

## 38mm Flooring

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### Physical properties

Strebord 'C' P5 (MR) is manufactured in accordance with BS EN 312:5 1997 (P5) Particleboard-Specifications: 'Requirements for load bearing boards for use in humid conditions'.

38mm Strebord 'C' P5 (MR)	
Mean Bending Strength N/mm <sup>2</sup>	14
Mean Modulus of Elasticity in Bending N/mm <sup>2</sup>	2300
Mean Cross Tensile Strength N/mm <sup>2</sup>	0.5
Moisture Content ex-Factory %	6-9
Thickness Tolerance mm	±0.3
Length/Width Tolerance mm	±5.0
Perpendicularity per 1000mm Side Length mm	2.0
Approximate Weight Kg/m <sup>2</sup>	24

The values of Bending and Tensile Strength and Elasticity given above are typical 5 percentile values based on the mean values for individual boards and calculated in accordance with BS EN 326-1:1994

and should not be used in design calculations without appropriate modification factors.

**If in any doubt please contact Falcon Panel Products.**

### Installing Strebord

Strebord panels are usually fixed directly and simply to the supporting structure, with long edges running perpendicular to the supporting beams. Ensure the longer profile of the tongue is uppermost and that the boards are laid in a traditional staggered, brick-bond pattern with all the short edges supported. A minimum 10mm expansion gap is normally recommended between the deck edge and any wall, and for larger areas regular expansion gaps within the deck are also advisable.

### Overlays, carpets, vinyl etc.

In line with codes of practice, BS 8201, BS 8203, BS EN 7916 and BS 5325 state that for all overlays the sub floor must be rigid and flat. When thin or shiny floor surface materials are laid over Strebord, it is possible for the joints of the Strebord to show through particularly after trafficking. It is advisable to have an additional layer of material between the Strebord and the top surface to sufficiently absorb any potential telegraphing.

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## Structural performance

Strebord industrial flooring panels are manufactured to performance levels at or above the limits specified for their appropriate type in BS EN 312:5 1997 and have many years record of safe and efficient use. 1000's of production quality control tests and 100's of tests

specific to industrial flooring usage support the technical data given in this publication. Extended independent laboratory tests have also been conducted in support of this information sheet.

Recommended uniformly distributed design loads kN/m <sup>2</sup>						
Span not exceeding mm	407	488	525	610	700	814
Strebord 'C' P5 (MR)	19.6	16.2	15.1	13.0	10.7	5.9

The recommended design point load tables show the 'Basic load capacity' of the specified loading configuration. This includes allowances for loading conditions (e.g. long-duration: dead + permanent imposed), and are deflection limited to span/100 up to 500mm then 5mm for spans greater than 500mm.

For medium term (temporary imposed loads) loads may be increased by 70% (i.e. multiply by 1.7). Basic load capacity value should be used in design calculations following the recommendations of BS 5268: Parts 2 to 7, using permissible stress design methods.

Recommended design point loads kN	Service Class 1 (Dry conditions) Strebord 'C' P5 (MR)					
	Span not exceeding mm					
Plate size mm	407	488	525	610	700	814
50 x 50	4.2	4.0	3.9	3.7	3.2	2.6
75 x 75	5.0	4.6	4.5	4.2	3.6	2.8
100 x 100	6.0	5.4	5.1	4.7	3.9	3.1
150 x 150	8.5	7.3	6.8	6.0	4.8	3.6

Recommended design point loads kN	Service Class 2 (Humid conditions) Strebord 'C' P5 (MR)					
	Span not exceeding mm					
Plate size mm	407	488	525	610	700	814
50 x 50	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.3	1.9
75 x 75	3.3	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.1
100 x 100	3.9	3.5	3.4	3.1	2.8	2.3
150 x 150	5.6	4.8	4.5	4.0	3.5	2.6

## Technical notes on the design of Strebord floors

Strebord P5 MR 38mm floors can accommodate many of today's hand pallet trucks. In general, in a service class 1 (dry conditions) environment a 1 ton (A.U.W.) pallet truck, up to 610mm centres may be permissible, assuming no one wheel or bogie carries more than 50% of the A.U.W.

It is essential to provide sound locations for handrails and this is usually achieved by fixing the handrail base through the primary or secondary support beams. Where necessary, handrail connections direct to the Strebord flooring can be achieved by appropriate structural design of the handrail base and associated washer plates.

Where projection of the floor is required to follow a wall profile for instance, this projection should be limited to 25% of the span of the support beams, measured from the centre line of the nearest beam. It is good practice to 'box' or 'header' all perimeter edges to avoid excessive edge deflection.

**Service Class 1** is characterised by a moisture content in the materials corresponding to a temperature of 20°C and the relative humidity of the surrounding air only exceeding 65% for a few weeks per year.

**Service Class 2** is characterised by a moisture content in the materials corresponding to a temperature of 0°C and the relative humidity of the surrounding air only exceeding 85% for a few weeks per year.

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