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International Decorative Surfaces

PANEL PRODUCTS GUIDE

Welcome to the **International Decorative Surfaces Panel Products Guide**. This guide introduces you to our current extensive product range and also acts as a quick reference manual to the most common issues you may come across on a daily basis within the panels industry.

RANGE DEVELOPMENT

Our comprehensive range has been developed from customer requirements to be able to source all of their panel product requirements from one supplier. We now have the facility to deliver all of your panel product needs.

LOCAL SERVICE / NATIONAL COVERAGE

Our branches offer a nationwide delivery service. Whether your requirement is full loads ex quay, full packs or half packs ex stock our service levels remain dedicated to meeting your expectations. For further information on minimum order quantities please contact your local IDS branch.

EUROPEAN TIMBER REGULATIONS

The European Timber Regulation (EUTR) came into force in March 2013. This is designed to prohibit the trade of illegally logged timber within the EU. Importers who bring timber products into the EU are required to collect relevant information on products and carry out a due diligence process to reduce the risk of placing illegal timber on the EU market. All panel products sold and distributed by International Decorative Surfaces comply with the EUTR.

SUSTAINABLE PANEL

International Decorative Surfaces takes its responsibilities as a sustainable business very seriously. As a company we have a Timber Sourcing Policy which is available to view.

To download a copy, visit our website at www.idsurfaces.co.uk. As a company we ensure that all timber products we source are from a minimum legal source and preferably a fully certified chain of custody supply.

Timber is one of the most sustainable and versatile construction products available due to its ability to absorb carbon during its life time and also the wide range of species that are available. It is also readily recyclable. We are however very aware as a company of the issues that can surround timber - specifically that of illegal logging and the damage that this impacts on the biodiversity and the indigenous people in the areas in which it takes place. For this reason we work to ensure that we implement a robust due diligence system in order to reduce the risk of International Decorative Surfaces or its supply chain contributing to the world's deforestation. International Decorative Surfaces has chosen not to buy timber or wood products from certain countries and not to market certain species, specifically by following the recommendations of CITES or the IUCN's Red list.

SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS

We have also set ourselves a series of in house targets to save water, reduce our waste to landfill and our carbon foot print and we strive to promote diversity within our employees and ensure we provide a safe working environment.

We are constantly reviewing our policy to ensure that International Decorative Surfaces remain a supplier that can be trusted to provide good quality product from a sustainable source.





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Hardwood Plywood

FAR EASTERN PLYWOOD

Tropical hardwood throughout plywood manufactured in Indonesia. Producing plywood from legitimate well managed forests.

PROPERTIES

PHYSICAL/STRUCTURAL PROPERTIES	CE2+ 9mm and above
GLUE LINE	Exterior E1
TYPICAL APPLICATIONS	Floors, Walls, Ceilings, Furniture
ORIGIN	Indonesia
DURABILITY	EN 636-2
ENVIRONMENTAL CREDENTIALS	FSC® and PEFC™
STORAGE ADVICE	Transport in uniform stacks on a flat base to avoid damage. Protect against the weather; store on a rigid flat base with adequate ventilation. Insulate from the ground to avoid dampness. When wooden battens are used they shall be of uniform thickness and placed in line. The distance between the battens should be no greater than 700 - 1000mm. Cover stack to protect top and edges from moisture penetration and damage.

FAR EASTERN HARDWOOD PLYWOOD

Product	Environmental Credentials
2440 x 1220 BB/CC	
3.6mm	FSC® and PEFC™
5.5mm	FSC® and PEFC™
9mm	FSC® and PEFC™
12mm	FSC® and PEFC™
15mm	FSC® and PEFC™
18mm	FSC® and PEFC™
25mm	FSC® and PEFC™

Additional specifications, sizes, chain of custody and specials are available to order.



Precise colour and texture should be judged from the actual material



Hardwood Plywood

CHINESE Q-MARK PLYWOOD

A plantation grown Eucalyptus species with faces suitable for numerous end uses.

PROPERTIES

BOTANICAL NAME	Eucalyptus grandis
PHYSICAL/STRUCTURAL PROPERTIES	TRADA Q Mark and CE Marked CE2+ 9mm and above
GLUE LINE	Exterior E1
TYPICAL APPLICATIONS	Structural and general applications
ORIGIN	China
DURABILITY	EN636-2
ENVIRONMENTAL CREDENTIALS	FSC®
STORAGE ADVICE	Transport in uniform stacks on a flat base to avoid damage. Protect against the weather; store on a rigid flat base with adequate ventilation. Insulate from the ground to avoid dampness. When wooden battens are used they shall be of uniform thickness and placed in line. The distance between the battens should be no greater than 700 - 1000mm. Cover stack to protect top and edges from moisture penetration and damage.

CHINESE Q-MARK PLYWOOD

Product	Environmental Credentials
2440 x 1220 BB/CC	
3.6mm	FSC®
5.5mm	FSC®
9mm	FSC®
12mm	FSC®
15mm	FSC®
18mm	FSC®
25mm	FSC®



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Q-Mark Plywood is designed to give you peace of mind when specifying plywood for walls, roofing and flooring applications.

The Q-Mark structure plywood scheme is a third party product certification scheme operated by BM Trada Certification Ltd.

The scheme covers factory production control, documentation and test/assessment evidence and the resulting certification is specific to clearly defined products and their constituent component.

One of the main objectives of the scheme is to provide specifiers, regulators and inspection authorities with the appropriate information for them to identify suitable products for structural use.



Hardwood Plywood

The benefit of this hardwood plywood offer is in the range of panel sizes, both 10 x 4 and 10 x 5 panels are available.

PROPERTIES

PHYSICAL/STRUCTURAL PROPERTIES	CE2/CE 9mm and above
GLUE LINE	Exterior E1
TYPICAL APPLICATIONS	Van Lining, Furniture, Packaging
ORIGIN	China
DURABILITY	EN636-2
ENVIRONMENTAL CREDENTIALS	FSC®
STORAGE ADVICE	Transport in uniform stacks on a flat base to avoid damage. Protect against the weather; store on a rigid flat base with adequate ventilation. Insulate from the ground to avoid dampness. When wooden battens are used they shall be of uniform thickness and placed in line. The distance between the battens should be no greater than 700 - 1000mm. Cover stack to protect top and edges from moisture penetration and damage.

HARDWOOD PLYWOOD

Product	Environmental Credentials
3050 x 1220 BB/CC (10ft x 4ft)	
3.6mm	FSC®
5.5mm	FSC®
9mm	FSC®
12mm	FSC®
15mm	FSC®
18mm	FSC®
25mm	FSC®
3050 x 1525 BB/CC (10ft x 5ft)	
3.6mm	FSC®
5.5mm	FSC®
9mm	FSC®
12mm	FSC®
15mm	FSC®
18mm	FSC®
25mm	FSC®



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Hardwood Plywood

PARAPLY

PARAGUAYAN EUCALYPTUS PLYWOOD

100% rotary cut eucalyptus panel with phenolic glue throughout.

