

## 0383P TLB TIMBER IN SHEET FLOORING AND DECKING

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### Worksection abstract

This branded worksection *Template* is applicable to TLB Timber external timber decking and internal plywood sheet flooring as either platform floors or fitted floors. It assumes the provision of a supporting structure.

The worksection also covers composite or compressed fibre cement decking and internal sheet flooring of particleboard or compressed fibre cement.

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### Related material located elsewhere in NATSPEC

If a listed worksection is not part of your subscription package and you wish to purchase it, contact NATSPEC.

Related material may be found in other worksections. See for example:

- 0314 *Concrete in situ*.
- 0342 *Light steel framing*.
- 0381p *TLB TIMBER in structural timber*.
- 0382 *Light timber framing*.
- 0631 *Ceramic tiling* for compressed fibre cement underlays.
- 0632 *Stone and terrazzo tiling* for compressed fibre cement underlays.
- 0654 *Engineered panel flooring* for floating or adhesive fixed manufactured panel floors and associated underlays.
- 0655 *Timber flooring* for fitted timber strip flooring intermittently supported and continuously supported, block and mosaic parquet flooring and associated underlays.

### Material not provided by TLB Timber

This branded worksection *Template* includes generic material which may not be provided by the Product Partner including:

- Recycled timber decking.
- Composite decking.
- Particleboard sheet flooring.
- CFC decking and sheet flooring.

### Documenting this and related work

You may document this and related work as follows:

- The set out of floor patterns and location of control joints to your office documentation policy.

The *Normal* style text of this worksection may refer to items as being documented elsewhere in the contract documentation. Make sure they are documented.

### Specifying ESD

The following may be specified by retaining default text:

- Recycled timber decking.
- Composite decking.
- Formaldehyde emission limit for particleboard and plywood.

The following may be specified using included options:

- LOSP preservative treatment.

The following may be specified by including additional text:

- Timber from a sustainable source.
- Adhesives with low VOC emission, e.g. for particleboard and plywood.
- Water-based, solvent free finish.

Refer to the NATSPEC TECHreport TR 01 on specifying ESD.

## 1 GENERAL

TLB Timber specialises in supplying the Australian Timber Industry with high strength, low shrinkage, durable, fire and insect resistant hardwood timbers and plywood which can be used in both internal and external applications. TLB Timber's extensive product range of tropical hardwoods includes Merbau, Kwila, Hopea, Rosewood and Plantation Mahogany, plus hardwood plywoods (CD Structural F14+ and appearance grade) and plantation sourced hoop pine plywoods (CD Structural F14+ and appearance grade).

### 1.1 RESPONSIBILITIES

#### General

Requirement: Provide TLB Timber sheet flooring and decking, as documented.

*Documented* is defined in 0171 General requirements as meaning contained in the contract documents.

### 1.2 COMPANY CONTACTS

#### TLB TIMBER technical contacts

Website: [www.tlbtimber.com.au/ContactUs](http://www.tlbtimber.com.au/ContactUs)

### 1.3 CROSS REFERENCES

#### General

Requirement: Conform to the following:

- 0171 General requirements.

*0171 General requirements* contains umbrella requirements for all building and services worksections.

List the worksections cross referenced by this worksection. *0171 General requirements* references the *018 Common requirements* subgroup of worksections. It is not necessary to repeat them here. However, you may also wish to direct the contractor to other worksections where there may be work that is closely associated with this work.

NATSPEC uses generic worksection titles, whether or not there are branded equivalents. If you use a branded worksection, change the cross reference here.

### 1.4 STANDARD

#### General

Flooring and decking: To AS 1684.2, AS 1684.3 or AS 1684.4, as appropriate.

The AS 1684 series, in each part, covers the subject at Section 5. On building in bushfire-prone areas, see AS 3959 Appendix F, WoodSolutions 04 and NATSPEC TECHnote DES 018.

For further information on general fire behaviour of materials refer to NATSPEC TECHnote DES 020.

### 1.5 MANUFACTURER'S DOCUMENTS

#### Technical manuals

Website: [www.tlbtimber.com.au](http://www.tlbtimber.com.au)

### 1.6 INTERPRETATION

#### Definitions

General: For the purposes of this worksection the following definitions apply:

- Butt joints (flooring): Floor units cross cut square with plain ends for joining over supports.
- Decking: Intermittently-supported external flooring with drainage gaps between boards.
- Flooring - fitted: Flooring fitted between the walls of each room i.e. not platform floors.
- Flooring - intermittently-supported: Flooring which is supported by, and spans across joists or battens.

With intermittently supported floors, nailing to supports and the floor acts as part of the structure.

- Platform flooring: Flooring laid over the whole of the joisted floor structure prior to the erection of external and internal wall frames.

- Subfloor: The structure that supports the flooring (e.g. concrete slabs or sheet flooring).

Edit the **Definitions** subclause to suit the project or delete, if not required. List alphabetically.

## 1.7 TOLERANCES

### Sheet flooring

Maximum deviation from a 3 m straightedge laid in any direction on the floor surface: 3 mm.

