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Agrément Certificate

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Product Sheet 2

NORBORD FLOORING BOARDS

CABERSHIELDPLUS

This Agrément Certificate Product Sheet⁽¹⁾ relates to CaberShieldPlus, a P5 flooring grade chipboard, finished with a permanent melamine facing, for use in joisted floor construction. The boards, together with sealed joints, provide temporary weather protection prior to completion of the building envelope.

(1) Hereinafter referred to as 'Certificate'.

CERTIFICATION INCLUDES:

- factors relating to compliance with Building Regulations where applicable
- factors relating to additional non-regulatory information where applicable
- independently verified technical specification
- assessment criteria and technical investigations
- design considerations
- installation guidance
- regular surveillance of production
- formal three-yearly review.



KEY FACTORS ASSESSED

Loading — the product can resist the loads associated with use in normal joisted constructions (see section 6).

Resistance to weather — a constructed floor will have satisfactory resistance to weather and can be left exposed for up to 60 days (see section 7).

Slip resistance — the product has a low slip potential in both wet and dry conditions (see section 8).

Properties in relation to fire — the Certificate holder has declared a reaction to fire classification of Dfl-s1 in accordance with BS EN 13501-1 : 2018 (see section 9).

Durability — the completed flooring will have a life equal to that of the building in which it is installed (see section 13).

The BBA has awarded this Certificate to the company named above for the product described herein. This product has been assessed by the BBA as being fit for its intended use provided it is installed, used and maintained as set out in this Certificate.

On behalf of the British Board of Agrément

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Regulations

In the opinion of the BBA, CaberShieldPlus, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements of the following Building Regulations (the presence of a UK map indicates that the subject is related to the Building Regulations in the region or regions of the UK depicted):



The Building Regulations 2010 (England and Wales) (as amended)

Requirement: A1(1) Comment:	Loading The product has sufficient strength and stiffness to sustain and transmit the design load, without excessive deflection, to the primary structure. See section 6 of this Certificate.
Requirement: B3(1)(3) Comment:	Internal fire spread (structure) The product can contribute to satisfying this Requirement. See section 9 of this Certificate.
Requirement: 7(1) Comment:	Materials and workmanship The product is acceptable. See section 13 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.



The Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

Regulation: 8(1) Comment:	Durability, workmanship and fitness of materials The product can contribute to a construction satisfying this Regulation. See section 13 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
Regulation: 9 Standard: 1.1(a) Comment:	Building standards applicable to construction Structure The product has sufficient strength and stiffness to sustain and transmit the design load, without excessive deflection, to the primary structure, with reference to clause 1.1.1 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ of this Standard. See section 6 of this Certificate.
Standard: 2.3 Comment:	Structural protection The product can contribute to a construction satisfying this Standard, with reference to clauses 2.3.0 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ , 2.3.1 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ , 2.3.2 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ and 2.3.3 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ . See section 9 of this Certificate.
Standard: 7.1(a) Comment:	Statement of sustainability The product can contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements of Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6, and therefore will contribute to a construction meeting a bronze level of sustainability as defined in this Standard.
Regulation: 12 Comment:	Building standards applicable to conversions All comments given for the product under Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6, also apply to this Regulation, with reference to clause 0.12.1 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ and Schedule 6 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ .

(1) Technical Handbook (Domestic).

(2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).



The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 (as amended)

Regulation: 23(a)(i)(iii)(iv)(b)(i) Comment:	Fitness of materials and workmanship The product is acceptable. See section 13 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
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Regulation: 30	Stability
Comment:	The product has sufficient strength and stiffness to sustain and transmit the design load, without excessive deflection, to the primary structure. See section 6 of this Certificate.
Regulation: 35(1)(3)	Internal fire spread — Structure
Comment:	The product can contribute to satisfying this Regulation. See section 9 of this Certificate.

Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

Information in this Certificate may assist the client, designer (including Principal Designer) and contractor (including Principal Contractor) to address their obligations under these Regulations.

See sections: 3 *Delivery and site handling* (3.2 and 3.5) and 8 *Slip resistance* of this Certificate.

