fragile", package orientation (e.g., "UP" arrows or "This End Up" markings), or any other similar such markings."





Impact of Orientation



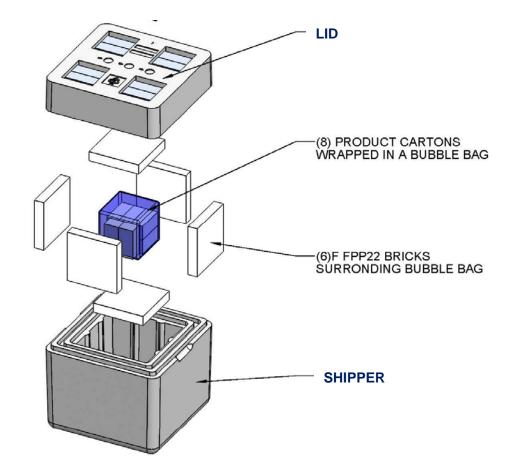
P --- Sensor 1: Dry Ice (* C)





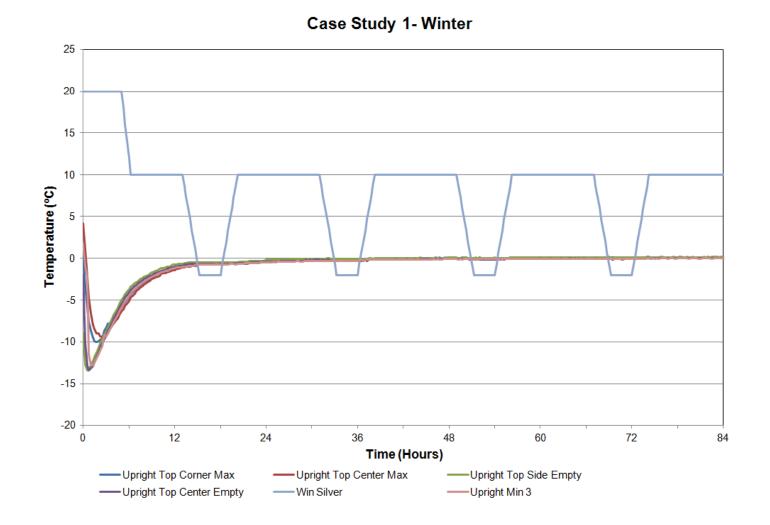
EPS Shipper with six sided frozen water based Polar Packs





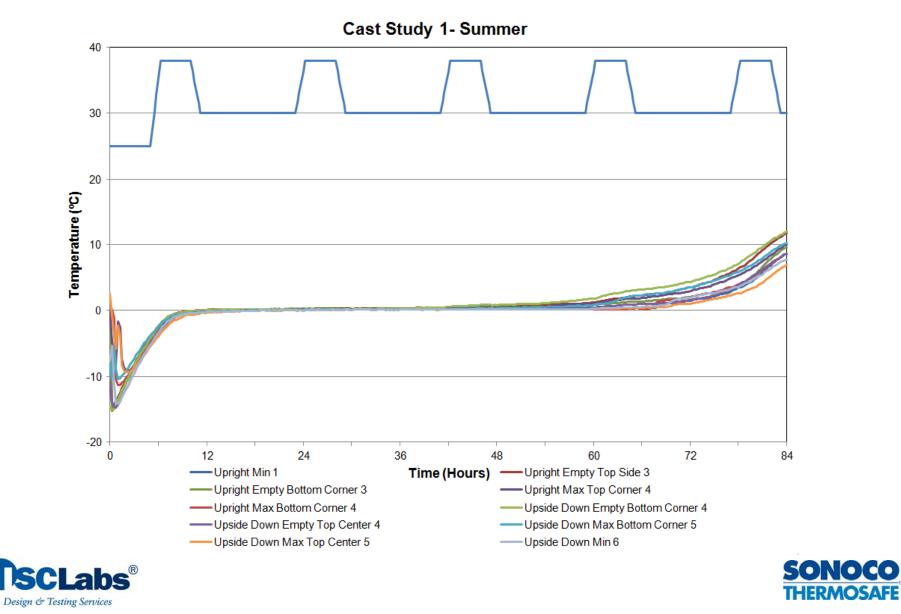






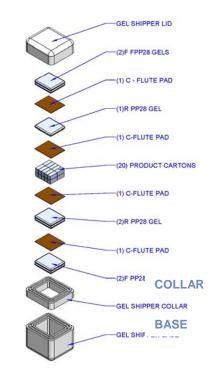
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- EPS shipper with two sided coverage
- Utilizes both refrigerated and frozen Polar Packs