## 1.8 SUBMISSIONS

### Certification

Certificate: Submit a supplier's certificate (which may be included on an invoice or delivery docket) verifying conformance to grading, species and board size and noting the moisture content.

- **Timbers for which certification is required:** [complete/delete]

As branding will show through on clear finished decorative exposed timber, certification of grade may be preferred. List here the timber products for which certification is required e.g. timber decking.

Inspection: If neither branding nor certification is adopted, submit a report by an independent inspecting authority verifying conformance.

- **Inspecting authority:** [complete/delete]

If a particular authority is to be used, name it here. Forestry departments in each state usually offer timber inspection services. Advice can also be sought from timber advisory services.

### Samples

General: Submit samples of each timber or synthetic decking type illustrating the range of variation in colour and figure.

### Samples schedule

| Item | Sample size (mm) | Number |
|------|------------------|--------|
|      |                  |        |
|      |                  |        |
|      |                  |        |

For natural materials call for a number of samples to illustrate the expected range in surface appearance.

### Subcontractors

General: Submit names and contact details of proposed suppliers and installers.

**Evidence of experience:** [complete/delete]

Delete if supplier/installer details are not required.

## 1.9 INSPECTION

### Notice

Inspection: Give notice so that inspection may be made of the following:

- Subfloor before laying sheet flooring, fibre cement flooring or decking.

Amend to suit the project adding critical stage inspections required.

**Hold points**, if required, should be inserted here.

## 2 PRODUCTS

### 2.1 PREPARATION

#### Product substitution

Other products: Conform to **PRODUCTS, GENERAL, Substitutions** in 0171 *General requirements*.

The 0171 *General requirements* clause sets out the submissions required if the contractor proposes alternative products. Refer also to NATSPEC TECHnote GEN 006 for more information on proprietary specification.

#### Storage

Timber decking: Deliver to site and store on dry ground on level bearers 150 mm high, block stacked, banded and protected against the weather.

Plywood and particleboard sheet flooring: Deliver to site and store on dry ground on level bearers 150 mm high, stacked on flat and protected against the weather.

### Marking

Identification: Marked to show the following:

- Manufacturer's identification.
- Product brand name.
- Product type.
- Quantity.
- Product reference code and batch number.
- Date of manufacture.

Edit the list to suit the project or delete if not required.

## 2.2 DECKING

### TLB Timber merbau timber decking

Standard:

- Hardwood to AS 2796.1 Section 4.
- . Grade to AS 2796.2: Select.

Durability:

- Natural durability classification to AS 5604: Class 2 minimum.
- Preservative treatment to AS 1604.1 Table D1: H3 minimum.
- Identification: Brand preservative treated decking timber to AS 1604.1.

Branding preservative treated decking timber to AS 1604.1 is compulsory in some states, and is required by all the plywood standards, most of the structural timber standards and many of the standards for milled timbers. Refer to NATSPEC TECHnote PRO 001 regarding the ban on the use of copper chrome arsenic treated decking.

Arrises: Pencil round.

### Recycled timber decking

Standard: To FWPA FWPA PN06.1039.

- Grading: To Section 5.
- . Grade: [complete/delete]

Select from the following, if available, one of the following three grades where grade 3 is more highly featured.

- Recycled feature Grade 1.
- Recycled feature Grade 2.
- Recycled feature Grade 3.

Type or species: [complete/delete]

Type: Hardwood if species is unknown.

Both hardwood and softwood flooring may be available. For hardwoods, if the species is of less importance, consider specifying either medium density or high density mixed hardwoods.

Source: [complete/delete]

Research the source to assure supply and quality.

Appearance: [complete/delete]

If weather staining or stained nail holes are unacceptable, specify remedial work such as re-sawing to expose fresh timber or coring and plugging with matching timber.

### Composite decking

Grading: [complete/delete]

Composite decking, an alternative to timber decking is made from recycled plastic and wood fibres.

### Compressed fibre cement decking

Standard: To AS/NZS 2908.2.

Category: Minimum 4.

Refer to AS/NZS 2908.2 Table 1 for category of modules of rupture.

Classification: Type: A.

Or select Type B sheets for internal application.

## 2.3 SHEET FLOORING

### TLB Timber Structural Plywood - Hardwood

TLB Timber hardwood plywood is manufactured to AS/NZS 2269 from tropical hardwood veneers, using an A bond, WBP glue with veneer quality selections from B to D and a minimum F14 stress grade.

Standard: To AS/NZS 2269.0.

Plywood formaldehyde emission class to AS/NZS 2269.0: Class E<sub>0</sub>.

A formaldehyde emission level of E<sub>0</sub> can improve indoor air quality.

Grading:

- Stress grade: [complete/delete]

Select:

- F14 for residential applications.
- F17 or F22 for commercial and industrial applications.

- Surface grade: CD.
- Bond: Type A to AS/NZS 2754.1.

Durability:

- Preservative treatment to AS/NZS 1604.3 Table 1.1: Hazard Class H2 (Bifenthrin glue line treatment).
- Identification: Brand preservative treated plywood to AS/NZS 1604.3.

Timber treated for Hazard Class H2 is protected against borers and termites, and is suitable for above ground, interior applications which are protected against wetting and leaching.