PROPERTIES

BOTANICAL NAME	Eucalyptus grandis
PHYSICAL/STRUCTURAL PROPERTIES	CE2+ 9mm and above
GLUE LINE	Exterior E1
TYPICAL APPLICATIONS	Furniture, Linings, Soffits, Cladding
ORIGIN	Paraguay
DURABILITY	EN636-2
ENVIRONMENTAL CREDENTIALS	FSC®
STORAGE ADVICE	Transport in uniform stacks on a flat base to avoid damage. Protect against the weather; store on a rigid flat base with adequate ventilation. Insulate from the ground to avoid dampness. When wooden battens are used they shall be of uniform thickness and placed in line. The distance between the battens should be no greater than 700 - 1000mm. Cover stack to protect top and edges from moisture penetration and damage.

PARAGUAYAN EUCALYPTUS PLYWOOD

Product	Environmental Credentials
2440 x 1220 BB/CC	
5.5mm	FSC®
9mm	FSC®
12mm	FSC®
15mm	FSC®
18mm	FSC®
22mm	FSC®
25mm	FSC®



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Hardwood Plywood

MARINE GRADE HARDWOOD PLYWOOD

Marine grade plywood from Morocco and Paraguay.

PROPERTIES

PHYSICAL/STRUCTURAL PROPERTIES	BS1088-1:2003
GLUE LINE	Exterior E1
TYPICAL APPLICATIONS	General moisture resistant applications: Bathrooms, kitchens and external applications but not intended for boat-building.
ORIGIN	Morocco / Paraguay
DURABILITY	EN636-3
ENVIRONMENTAL CREDENTIALS	FSC®
STORAGE ADVICE	Transport in uniform stacks on a flat base to avoid damage. Protect against the weather; store on a rigid flat base with adequate ventilation. Insulate from the ground to avoid dampness. When wooden battens are used they shall be of uniform thickness and placed in line. The distance between the battens should be no greater than 700 - 1000mm. Cover stack to protect top and edges from moisture penetration and damage.

MARINE GRADE PLYWOOD TO BS1088

Product	Environmental Credentials
2440 x 1220 Okoume	
6mm	FSC®
9mm	FSC®
12mm	FSC®
18mm	FSC®
25mm	FSC®
2440 x 1220 Paraply Marine	
6mm	FSC®
9mm	FSC®
12mm	FSC®
18mm	FSC®
25mm	FSC®



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Hardwood Plywood

BIRCH FACED WISA TWIN PLYWOOD



WISA®-Twin **UPM**

A lightweight sustainable multi-purpose panel consisting of a spruce core and birch faces.

PROPERTIES

BOTANICAL NAME	Betula pendula / Picea abies
PHYSICAL/STRUCTURAL PROPERTIES	CE2+ 9mm and above
GLUE LINE	Exterior E1
TYPICAL APPLICATIONS	Construction, Furniture and Joinery
ORIGIN	Finland
DURABILITY	EN 636-2
ENVIRONMENTAL CREDENTIALS	PEFC™
STORAGE ADVICE	Transport in uniform stacks on a flat base to avoid damage. Protect against the weather; store on a rigid flat base with adequate ventilation. Insulate from the ground to avoid dampness. When wooden battens are used they shall be of uniform thickness and placed in line. The distance between the battens should be no greater than 700 - 1000mm. Cover stack to protect top and edges from moisture penetration and damage.

BIRCH FACED WISA TWIN PLYWOOD

Product	Environmental Credentials
2440 x 1220 BB/WG	
5mm	PEFC™
9mm	PEFC™
12mm	PEFC™
15mm	PEFC™
18mm	PEFC™
21mm	PEFC™
25mm	PEFC™



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Hardwood Plywood

BIRCH THROUGHOUT PLYWOOD

A range of both high grade and commercial grade birch throughout plywood.

PROPERTIES

BOTANICAL NAME	Betula pendula
PHYSICAL/STRUCTURAL PROPERTIES	CE marked
GLUE LINE	Exterior E1
TYPICAL APPLICATIONS	Construction, Furniture, Transport and Joinery
ORIGIN	Latvia / Finland / Russia
DURABILITY	BSEN 636-2
ENVIRONMENTAL CREDENTIALS	FSC® and PEFC™
STORAGE ADVICE	Transport in uniform stacks on a flat base to avoid damage. Protect against the weather; store on a rigid flat base with adequate ventilation. Insulate from the ground to avoid dampness. When wooden battens are used they shall be of uniform thickness and placed in line. The distance between the battens should be no greater than 700 - 1000mm. Cover stack to protect top and edges from moisture penetration and damage.

BIRCH THROUGHOUT PLYWOOD

Product	Environmental Credentials
1220 x 2440 S/BB 2440 x 1220 S/BB	
4mm	FSC® and PEFC™
6.5mm	FSC® and PEFC™
9mm	FSC® and PEFC™
12mm	FSC® and PEFC™
15mm	FSC® and PEFC™
18mm	FSC® and PEFC™
24mm	FSC® and PEFC™
1220 x 2440 BB/BB 2440 x 1220 BB/BB	
4mm	FSC® and PEFC™
6.5mm	FSC® and PEFC™
9mm	FSC® and PEFC™
12mm	FSC® and PEFC™
15mm	FSC® and PEFC™
18mm	FSC® and PEFC™
24mm	FSC® and PEFC™
1220 x 3050 BB/BB	
4mm	FSC® and PEFC™
6.5mm	FSC® and PEFC™
9mm	FSC® and PEFC™
12mm	FSC® and PEFC™
15mm	FSC® and PEFC™
18mm	FSC® and PEFC™
24mm	FSC® and PEFC™
1525 x 3050 BB/BB	
4mm	FSC® and PEFC™
6.5mm	FSC® and PEFC™
9mm	FSC® and PEFC™
12mm	FSC® and PEFC™
15mm	FSC® and PEFC™
18mm	FSC® and PEFC™
24mm	FSC® and PEFC™



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Hardwood Plywood

SPECIALIST TECHNICAL PLYWOOD

A range of technical plywoods for the transport industry, playgrounds, stage and sports arena applications.

PROPERTIES

PHYSICAL/STRUCTURAL PROPERTIES	CE marked
GLUE LINE	Exterior E1
TYPICAL APPLICATIONS	Trailer Floors, Walkways, Stages, Van Floors and Flight Cases
ORIGIN	Finland / Latvia / Malaysia
DURABILITY	EN 636-2
ENVIRONMENTAL CREDENTIALS	PEFC™
STORAGE ADVICE	Transport in uniform stacks on a flat base to avoid damage. Protect against the weather; store on a rigid flat base with adequate ventilation. Insulate from the ground to avoid dampness. When wooden battens are used they shall be of uniform thickness and placed in line. The distance between the battens should be no greater than 700 - 1000mm. Cover stack to protect top and edges from moisture penetration and damage.