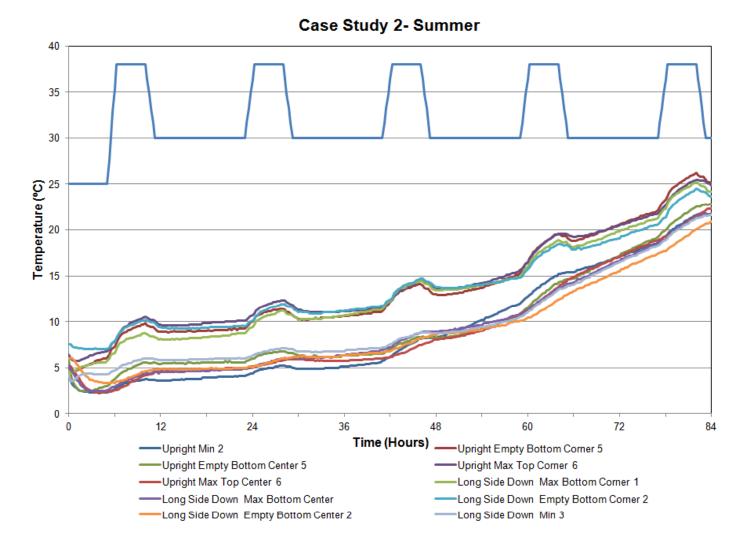




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Case Study 2- Winter 25 20 15 Temperature (°C) 10 5 0 -5 -10 0 24 36 72 84 12 48 60 -Upright Min 1 Time (Hours) -Upright Max Top Corner 3 ----Long Side Down Max Bottom Corner 1 ----Long Side Down Max Bottom Corner 1(2) ----Long Side Down Empty Bottom Corner 2 -Long Side Down Empty Top Center 2 -----Long Side Down Min 3