Additional Information

NHBC Standards 2021

In the opinion of the BBA, CaberShieldPlus, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements in relation to *NHBC Standards*, Chapters 6.4 *Timber and concrete upper floors*, 6.10 *Light steel framed walls and floors* and 9.3 *Floor finishes*.

CE marking

The Certificate holder has taken the responsibility of CE marking the CaberShieldPlus in accordance with harmonised European Standard BS EN 13986 : 2004.

Technical Specification

1 Description

1.1 CaberShieldPlus is a P5 tongue-and-groove flooring grade chipboard with a permanent melamine facing on the upper and lower surfaces. The boards are manufactured in accordance with BS EN 312 : 2010.

1.2 The product characteristics are:

Thickness (mm)	18, 22
Length (mm)	2400
Width (mm)	600
Density (kg·m ⁻³)	600 to 690
Weight per board (kg)	19 to 21.8
Edge profile	tongue-and-groove.

1.3 Ancillary components comprise:

- CaberFix Joint & Joist Adhesive — a one-part polymeric gun-applied adhesive for bonding the boards to joists, and for sealing tongue-and-groove joints between boards. It can also be used for protecting the heads of nails driven through the top surface of the board
- CaberFix D4 Adhesive — a one-part PU bonding adhesive to BS EN 204 : 2016, Class D4, for use in bonding board joints and boards to joists. It can also be used for application to exposed board edges and for protecting the heads of nails driven through the top surface of the board
- annular ring-shank nails — length 2.5 times the thickness of the board, for fixing the boards to the joists
- No. 8 particle board screws — for fixing the boards to the joists.

2 Manufacture

2.1 The boards are manufactured by bringing the chipboard, melamine facing and adhesive together under controlled temperature and pressure.

2.2 During this process, the facing on the upper surface is embossed to form a non-slip textured finish.

2.3 As part of the assessment and ongoing surveillance of product quality, the BBA has:

- agreed with the manufacturer the quality control procedures and product testing to be undertaken
- assessed and agreed the quality control operated over batches of incoming materials
- monitored the production process and verified that it is in accordance with the documented process
- evaluated the process for management of nonconformities
- checked that equipment has been properly tested and calibrated
- undertaken to carry out the above measures on a regular basis through a surveillance process, to verify that the specifications and quality control operated by the manufacturer are being maintained.

2.4 The management systems of Norbord Europe Ltd have been assessed and registered as meeting the requirements of BS EN ISO 9001 : 2015 by SGS UK Ltd (Certificate GB92/1379).

3 Delivery and site handling

3.1 The boards are delivered in banded packs wrapped in polythene. Each pack contains a label bearing the product name, board thickness and type.

3.2 The boards are supplied in the pack sizes given in Table 1.

Thickness (mm)	No. of boards per pack	Approx weight (tonne)
18	100	1.8
22	82	1.8

3.3 Boards should be stored off the ground, preferably on bearers, to allow air to circulate. If stored outside, the boards must be protected with a weatherproof sheeting.

3.4 CaberFix adhesives should be stored under cover, in the original packaging, between temperatures of 5 and 25°C. Both CaberFix D4 Adhesive and CaberFix Joint & Joist Adhesive have a shelf-life of 6 to 9 months.

3.5 The Certificate holder has taken the responsibility of classifying and labelling the adhesives used to install the product under the *CLP Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on the classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures*. Users must refer to the relevant Safety Data Sheet(s).

Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following is a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on CaberShieldPlus.

Design Considerations

4 Use

The product is satisfactory for use as flooring grade chipboard in joisted constructions and, with sealed joints, can be left exposed to the weather for a period of up to 60 days during the building process.

5 Practicability of installation

The product is designed to be installed by a competent general builder, or a contractor, experienced with this type of product.

6 Loading



The product conforms to the relevant requirements of BS EN 312 : 2010 and can resist the loads associated with its use in normal joisted constructions.

7 Resistance to weather

7.1 When subjected to standing water for a period of 60 days, a test floor with sealed joints performed satisfactorily.

7.2 Care must be taken to ensure that the product is installed strictly in accordance with the *Installation* part of this Certificate, particularly along joints and around fixings. Otherwise, in persistently wet conditions, some water penetration may occur resulting in some swelling around joints and nail fixings.

8 Slip resistance

Slip resistance values indicate that the boards have a low potential for slip in both wet and dry conditions. The slip resistance categories are given in Table 2.