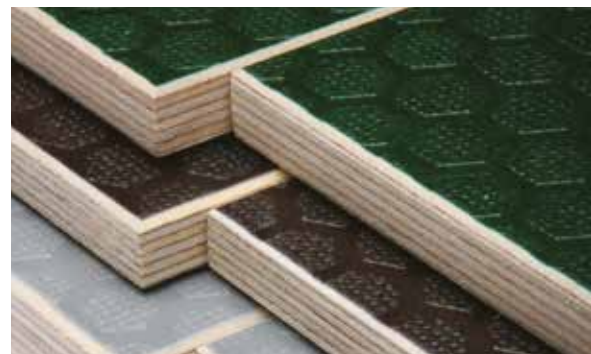


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SPECIALIST TECHNICAL PLYWOOD

Product	Environmental Credentials
1220 x 2440 Birch Riga Form Dark Brown 120grm	
12mm	PEFC™
18mm	PEFC™
1220 x 2440 Birch Riga Tex Dark Brown 220grm	
12mm	PEFC™
18mm	PEFC™
1220 x 2500 Birch Riga Tex Dark Brown 220grm	
21mm	PEFC™
24mm	PEFC™
1220 x 2500 Birch Heksa Plus 220grm	
9mm Grey	PEFC™
18mm Dark Brown	PEFC™
18mm Black	PEFC™
1525 x 3050 Birch Heksa Plus	
18mm Dark Brown	PEFC™
2440 x 1220 Phenolic Faced 120grm	
18mm Dark Brown	PEFC™

Additional specifications, thicknesses, sizes and specials are available. Please enquire.



Heksa Plus
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Softwood Plywood

WISA-SPRUCE PLYWOOD



WISA®-Spruce **UPM**

Wisa-Spruce softwood throughout plywood is intended for use as a structural panel within the context of the UK Building Regulations.

PROPERTIES

BOTANICAL NAME	Picea abies
PHYSICAL/STRUCTURAL PROPERTIES	BS 5268 pt2 - CE2+ Structural
GLUE LINE	Exterior E1
TYPICAL APPLICATIONS	Walls, Floor, Roofs, Packing and Furniture
ORIGIN	Finland
DURABILITY	BS EN 636-2
ENVIRONMENTAL CREDENTIALS	PEFC™
STORAGE ADVICE	Transport in uniform stacks on a flat base to avoid damage. Protect against the weather; store on a rigid flat base with adequate ventilation. Insulate from the ground to avoid dampness. When wooden battens are used they shall be of uniform thickness and placed in line. The distance between the battens should be no greater than 700 - 1000mm. Cover stack to protect top and edges from moisture penetration and damage.

WISA-SPRUCE PLYWOOD

Product	Environmental Credentials
2440 x 1220 Sq. Edged	
9mm II/III	PEFC™
12mm II/III	PEFC™
15mm II/III	PEFC™
18mm II/III	PEFC™
21mm II/III	PEFC™
24mm II/III	PEFC™
3050 x 1220 Sq. Edged	
18mm II/III	PEFC™
2400 x 1220 TG 2LE	
18mm II/III	PEFC™
21mm II/III	PEFC™
2400 x 600 TG4	
18mm II/III	PEFC™
22mm II/III	PEFC™



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Softwood Plywood

CHILEAN RADIATA PINE PLYWOOD

A plantation grown species suitable for numerous structural end uses and packaging.

PROPERTIES

BOTANICAL NAME	Pinus radiata
PHYSICAL/STRUCTURAL PROPERTIES	CE2+
GLUE LINE	Exterior E1
TYPICAL APPLICATIONS	Walls, Floors, Roofs, Packing and Furniture
ORIGIN	Chile
DURABILITY	BS EN 636-2
ENVIRONMENTAL CREDENTIALS	FSC®
STORAGE ADVICE	Transport in uniform stacks on a flat base to avoid damage. Protect against the weather; store on a rigid flat base with adequate ventilation. Insulate from the ground to avoid dampness. When wooden battens are used they shall be of uniform thickness and placed in line. The distance between the battens should be no greater than 700 - 1000mm. Cover stack to protect top and edges from moisture penetration and damage.

CHILEAN RADIATA PINE PLYWOOD

Product	Environmental Credentials
2440 x 1220 (S.E.)	
9mm II/III	FSC®
12mm II/III	FSC®
15mm II/III	FSC®
18mm II/III	FSC®
21mm II/III	FSC®
25mm II/III	FSC®
2440 x 610 TG4	
18mm II/III	FSC®
21mm II/III	FSC®



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Softwood Plywood



BRAZILIAN PINE PLYWOOD

A plantation grown species suitable for numerous structural end uses including structural, hoarding, packaging and furniture.

PROPERTIES

BOTANICAL NAME	Pinus elliotti, Pinus taeda
PHYSICAL/STRUCTURAL PROPERTIES	CE2+ Structural/BBA CE4 Non-Structural
GLUE LINE	Exterior E1
TYPICAL APPLICATIONS	Walls, Floors. Roofs, Packing, Furniture plus general applications
ORIGIN	Brazil
DURABILITY	BS EN 636-2
ENVIRONMENTAL CREDENTIALS	FSC®
STORAGE ADVICE	Transport in uniform stacks on a flat base to avoid damage. Protect against the weather; store on a rigid flat base with adequate ventilation. Insulate from the ground to avoid dampness. When wooden battens are used they shall be of uniform thickness and placed in line. The distance between the battens should be no greater than 700 - 1000mm. Cover stack to protect top and edges from moisture penetration and damage.

BRAZILIAN PINE PLYWOOD

Product	Environmental Credentials
2440 x 1220 C+ /C CE2+	
9mm	FSC®
12mm	FSC®
15mm	FSC®
18mm	FSC®
25mm	FSC®
2440 x 1220 C+ /C CE4	
9mm	FSC®
12mm	FSC®
15mm	FSC®
18mm	FSC®



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Flamebreak Door Blanks



DOOR BLANKS

Manufactured from lightweight low density plantation hardwoods.

PROPERTIES

PHYSICAL/STRUCTURAL PROPERTIES

All blanks conform to BS 476:Part 22 1987.
Flamebreak approximate weight of 31kg per 2135 x 915 blank.

TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

Lightweight firecheck door blanks for conversion into doorsets.

ORIGIN

Indonesia

DURABILITY

EN 636-2 (Flamebreak)

ENVIRONMENTAL CREDENTIALS

FSC® available and SVLK (Timber Legality Verification System).

STORAGE ADVICE

Transport in uniform stacks on a flat base to avoid damage. Protect against the weather; store on a rigid flat base with adequate ventilation. Insulate from the ground to avoid dampness. When wooden battens are used they shall be of uniform thickness and placed in line. The distance between the battens should be no greater than 700 - 1000mm. Cover stack to protect top and edges from moisture penetration and damage.

FLAMEBREAK DOOR BLANKS

Product	Environmental Credentials
FD30 2135 x 915 x 44mm	SVLK
FD30 2440 x 1220 x 44mm	SVLK
FD60 2135 x 915 x 54mm	SVLK
FSC® FD30 2135 x 915 x 44mm	FSC®



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Particle Board

FURNITURE GRADE CHIPBOARD

PROPERTIES

BOTANICAL NAME	Spruce (picea abies) /pine (pinus sylvestris) & recycled wood
PHYSICAL/STRUCTURAL PROPERTIES	BS EN 312: Parts 1 & 5 and BS EN 13986:2002/BBA
TYPICAL APPLICATIONS	Furniture and Shelving
ORIGIN	UK, Spain, Belgium
ENVIRONMENTAL CREDENTIALS	FSC® and PEFC™
STORAGE ADVICE	Transport in uniform stacks on a flat base to avoid damage. Protect against the weather; store on a rigid flat base with adequate ventilation. Insulate from the ground to avoid dampness. When wooden battens are used they shall be of uniform thickness and placed in line. The distance between the battens should be no greater than 700 - 1000mm. Cover stack to protect top and edges from moisture penetration and damage.