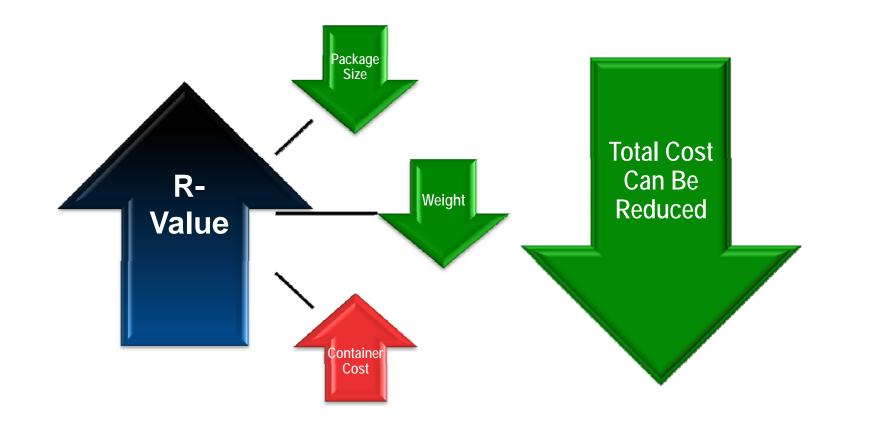


COST VS INSULATION CHOICE



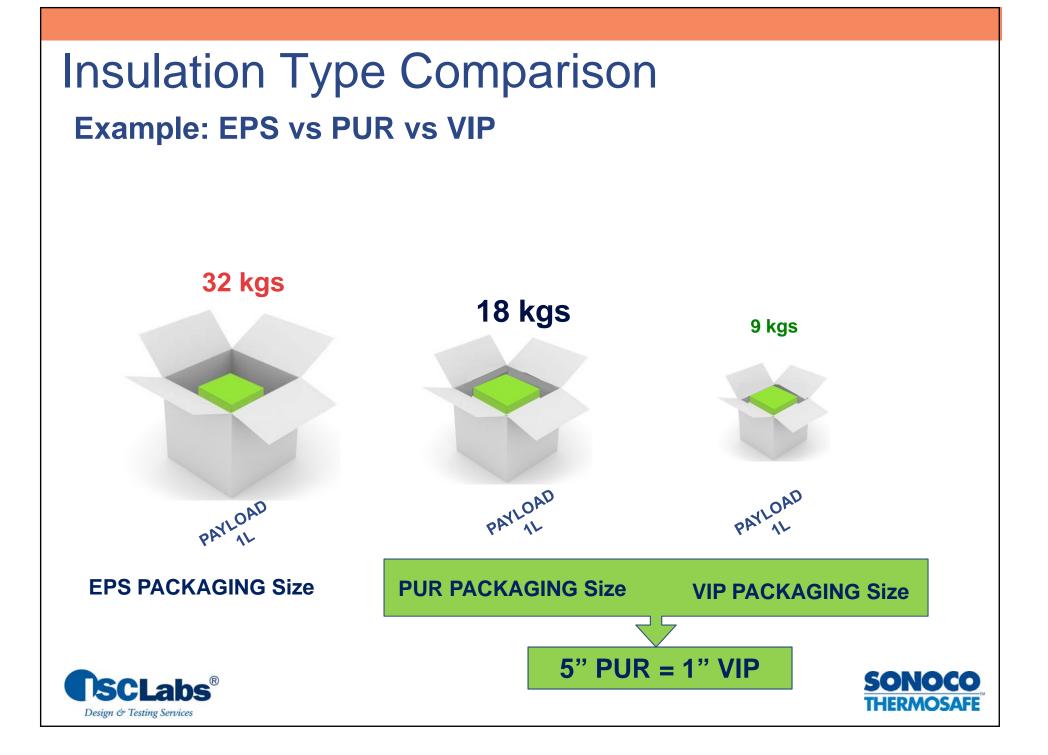


Insulation Type Comparison Example: EPS vs PUR vs VIP

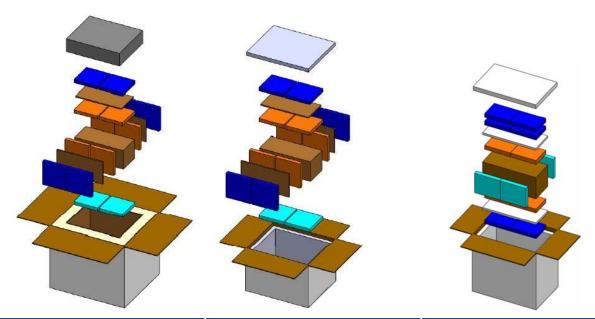








Total Cost of Ownership: Case Study



2-8C / 96-Hours, Univ.	PUR	VIP	Stratta [™] (EPS/VIP)
System Weight	38 lbs	32 lbs	30 lbs
International Dim Wt.	55 lbs	24 lbs	31 lbs
System Price	\$92	\$118	\$81
Shipping Cost	\$110	\$64	\$62
Total Cost	\$202	\$182	\$143