Table 2 Slip resistance⁽¹⁾ using 45/standard pedestrian hard rubber (shoes)

Test result	Classification ⁽²⁾
<25	high slip potential
25–35	moderate slip potential
>36	low slip potential

(1) TRL pendulum test.

(2) This classification is based on the pendulum test value (PTV) and the recommendations given in *The Assessment of Floor Slip Resistance: The UK Slip Resistance Group Guidelines : Issue 4 : 2011*.

9 Properties in relation to fire



9.1 The Certificate holder has declared a reaction to fire classification of Dfl-s1 in accordance with BS EN 13501-1 : 2018.

9.2 The fire resistance of a floor construction incorporating the product may be calculated with reference to BS EN 1995-1-2 : 2004 or, where necessary, by undertaking an appropriate test at a UKAS-accredited laboratory.

10 Impact resistance

The boards have satisfactory resistance to hard body impact.

11 Formaldehyde

The boards achieve a Class E1 formaldehyde specification to BS EN 13986 : 2004 and BS EN 312 : 2010.

12 Maintenance

As the product is normally covered with a floor finish and has suitable durability (see section 13), maintenance is not required. However, any damage should be repaired promptly (see section 17).

13 Durability



Provided the product is fixed to suitably stable and durable floor joists, it will have a life equal to that of the building in which it is installed.

Installation

14 General

- 14.1 Installation of CaberShieldPlus must be carried out in dry conditions.
- 14.2 Floor joists and beams must be secured and braced before laying the boards. Prior to fixing, any standing water or moisture on surface flanges should be wiped down.
- 14.3 On joists up to 400 mm centres, 18 mm thick panels may be used. On joists of wider spacing, up to 600 mm centres, 22 mm thick panels must be used.
- 14.4 Provision must be made for future access to any pipes and services running between joists. Traps for this purpose should be supported on all sides. If access traps are cut and edges supported, the cut edges must be protected from water by application of CaberFix D4 Adhesive.
- 14.5 Any exposed edges around the perimeter must be sealed using CaberFix D4 Adhesive prior to laying the product.

15 Supervision of workmanship

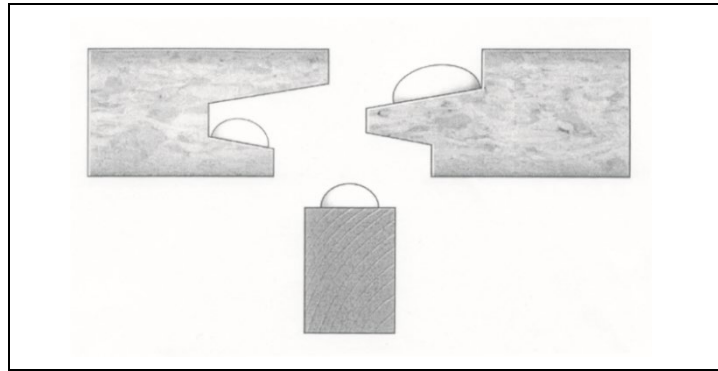
- 15.1 The level of supervision during installation of CaberShieldPlus and the associated structure must be sufficient to ensure the quality of workmanship described in BS 8000-5 : 1990.
- 15.2 After installation of CaberShieldPlus has been completed, and prior to commencement of further work on the installed floor, it is advisable to remove any pools of water that may have formed.

16 Procedure

Laying

- 16.1 The tongue-and-groove flooring boards are laid on top of the joists with the longest edges at right angles to the joists. Short end joints are staggered in a brick bond pattern with these ends falling on the centre line of the joist. If they overhang, additional timber supports or noggings must be provided. Although long edges do not need intermediate support between joists, support noggings should be fixed at floor perimeters where unsupported edges abut a wall.
- 16.2 Laying starts with a single row of boards parallel to the longest wall, allowing for a suitably sized expansion gap. A minimum gap of 10 mm, or 2 mm per metre run of floor, whichever is greater, should be left against all walls and abutments. Particular attention must be paid to maintaining expansion gaps at all times during construction. When large single-run floors are being laid, it is necessary to incorporate intermediate expansion gaps to allow for possible movement.