FURNITURE GRADE CHIPBOARD

Product	Environmental Credentials
Furniture Grade Chipboard 2440 x 1220 S/E	
12mm P2	FSC® and PEFC™
15mm P2	FSC® and PEFC™
18mm P2	FSC® and PEFC™

Additional specifications, sizes, chain of custody and specials are available to order



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Particle Board

FLOORING/MEZZANINE CHIPBOARD

PROPERTIES

BOTANICAL NAME	Picea abies (spruce) / Pinus sylvestris (pine) & recycled wood
PHYSICAL/STRUCTURAL PROPERTIES	BS EN 312 ; BBA; manufactured from Type P5 flooring grade chipboard faced with thermosetting impregnated kraft paper bonded to both sides of the chipboard. BBA approved and can be left exposed to the elements during the building process
TYPICAL APPLICATIONS	Flooring (including mezzanine and access)
ORIGIN	UK, Belgium
ENVIRONMENTAL CREDENTIALS	FSC® and PEFC™
STORAGE ADVICE	Transport in uniform stacks on a flat base to avoid damage. Protect against the weather; store on a rigid flat base with adequate ventilation. Insulate from the ground to avoid dampness. When wooden battens are used they shall be of uniform thickness and placed in line. The distance between the battens should be no greater than 700 - 1000mm. Cover stack to protect top and edges from moisture penetration and damage.

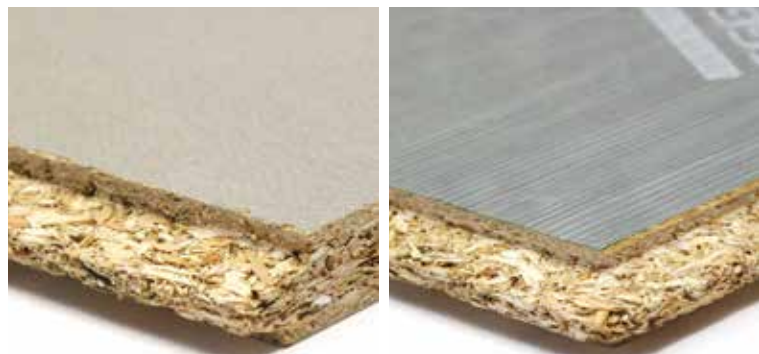
FLOORING/MEZZANINE CHIPBOARD

Product	Environmental Credentials
2400 x 600 TG4	
18mm P5	FSC® and PEFC™
22mm P5	FSC® and PEFC™
18mm Protect	FSC® and PEFC™
22mm Protect	FSC® and PEFC™
18mm Peelclean	FSC® and PEFC™
22mm Peelclean	FSC® and PEFC™
38mm Unilin P6	FSC® and PEFC™
38mm Unilin P5	FSC® and PEFC™

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Medium Density Fibreboard

STANDARD GRADE MDF - FROM CABER, MEDITE, FINSA, KRONOSPAN

Our MDF offers a consistency of quality and thickness and is engineered to perform.



PROPERTIES

BOTANICAL NAME	Picea abies (spruce), Pinus sylvestris (pine)
PHYSICAL/STRUCTURAL PROPERTIES	EN 622-5 ; BS EN 120 (E1)
TYPICAL APPLICATIONS	Furniture, Shopfitting, Laminating Substrates
ORIGIN	Scotland, Ireland, Spain, Wales
DURABILITY	EN636-2
ENVIRONMENTAL CREDENTIALS	FSC® and PEFC™
STORAGE ADVICE	Transport in uniform stacks on a flat base to avoid damage. Protect against the weather; store on a rigid flat base with adequate ventilation. Insulate from the ground to avoid dampness. When wooden battens are used they shall be of uniform thickness and placed in line. The distance between the battens should be no greater than 700 - 1000mm. Cover stack to protect top and edges from moisture penetration and damage.

MDF - STANDARD GRADE

Product	Environmental Credentials
2440 x 1220	
3mm	PEFC™
3.2mm	FSC®
6mm	FSC®
9mm	FSC®
12mm	FSC®
15mm	FSC®
18mm	FSC®
22mm	FSC®
25mm	FSC®
30mm	PEFC™
36mm	PEFC™
38mm	PEFC™
40mm	PEFC™
45mm	PEFC™
50mm	PEFC™
3050 x 1220	
6mm	FSC®
9mm	FSC®
12mm	FSC®
15mm	FSC®
18mm	FSC®
22mm	FSC®
25mm	FSC®

Additional specifications, sizes, chain of custody and specials are available to order



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Medium Density Fibreboard

MOISTURE RESISTANT

Our moisture resistant MDF panel offer is designed for use in humid conditions.

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PROPERTIES

BOTANICAL NAME	Picea abies (spruce) / Pinus sylvestris (pine)
PHYSICAL/STRUCTURAL PROPERTIES	EN 622-5 ; BS EN 120(E1)
GLUE LINE	Moisture Resistant
TYPICAL APPLICATIONS	Kitchen and Bathroom Furniture, Window Sills, Skirting Boards
ORIGIN	Scotland / Ireland / Wales / Spain
ENVIRONMENTAL CREDENTIALS	FSC®
STORAGE ADVICE	Transport in uniform stacks on a flat base to avoid damage. Protect against the weather; store on a rigid flat base with adequate ventilation. Insulate from the ground to avoid dampness. When wooden battens are used they shall be of uniform thickness and placed in line. The distance between the battens should be no greater than 700 - 1000mm. Cover stack to protect top and edges from moisture penetration and damage.

MOISTURE RESISTANT MDF

Product	Environmental Credentials
2240 x 1220	
6mm	FSC®
9mm	FSC®
12mm	FSC®
15mm	FSC®
18mm	FSC®
22mm	FSC®
25mm	FSC®
3050 x 1220	
6mm	FSC®
9mm	FSC®
12mm	FSC®
15mm	FSC®
18mm	FSC®
22mm	FSC®
25mm	FSC®

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Medium Density Fibreboard

SPECIALS



Medite Tricoya is an extremely durable MDF that offers outstanding dimensional stability and comes with a 50 year guarantee. Exterior MDF is used as a substitute for softwood, hardwood, plywood, plastic and metal in non-stressed applications.

PROPERTIES

BOTANICAL NAME	Picea Abies (Spruce) / Pinus sylvestris (Pine) / Pinus radiata
PHYSICAL/STRUCTURAL PROPERTIES	EN 622-5 ; BS EN 120(E1)
GLUE LINE	Exterior E1
TYPICAL APPLICATIONS	Exterior facades and cladding as well as door and sign manufacture. Lightweight is ideal for exhibition work along with shopfitting.
ORIGIN	Ireland
ENVIRONMENTAL CREDENTIALS	FSC®
STORAGE ADVICE	Transport in uniform stacks on a flat base to avoid damage. Protect against the weather; store on a rigid flat base with adequate ventilation. Insulate from the ground to avoid dampness. When wooden battens are used they shall be of uniform thickness and placed in line. The distance between the battens should be no greater than 700 - 1000mm. Cover stack to protect top and edges from moisture penetration and damage.