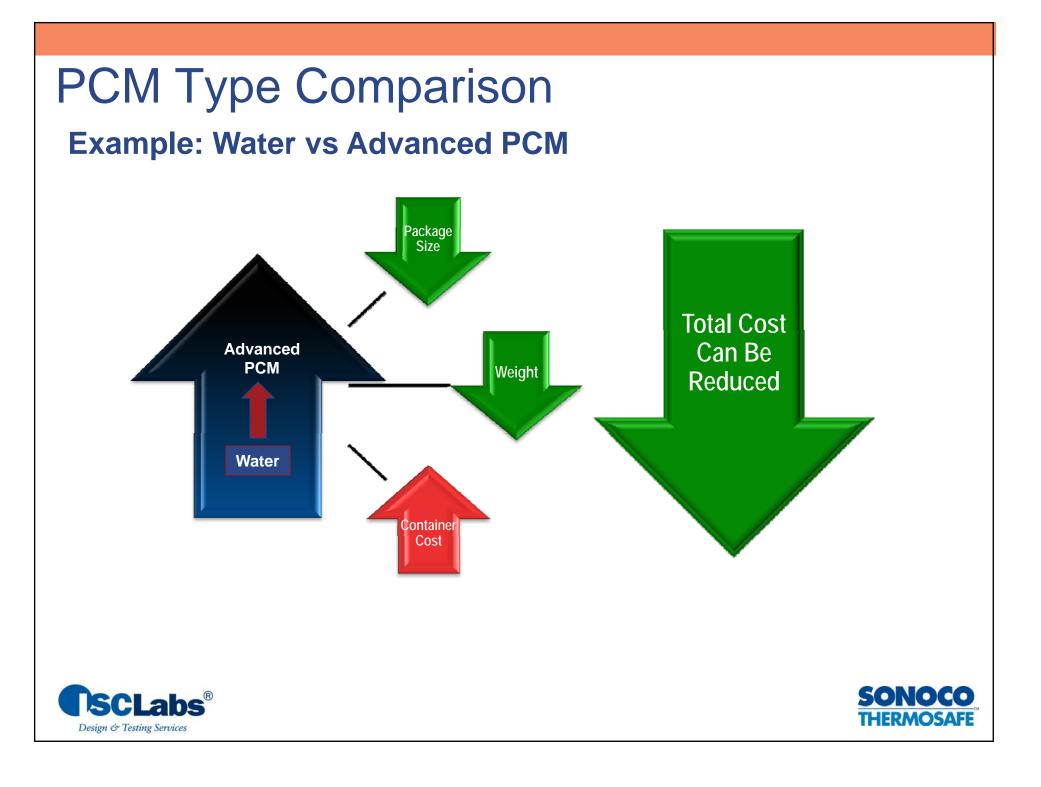


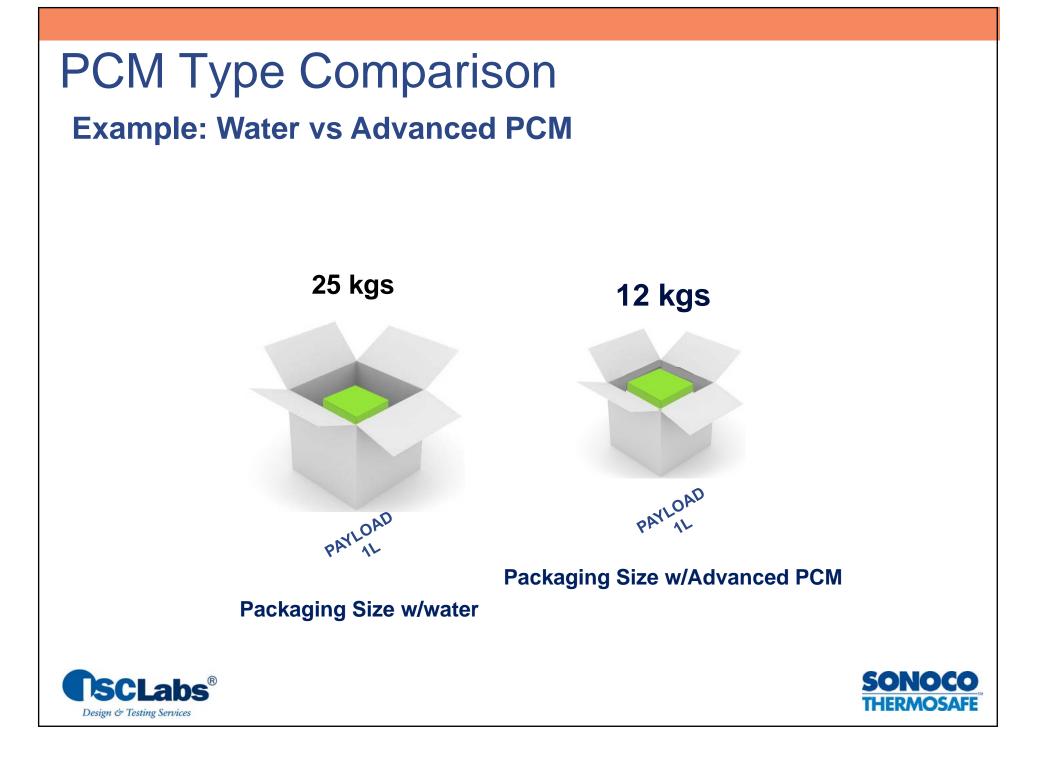


COST VS PCM TYPE









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