Figure 1 Glueing



Fixing to I-joists

16.3 Timber based I-joists are proprietary products which have specific installation requirements, for example relating to lateral restraint. The number of fixings required will vary depending on factors such as the geometry of the particular installation, the dimensions of the I-joist and whether the deck is required to act as a diaphragm. When installing the boards on I-joists, the recommendations of the joist manufacturer should be followed.

16.4 The methods set out in sections 16.5 to 16.17 use a fixing at every joist for each board (equivalent to a fixing every 600 mm along each joist). However, for each installation, guidance from the I-joist manufacturer, or other suitably qualified persons, should be obtained and followed, including increasing the number of fixings where appropriate.

Method 1 — CaberFix Joint & Joist Adhesive

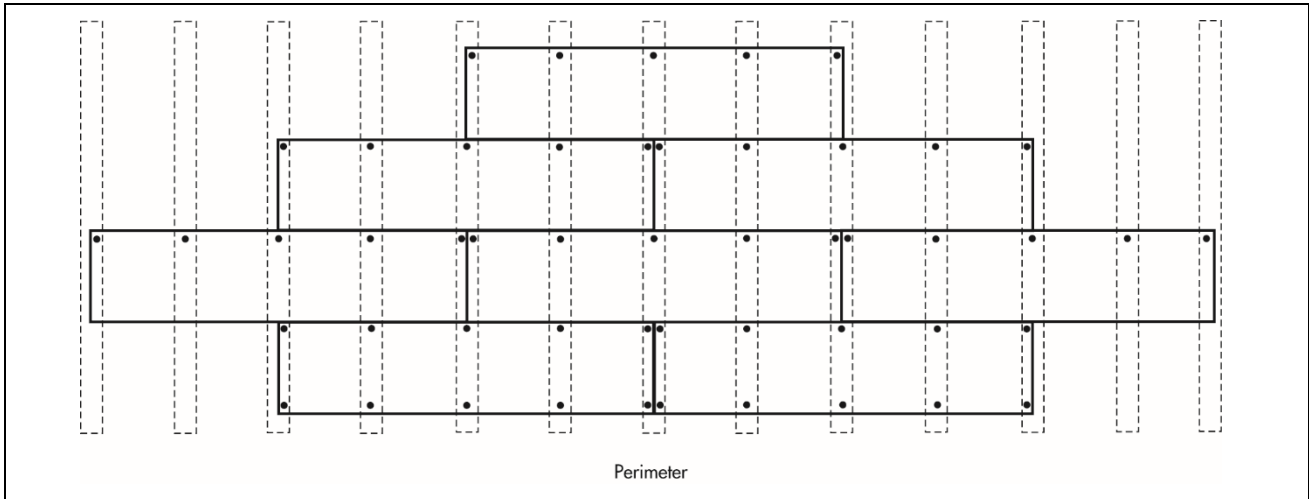
16.5 A 6 mm bead of CaberFix Joint & Joist Adhesive is applied centrally to the top of the I-joists in 600 mm lengths for the first run of boards.

16.6 Boards must be fixed within 15 minutes, the first run being placed into position squarely, avoiding any unnecessary dragging which will disturb the adhesive. The first run is fixed to each joist along the perimeter 50 mm from the board edge, using annular ring-shank nails with a length 2.5 times the thickness of the board, or screws. The boards are also fixed by secret nailing through the tongue of the long edge at 20° to the vertical, one annular ring-shank nail (or screw) being fixed to every I-joist.

16.7 All tongue-and-groove edges must be glued with an ample bead of CaberFix Joint & Joist Adhesive applied to the grooved edge and a smaller bead applied to the top edge of the tongue (see Figure 1). When the boards are brought together, the adhesive should fill the joint. Any exuded residue should be smoothed with a trowel or similar.

16.8 CaberFix Joint & Joist Adhesive is applied along the next 600 mm run of joists, and the next row of boards is staggered to form a brick bond pattern. The boards are then fixed by secret nailing (or screwing) through the board tongue at each joist (see Figure 2).

Figure 2 Nailing pattern for 2400 x 600 mm boards fixed to I-joists at 600 mm centres



16.9 Subsequent rows are fixed as described in sections 16.5 to 16.8. The last row of boards is fixed to each joist along the perimeter, 50 mm from the board edge.