MDF SPECIALS

Product	Environmental Credentials
2440 x 1220 Tricoya	
6mm	FSC®
9mm	FSC®
12mm	FSC®
15mm	FSC®
18mm	FSC®
3050 x 1220	
15mm	FSC®
18mm	FSC®
2440 x 1220 Ecologique	
18mm	FSC®
2440 x 1220 Exterior Grade	
6mm	FSC®
9mm	FSC®
12mm	FSC®
15mm	FSC®
18mm	FSC®
2440 x 1220 Ultralite	
18mm	FSC®
3050 x 1220	
12mm	FSC®
18mm	FSC®



Compact Density Fibreboard

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 COMPACT DENSITY FIBREBOARD

MOISTURE RESISTANT

The latest technology with high quality, sustainable, raw materials have combined to produce a brand new product with outstanding qualities from Kronoswiss. An environmental alternative to compact laminate. Kronoswiss CDF brings to market a revolutionary FSC® certified and recyclable panel solution. CDF offers 30% weight saving over standard Compact Laminate, is high impact resistant and is quicker to cut and profile, ensuring a significant cost saving.

PROPERTIES

PHYSICAL/STRUCTURAL PROPERTIES	EN 622-5 ; BS EN 120 (E1)
TYPICAL APPLICATIONS	Kitchen and Bathroom Furniture, Window Sills, Skirting Boards
ORIGIN	Switzerland
ENVIRONMENTAL CREDENTIALS	FSC®
STORAGE ADVICE	Transport in uniform stacks on a flat base to avoid damage. Protect against the weather; store on a rigid flat base with adequate ventilation. Insulate from the ground to avoid dampness. When wooden battens are used they shall be of uniform thickness and placed in line. The distance between the battens should be no greater than 700 - 1000mm. Cover stack to protect top and edges from moisture penetration and damage.

COMPACT DENSITY FIBREBOARD

Product	Environmental Credentials
2800 x 2070	
6mm	FSC®
8mm	FSC®
10mm	FSC®
12mm	FSC®
16mm	FSC®
19mm	FSC®

ALSO AVAILABLE EX STOCK PRE-LAMINATED BOARDS IN 17 DÉCORS.

Additional specifications, sizes, chain of custody and specials are available to order



Veneered Medium Density Fibreboard

A range of MDF with a real wood veneer on both sides. The most popular veneers are: American and European Crown Cut Oak, European Quarter Cut Oak, Ash, Maple, Cherry, Steamed Beech, White Beech, American Black Walnut, Crown & Quarter Cut Sapele and Pine. Many more species are available on request.

PROPERTIES

PHYSICAL/STRUCTURAL PROPERTIES	A/B quality
TYPICAL APPLICATIONS	Shopfitting, Furniture and Joinery
ORIGIN	UK / Spain / Belgium / Ireland
DURABILITY	EN 636-2
ENVIRONMENTAL CREDENTIALS	FSC® and PEFC™
STORAGE ADVICE	Transport in uniform stacks on a flat base to avoid damage. Protect against the weather; store on a rigid flat base with adequate ventilation. Insulate from the ground to avoid dampness. When wooden battens are used they shall be of uniform thickness and placed in line. The distance between the battens should be no greater than 700 - 1000mm. Cover stack to protect top and edges from moisture penetration and damage.



Steamed Beech

Sapele

Pine

American Black Walnut



European White Oak

Maple

Cherry

Ash

VENEERED MEDIUM DENSITY FIBREBOARD

Product	Environmental Credentials
Crown Cut White Ash (2440 x 1220 & 3050 x 1220)	
6mm / 10mm / 13mm / 16mm / 19mm / 26mm	FSC® and PEFC™
Steamed Beech (2440 x 1220 & 3050 x 1220)	
6mm / 10mm / 13mm / 16mm / 19mm / 26mm	FSC® and PEFC™
White Beech (2440 x 1220 & 3050 x 1220)	
6mm / 10mm / 13mm / 16mm / 19mm / 26mm	FSC® and PEFC™
Crown Cut Cherry (2440 x 1220 & 3050 x 1220)	
6mm / 10mm / 13mm / 16mm / 19mm / 26mm	FSC® and PEFC™
Crown Cut Maple (2440 x 1220 & 3050 x 1220)	
6mm / 10mm / 13mm / 16mm / 19mm / 26mm	FSC® and PEFC™
Crown Cut White Oak (2440 x 1220 & 3050 x 1220)	
6mm / 10mm / 13mm / 16mm / 19mm / 26mm	FSC® and PEFC™
Quarter Cut White Oak (2440 x 1220 & 3050 x 1220)	
6mm / 10mm / 13mm / 16mm / 19mm / 26mm	FSC® and PEFC™
Crown Cut Pine (2440 x 1220 & 3050 x 1220)	
6mm / 10mm / 13mm / 16mm / 19mm / 26mm	FSC® and PEFC™
Crown Cut Sapele (2440 x 1220 & 3050 x 1220)	
6mm / 10mm / 13mm / 16mm / 19mm / 26mm	FSC® and PEFC™
Quarter Cut Sapele (2440 x 1220 & 3050 x 1220)	
6mm / 10mm / 13mm / 16mm / 19mm / 26mm	FSC® and PEFC™
American Black Walnut (2440 x 1220 & 3050 x 1220)	
6mm / 10mm / 13mm / 16mm / 19mm / 26mm	FSC® and PEFC™

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Flexible Plywood & MDF

PLYWOOD & MDF

We offer a specialist range of flexible plywood and MDF sheets that are ideal for all curved surface structural applications. These sheets make an ideal substrate for postformed laminate and flexible veneer to provide innovative design features for all types of furniture.

PROPERTIES

PHYSICAL/STRUCTURAL PROPERTIES	EN 622-5, BS EN120(E1)
TYPICAL APPLICATIONS	Office, Shopfitting
ENVIRONMENTAL CREDENTIALS	FSC®
STORAGE ADVICE	Transport in uniform stacks on a flat base to avoid damage. Protect against the weather; store on a rigid flat base with adequate ventilation. Insulate from the ground to avoid dampness. When wooden battens are used they shall be of uniform thickness and placed in line. The distance between the battens should be no greater than 700 - 1000mm. Cover stack to protect top and edges from moisture penetration and damage.

FLEXIBLE MDF

Product	Environmental Credentials
2440 x 1220	
6mm	FSC®
9mm	FSC®
1220 x 2440	
6mm	FSC®
9mm	FSC®

FLEXIBLE PLYWOOD

Product	Environmental Credentials
2500/2440 x 1200	
5mm	FSC®
8mm	FSC®
1220 x 2440/2500	
5mm	FSC®
8mm	FSC®

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Flexible Wood Veneer

What are flexible wood veneers?

Flexible wood veneers are natural veneer sheets backed with paper. The wood fibres have then been crushed and tenderised, making the sheets highly flexible.

Flexible wood veneers are ideal for veneering curved surfaces and due to their easy application are frequently used for flat surfaces, panelling, furniture making and interior shopfitting.

Flexible wood veneer sheets are available for immediate delivery in 8' x 4' sheets in all popular veneer species and are also available in 10' x 4' long grained and 4' x 8' cross grained sheets in selected species.

VENEER STOCK AVAILABILITY			
SPECIES	8' X 4'	10' X 4'	4' X 8'
White ash	✓	✓	✓
Bamboo carbonised	✓	N/A	N/A
Bamboo natural	✓	N/A	N/A
Beech steamed	✓	✓	✓
Beech white	✓	✓	✓
Cherry	✓	✓	✓
Ebony	✓	N/A	N/A
Elm	✓	N/A	N/A
Maple (Crown cut)	✓	✓	✓
Maple (Quarter)	✓	✓	✓
White oak (Crown cut)	✓	✓	✓
White oak (Quarter)	✓	✓	✓
Pear swiss	✓	N/A	N/A
Pine	✓	✓	✓
Rosewood santos	✓	N/A	N/A
Sapele (Crown cut)	✓	✓	✓
Sapele (Quarter)	✓	N/A	N/A
Teak	✓	N/A	N/A
Walnut AM black	✓	✓	✓
Wenge	✓	N/A	N/A
Zebrano	✓	✓	✓



Pinboards

SUNDEALA BOARD

Sundeala economical pinboard is an environmentally sustainable board made from almost 100% recycled paper.

PROPERTIES

PHYSICAL/STRUCTURAL PROPERTIES	EN622-3
TYPICAL APPLICATIONS	Noticeboards, Dry wipe and Chalk boards
ORIGIN	UK
ENVIRONMENTAL CREDENTIALS	Recycled newsprint
STORAGE ADVICE	Store horizontally on a firm base with enough bearers to prevent sagging. Cover stack to protect top and edges from moisture penetration.

SUNDEALA BOARD

Product
2440 x 1220 K Quality
6mm K Quality
9mm K Quality
12mm K Quality
9mm K Colourboard
Green
Yellow
Lilac
Orange
Charcoal
Red

Additional specifications, sizes, chain of custody and specials are available to order



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Flame Retardant Products

We offer a range of panel products which are CPD compliant and CE marked. Our product offering includes plywood and MDF treated to both Euro Class C and Euro Class B.

PROPERTIES

PHYSICAL/STRUCTURAL PROPERTIES	EN 13501-1
TYPICAL APPLICATIONS	Government projects such as schools and hospitals, swimming pools, lifeboat stations, transport and rail requirements, listed buildings and churches.
ORIGIN	On Request
ENVIRONMENTAL CREDENTIALS	FSC® and PEFC™
STORAGE ADVICE	Transport in uniform stacks on a flat base to avoid damage. Protect against the weather; store on a rigid flat base with adequate ventilation. Insulate from the ground to avoid dampness. When wooden battens are used they shall be of uniform thickness and placed in line. The distance between the battens should be no greater than 700 - 1000mm. Cover stack to protect top and edges from moisture penetration and damage.

FLAME RETARDANT PRODUCTS

Product	Environmental Credentials
Hardwood faced plywood 2440 x 1220	
3.6mm Euro Class C	FSC®
5.5mm Euro Class C	FSC®
9mm Euro Class C	FSC®
12mm Euro Class C	FSC®
15mm Euro Class C	FSC®
18mm Euro Class C	FSC®
25mm Euro Class C	FSC®
9mm Euro Class B	FSC®
12mm Euro Class B	FSC®
15mm Euro Class B	FSC®
18mm Euro Class B	FSC®
25mm Euro Class B	FSC®
Hardwood faced plywood 2745 x 1220	
3.6mm Euro Class C	FSC® and PEFC™
Sundeala FRB Board 2440 x 1220	
9mm	FSC® and PEFC™
Meditate 2440 x 1220	
6mm Euro Class C	FSC®
9mm Euro Class C	FSC®
12mm Euro Class C	FSC®
15mm Euro Class C	FSC®
18mm Euro Class C	FSC®
25mm Euro Class C	FSC®
12mm Euro Class B	FSC®
18mm Euro Class B	FSC®
Meditate 3050 x 1220	
6mm Euro Class C	FSC®
9mm Euro Class C	FSC®
12mm Euro Class C	FSC®
15mm Euro Class C	FSC®
18mm Euro Class C	FSC®
25mm Euro Class C	FSC®
18mm Euro Class B	FSC®





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PLYWOOD

Plywood is a wood based panel product consisting of layers of veneers glued together, with the direction of the grain in adjacent layers at right angles. It is available in various species and qualities dependent upon the end use.

MDF

MDF is a wood based sheet material manufactured from wood fibres bonded together with a synthetic resin adhesive and suitable for a wide variety of interior uses. For more demanding situations MDF is also available in moisture resistant, flame retardant, high density and exterior grades.

PARTICLE BOARD OR CHIPBOARD

Particle Board is an engineered wood product manufactured from wood chips, shavings and/or sawdust then pressed and bonded together with a synthetic resin. This product is mainly used as a carcassing material in the furniture trade or as a flooring product.

USEFUL TIPS

THE NEED FOR SEALING BOTH FACES AND EDGES OF WOOD BASED PANEL PRODUCTS.

Many of the problems that can beset any wood-based panel products in situ could be avoided if the faces and edges were sealed against any moisture absorption before being installed. Water penetration can lead to the premature failure of any wood-based panel products. Water is absorbed much faster on the edges of an unprotected panel because most of the wood exposed can be end grain.

The effect of water penetration through non protected edges/faces can lead to the following faults:

1. Edge swelling
2. Discolouration
3. Mould development
4. Staining
5. Delamination

It is important to remember that even where a fully exterior adhesive has been used in manufacture repeated wetting and drying of the board can give rise to splitting, cracking and delamination. When choosing a sealant the most important factor is that it is impervious to water.

PANEL PRODUCTS FOR USE IN EXTERNAL CONDITIONS

Some wood-based panel products can be used in demanding exterior conditions. However, to be fully fit for purpose they must be correctly specified, installed and maintained. The term exterior use covers a wide range of situations from where the panels may be in contact with water to where the panels are only subject to occasional wetting. There are two important concepts to consider when specifying a panel product for exterior use:

1. Service class
2. Hazard class

Service classes are used in structural design to define the environmental conditions in service which affect the mechanical performance of a panel under certain conditions.

Hazard classes deal with the risk of biological attack. Both of these classes are used to determine the suitability and correct treatment of a product for constructional purposes.

The fact that a plywood may have been manufactured with an exterior glue does not mean or imply that it is suitable for long term exposure to exterior conditions. Most situations will require a durable veneer species along with an effective coating or preservative treatment.

SPECIFYING PANEL PRODUCTS FOR STRUCTURAL USE

The most effective way of specifying a panel product for structural use is to require compliance with the harmonized standard BS EN 13986. Most panel products that are intended for structural use are internationally traded and therefore are likely to carry a CE mark. Products that meet the requirements of the structural standards should be marked FLOORS/ROOFS/WALLS. These panels should meet the requirements of BS EN 12871. For a plywood to be CE marked for Service Class 2 conditions it must comply with grade EN 636-2S.