16.10 Heads of nails or screws driven through the top surface of the board must be protected by application of a covering layer of CaberFix Joint & Joist Adhesive.

16.11 The floor deck can be walked on immediately after fixing, but further heavy construction work should be avoided for 24 hours.

Method 2 – CaberFix D4 Adhesive

16.12 Two continuous beads of CaberFix D4 Adhesive are applied to the top of the I-joists in 600 mm lengths, for the first run of boards.

16.13 Boards must be fixed within 15 minutes, the first run being placed into position squarely, avoiding any unnecessary dragging which will disturb the adhesive. The first run is fixed to each joist along the perimeter 50 mm from the board edge, using annular ring-shank nails with a length 2.5 times the thickness of the board, or screws. The boards are also fixed by secret nailing through the tongue of the long edge at 20° to the vertical, one annular ring-shank nail (or screw) being fixed to every I-joist.

16.14 CaberFix D4 Adhesive is applied along the next 600 mm run of joists, and the next row of boards is staggered to form a brick bond pattern. The boards are then fixed by secret nailing (or screwing) through the board tongue at each joist (see Figure 2).

16.15 All tongue-and-groove edges must be glued with an ample bead of CaberFix D4 Adhesive applied to the grooved edge and a smaller bead applied to the top edge of the tongue (see Figure 1). When the boards are brought together, the adhesive should fill the joint. During curing, the adhesive foams over the edges of the joint and forms a watertight seal.

16.16 Subsequent rows are fixed as described in sections 16.12 to 16.15. The last row of boards is fixed to each joist along the perimeter, 50 mm from the board edge.

16.17 Heads of nails or screws driven through the top surface of the board must be protected by application of a covering layer of CaberFix D4 Adhesive.

16.18 The floor deck can be walked on immediately after fixing, but further heavy construction work should be avoided for 24 hours.

Fixing to solid timber joists

16.19 The methods described in sections 16.5 to 16.17 can also be used when fixing the product to solid timber joists.

17 Repair

Under normal conditions of occupancy, the product is unlikely to suffer damage. However, should repair be necessary, it can be carried out in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions.

Technical Investigations

18 Tests

Tests were carried out and the results assessed to determine:

- slip resistance in dry and wet conditions
- standing water resistance.

19 Investigations

The manufacturing process was evaluated, including the methods adopted for quality control, and details were obtained of the quality and composition of the materials used.

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BS EN 204 : 2016 *Classification of thermoplastic wood adhesives for non-structural applications*

BS EN 312 : 2010 *Particleboards — Specifications*

BS EN 1995-1-2 : 2004 *Design of timber structures – General – Structural fire design*

BS EN 13501-1 : 2018 *Fire classification of construction products and building elements — Classification using data from reaction to fire tests*

BS EN 13986 : 2004 + A1 : 2015 *Wood-based panels for use in construction — Characteristics, evaluation of conformity and marking*

BS EN ISO 9001 : 2015 *Quality management systems — Requirements*

20 Conditions

20.1 This Certificate:

- relates only to the product/system that is named and described on the front page
- is issued only to the company, firm, organisation or person named on the front page – no other company, firm, organisation or person may hold or claim that this Certificate has been issued to them
- is valid only within the UK
- has to be read, considered and used as a whole document – it may be misleading and will be incomplete to be selective
- is copyright of the BBA
- is subject to English Law.

20.2 Publications, documents, specifications, legislation, regulations, standards and the like referenced in this Certificate are those that were current and/or deemed relevant by the BBA at the date of issue or reissue of this Certificate.

20.3 This Certificate will remain valid for an unlimited period provided that the product/system and its manufacture and/or fabrication, including all related and relevant parts and processes thereof:

- are maintained at or above the levels which have been assessed and found to be satisfactory by the BBA
- continue to be checked as and when deemed appropriate by the BBA under arrangements that it will determine
- are reviewed by the BBA as and when it considers appropriate.

20.4 The BBA has used due skill, care and diligence in preparing this Certificate, but no warranty is provided.

20.5 In issuing this Certificate the BBA is not responsible and is excluded from any liability to any company, firm, organisation or person, for any matters arising directly or indirectly from:

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