CONVERSION TABLES

We have included the following conversion tables to help our customers make calculations between imperial and metric equivalents.

MULTIPLY	BY	TO EQUAL
Inches	25.4	millimetres (mm)
	2.54	centimetres (cm)
Feet	30.48	centimetres (cm)
	0.3048	metres (m)
Yards	0.9144	metres (m)
Centimetres	0.3937	inches
Metres	3.2808	feet

EQUIVALENT PANEL SIZES	
1220 x 610mm	4' x 2'
1525 x 1525mm	5' x 5'
1830 x 1220mm	6' x 4'
1981 x 762mm	6'6" x 2'6"
2058 x 838mm	6'9" x 2'9"
2135 x 915mm	7' x 3'
2440 x 1220mm	8' x 4'
2745 x 1220mm	9' x 4'
3050 x 1220mm	10' x 4'
3050 x 1525mm	10' x 5'
3660 x 1830mm	12' x 6'

THICKNESS EQUIVALENTS	
3.6mm/4mm	1/8"
5.5mm/6mm	1/4"
9mm	3/8"
12mm	1/2"
15mm	5/8"
18mm	3/4"
21mm/22mm	7/8"
24mm/25mm	1"
27mm	1 1/8"
30mm	1 1/4"
32mm	1 5/16"
35mm	1 3/8"
38mm	1 1/2"
45mm	1 3/4"
50mm	2"



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MARINE PLYWOOD TO BS1088: 2003

Marine Plywood should meet the requirements of BS 1088:2003 (Marine Plywood). BS 1088 comes in two parts, Part 1 (Requirements) and Part 2 (Determination of Bonding Quality Using Knife Test). The key requirements from part 1 of BS 1088 are highlighted below. However, this is no substitute for purchasing and using the full version of the standard.

Requirements of manufacture include classification according to panel type, Standard (S) and Lightweight (LW). Standard marine plywood has veneers possessing outstanding durability with respect to fungal decay and bonding quality making it suitable for marine construction while lightweight marine plywood is of veneers from timber species of lower density/durability than those in standard marine plywood while all other requirements remain the same.

VENEER DURABILITY

Standard marine plywood as defined in BS 1088 should have outstanding resistance to bio-deterioration (durability) with time. The biological durability of marine plywood is expected to be greater than that of plywood of the same species that meets the requirements of BS EN 636-3. In this respect, Standard marine plywood should be made throughout of timbers having a durability rating of class 3, BS EN 350-2, or better and a nominal density of > 500kg/m³ and up to 5% sapwood per veneer is permitted.

NUMBER AND THICKNESS OF PLYS

According to BS 1088, Marine Plywood panels having a thickness of 6.5mm or less should have three or more plies. Panels having a thickness of greater than 6.5mm should have five or more plies. With 3-ply panels, the combined thickness of the two outer plies after sanding should be between 40% and 65% of the nominal unsanded thickness of the panel. With 5-ply panels, the combined thickness of the two outer plies after sanding, combined with those of the core and other inner plies with their grain direction parallel to the outer plies, should be between 40% and 65% of the nominal unsanded thickness of the panel. Additionally, for panels with nominal thicknesses of greater than 3.8mm, each outer ply should not be less than 1mm thick after sanding and each inner and core ply should not be more than 4.8mm thick.

MANUFACTURING DEFECTS

In accordance with BS 1088, all marine panels should not contain any of the following manufacturing defects: open joints (e.g. core gaps, overlaps and pleats, blisters, hollows, bumps and imprints), roughness (other than that due to the irregular structure of the wood), sanding through, foreign particles, defects in the edges of panels (e.g. due to sanding, sawing, missing wood).

BONDING QUALITY

All marine plywood as defined in BS 1088 should have outstanding resistance to loss of bond strength with time. When tested in accordance with BS EN 314-1, the bonding quality should meet a minimum requirement of BS EN 314-2, Bonding Class 3.

MARKING

Panels conforming to BS 1088 should be indelibly marked on the back or edge with the following information in the order shown:

- 1) The number and date of the British Standard "BS 1088-1:2003" and the word "MARINE"
- 2) The word "UNBALANCED" if panels are of unbalanced construction
- 3) The word "TREATED" if there has been any application of preservative treatment
- 4) The nominal panel thickness
- 5) The manufacturer's name or ID mark
- 6) The country of manufacture
- 7) The panel type (Standard (S) or Lightweight (LW))
- 8) The name of the timber species according to BS EN 350-2:1994

In addition, the documentation for each consignment of panels should include the marking information above and a list of all the species used in their construction and details of any preservative treatment which has been applied.

PLYWOOD STANDARDS: USEFUL DEFINITIONS

Plywood is produced in accordance with national and European standards. These standards ensure an appropriate marketing of the plywood.

1. CLASSIFICATION AND SPECIFICATION STANDARDS FOR PLYWOOD

EN 313-1

Plywood - Classification and terminology - Part 1: Classification (June 1996)

EN 313-2

Plywood - Classification and terminology - Part 2: Terminology (May 1995). Revision published in 1999.

EN 322

Wood based panels - Determination of moisture content (June 1993). (Confirmed in November 1998).

EN 635-1

Plywood - Classification by surface appearance - Part 1: General (April 1995).

EN 635-2

Plywood - Classification by surface appearance - Part 2: Hardwood (July 1995).

EN 635-3

Plywood - Classification by surface appearance - Part 3: Softwood (July 1995).

ENV 635-4

Plywood - Classification by surface appearance - Part 4: Parameters of ability for finishing, Guideline (December 1996).

EN 635-5

Plywood - Classification by surface appearance - Part 5: Methods for measuring and expressing characteristics and defects (May 1999).

EN 636

Plywood - Specifications (Published in 2003).

This European Standard specifies the requirements for plywood for general purposes or structural application in dry, humid or exterior conditions. It also gives a classification system based on bending properties.

EN 12369-2

Wood-based panels - Characteristic values for structural design - Part 2: Plywood (2004).

ENV 14272

Plywood - Calculation method for the determination of some mechanical properties (2002).



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2. TEST METHODS SPECIFIC TO PLYWOOD

EN 314-1

Plywood - Bonding quality - Part 1: Test methods (June 1993). Revision published in 2004.

EN 314-2

Plywood - Bonding quality - Part 2: Requirements (June 1993).

EN 315

Plywood - Tolerances for dimensions (June 1993). Revision published in 2000.

EN 1072

Plywood - Description of the bending properties for structural plywood. (November 1995).

ENV 1099

Plywood - Biological durability - Guidance for the assessment of plywood for use in different hazard classes (February 1998).

3. GENERAL STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO PLYWOOD

EN 322

Wood based panels - Determination of moisture content (June 1993). (Confirmed in November 1993).

EN 323

Wood based panels - Determination of density (June 1993) (Confirmed in 1998).

EN 310

Wood based panels- Determination of modulus of elasticity in bending and of bending strength (June 1993) (Confirmed in November 1998).

EN 324-1

Wood-based panels - Determination of dimensions of boards - Part 1: Determination of thickness, width and length (June 1993). (Confirmed in November 1998).

EN 324-2

Wood-based panels - Determination of dimensions of boards - Part 2: Determination of squareness and edge straightness (June 1993). (Confirmed in November 1998).

EN 717-1

Wood-based panels - Determination of formaldehyde release - Part 1: Formaldehyde release - Part 1: Formaldehyde emission by the chamber method (Published in 2004).

EN 717-2

Wood -based panels - Determination of formaldehyde release - Part 2: Formaldehyde release by the gas analysis method (April 1995). (Corrigendum published in 2002).

EN 717-3

Wood-based panels - Determination of formaldehyde release - Part 3: Formaldehyde release by the flask method (May 1996).

ENV 1156

Wood-based panels - Determination of duration of load and creep factors (May 1999).

EN 13986

Harmonized standard -Wood-based panels for use in construction - Characteristics, evaluation of conformity and marking. (2004)

EN 318

Wood-based panels - Determination of dimensional changes associated with changes in relative humidity. (Revision published in 2002).

EN 12871

Wood-based panels - Performance specifications and requirements for load bearing boards for use in floors, walls and roofs (Published in 2001).

ENV 12872

Wood-based panels- Guidance on the use of wood bearing boards in floors, walls and roofs (2000).

EN 13879

Wood-based panels - Determination of edgewise bending properties (2002).

EN 13810-1

Wood-based panels - Floating floors - Part 1: Performance specifications and requirements (2002).

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Wood-based panels - Floating floors - Part 2: Test methods (Published in 2003).

Further standardisation at the global level is done within ISO (International Standard Organisation). These standards are in general equivalent to the corresponding European standards.

EN 314-2: 1993 - PLYWOOD — BONDING QUALITY, REQUIREMENTS

EN 636: 2003 - PLYWOOD — SPECIFICATIONS

There are only two material components in plywood: wood & glue. How these components interact will ultimately define how the plywood performs. These two standards provide a relatively straightforward way of classifying the outcome.

EN 314-2:1993 PLYWOOD — BONDING QUALITY,

classifies plywood by bonding quality only and gives rise to 3 bond classes dependent upon the intended end use. Bonding quality is determined by the adhesive type and core veneer quality (physical defects such as knot holes and splits).

(Bond) Class I: suitable for dry interior use only

(Bond) Class II: suitable for use in humid areas or exposure to occasional wetting

(Bond) Class III: suitable for unprotected exterior use or exposure to frequent wetting.

Following exposure to a simulated hostile weather environment, accelerated in a laboratory, plywood is tested to destruction to assess how well the bond has survived the weathering process. Once bonding quality has been established to EN314, assessment to EN636 can begin.

EN 636: 2003, PLYWOOD — SPECIFICATIONS,

classifies plywood by taking into account the bond quality AND the biological durability* of the wood species used in the plywood:

EN636-1: suitable for dry interior use only

EN636-2: suitable for use in humid areas or exposure to occasional wetting

EN636-3: suitable for unprotected exterior use or exposure to frequent wetting

EN314 and EN636 are harmonised standards, so, to achieve EN636 Class II (frequently labelled EN636-2) the bonding quality, as a minimum, must be EN314 Class II. Some plywoods have a bonding quality of EN314 Class III but, because of limited biological durability of the timber species, can only achieve EN636-2. This is precisely the case with softwood plywood.

It is worth bearing in mind that, provided the EN314 bonding is Class III to start with, an otherwise EN636-2 plywood can be upgraded to EN636-3 by preservative treatment, to treatment class T3 (DD CEN/TS 1099:2007).

Most of the plywood sold in the UK will achieve EN314 Bond Class III yet, when assessed to EN636, will achieve EN636-2, because of limited biological durability of the wood. Exceptions to this might include Tropical Hardwood Throughout Plywood and Marine Grade Plywood, provided no sapwood is present. Sapwood is, however, difficult to eliminate.

** Biological Durability means: the natural capacity of the wood to resist the detrimental effects of fungal decay (rot) and beetle larvae (woodworm).*

Technical Information

PLYWOOD IN CONSTRUCTION: INTRODUCTION

PLYWOOD is a widely used and well proven construction material made from a combination of wood veneers and resins.

SPECIFYING CONSTRUCTIONAL PLYWOOD

There are two types of Constructional Plywood:

STRUCTURAL PLYWOOD: Structural Plywood has proof of strength performance provided by the Supplier in addition to other product performance information

GENERAL PLYWOOD: General Plywood has product performance information provided by the supplier but this will not include strength performance data and so should not be used in a structural application.

Both types of constructional plywood can be used in the three end use classes for plywood defined in the European Standard EN 636 as shown in below. The standard specifies the requirements for plywood for general purposes or structural application in dry, humid or exterior conditions.

Exterior Use - Permanently outside exposed to the weather:

STRUCTURAL EN 636-3 S

GENERAL EN 636-3 G

Humid Use - Most construction uses fall into this category as they are covered or rarely exposed to weather, but still at risk of wetting:

STRUCTURAL EN 636-2 S

GENERAL EN 636-2 G

Dry Use - Interior with no risk of wetting:

STRUCTURAL EN 636-1 S

GENERAL EN 636-1 G

The most common types of plywood available for use in UK construction are structural plywood for humid uses (EN 636-2S) and general plywood for humid uses (EN 636-2G). These types of plywood are made from durable resins which are suitable for most construction uses.

Plywood for Exterior use is also available but may be less cost effective as both the resins and the wood veneers within the product must be durable in the long term. There is also a special type of exterior Plywood called Marine Plywood which has its own British standard BS 1088 2003, and as the name suggests must be durable enough to endure regular exposure to extreme weather conditions. However, Marine Plywood rarely has proof of strength performance provided by the supplier and so should not be used load bearing construction uses, unless this strength data is provided.

CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS REGULATION

The construction industry is facing the most significant change for a decade in the way in which construction products are sold in Europe. From 1 July 2013, under the Construction Products Regulation (CPR), it will become mandatory for manufacturers to draw up a declaration of performance and apply CE marking to any of their construction products which is covered by a harmonised European standard for wood based panel products EN13986 when such a product is placed on the market. By definition a construction product is any product which is produced and placed on the market for incorporation in a permanent manner in construction works or parts thereof and the performance of which has an effect on the performance of the construction works with respect to the basic requirements for construction works. This is a major change as affixing of CE marking under the provisions of the existing Construction Products Directive (CPD) is currently voluntary in the UK. For those already CE marking under the CPD the transition should be straightforward. This publication is intended as a guide to the implications of CE marking under the CPR for manufacturers, importers, distributors, specifiers, certification and test bodies, and regulatory/enforcement authorities. The Regulation is directly applicable in UK law.

The CPR builds upon the CPD and aims to break down technical barriers to trade in construction products within the European Economic Area (EEA). To achieve this, the CPR provides for four main elements:

- a system of harmonised technical specifications
- an agreed system of conformity assessment for each product family
- a framework of notified bodies
- CE marking of products.

The CPR harmonises the methods of assessment and test, the means of declaration of product performance and the system of conformity assessment of construction products, but NOT national building regulations. The choice of required values for the particular intended use is left to the regulators and public / private sector procurers at the national level. However, such required values must be expressed in a consistent manner (technical language) as used in the harmonised technical specifications.



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