### TLB Timber Structural Plywood - Softwood

TLB Timber pine plywood is manufactured to AS/NZS 2269 from plantation grown hoop pine and klinki pine veneers, using an A bond, WBP glue.

Standard: To AS/NZS 2269.0.

Plywood formaldehyde emission class to AS/NZS 2269.0: Class E<sub>0</sub>.

A formaldehyde emission level of E<sub>1</sub> or less can improve indoor air quality.

Grading:

- Stress grade: F14

F14 is suitable for residential applications.

- Surface grade: CD.
- Bond: Type A to AS/NZS 2754.1.

Durability:

- Preservative treatment to AS/NZS 1604.3 Table 1.1: Hazard Class H3 (ACQ full core treatment).

Timber treated for Hazard Class H3 is protected against moderate decay, borers and termites, and is suitable for outside, above ground applications which are subject to periodic moderate wetting and leaching.

Alkaline Copper Quat (ACQ) is a waterborne, arsenic and chromium free preservative that is a suitable alternative to Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA).

- Identification: Brand preservative treated plywood to AS/NZS 1604.3.

Sheet size: 2400 mm x 1200 mm.

### Particleboard

Particleboard flooring: To AS/NZS 1860.1, Class 1.

Quote the manufacturer's designations when specifying particleboard if you do not feel comfortable with the generic provisions. Class 1 flooring is a moisture resistant board. Class 2 is not suitable for use in Australia.

Particleboard formaldehyde emission Class to AS/NZS 1860.1: Class E1.

E0 class may be available at additional cost and lead time. A formaldehyde emission class E1 or less can improve indoor air quality.

**Identification**

General: Identify timber using branding or certification.

- Branding: Brand plywood and particleboard under the authority of a recognised product certification scheme applicable to the product. Locate the brand mark on faces or edges which will be concealed.
- Certification: Provide certification from the recognised product certification scheme, as appropriate:
  - Plywood and particleboard: Engineered Wood Products Association of Australasia Quality Control and Product Certification Scheme.

**Compressed fibre cement sheeting**

Standard: To AS/NZS 2908.2.

Category: Minimum 4.

Refer to AS/NZS 2908.2 Table 1 for category of modules of rupture.

Classification: Type: A.

Or select Type B sheets for internal application.

**3 EXECUTION****3.1 GENERAL****Subfloors**

General: Make sure support members are in full lengths without splicing.

Flatness: Less than 3 mm deviation of the substrate under a 3 m straight edge laid in any direction with no abrupt variations greater than 1 mm over 250 mm.

The ventilation requirements are set out in BCA clauses BCA F1.12, BCA 3.1.2.3 and BCA 3.4.1. Note the requirements vary for climate zones.

**Timber decking on steel joists**

General: Screw fix seasoned battens to the steel joists so that their top surfaces are aligned.

- Batten size: Minimum 35 mm thick.
- Spacing of fasteners: Less than 600 mm.

**3.2 FIXING SHEET FLOORING****Particleboard flooring**

Installation: To AS 1860.2.

**Plywood flooring**

Installation: To AS 1684.2, AS 1684.3 or AS 1684.4, as appropriate.

**Compressed fibre cement flooring**

Installation: Lay the length of the sheets at right angles to the joists. Stagger the end joints and locate centrally over joists. Apply adhesive to edges of sheets and firmly butt join together.

Minimum number of spans across support: 2.

Fixing: Pre-drill screw holes with 1 mm clearance over screw diameter and countersink. Fix with corrosion resistant countersunk screws.

Spacing of fasteners:

- Sheet edge and intermediate: Less than 450 mm.
- Corners and sheet edges: At least 12 mm from sheet edges and 50 mm from corners.

Wet area flooring: Stop screw heads with sealant.

**3.3 FIXING DECKING****Timber decking**

Standard: To AS 1684.2, AS 1684.3 or AS 1684.4 as appropriate.

Installation: Lay in long lengths with the ends of each board firmly butted to the next and firmly in contact with the joists. Stagger the end joints and locate them centrally over joists.

Gap between edges of seasoned boards: Minimum 4 mm.

Minimum number of spans across support: 3.

## Nailing:

- General: Make sure the boards are in contact with the joists at the time of nailing, particularly where boards are machine nailed. If nails are to be less than 10 mm from ends of boards, pre-drill nail holes 0 to 1 mm undersize.
- Top nailing: Double nail at each bearing with hot dip galvanized or stainless steel nails driven flush. Offset nails at intermediate fixings or skew nail 10° in opposite directions.

Select stainless steel or silicon bronze fixings for decking within 1 m of a swimming pool.

Concealed fixing system: [complete/delete]

Nominate proprietary system.

Sealing: Apply 1 coat of water repellent preservative and 1 coat of finish coat to top surface of joists and all surfaces of boards before fixing.

**Compressed fibre cement decking**

Installation: Lay the length of the sheets parallel or at right angles to the joists. Locate end joints centrally over joists. Provide noggings or trimmers joists, cut between and fixed to joists to support the edges of sheets.

Minimum number of spans across support: 2.

Fixing: Pre-drill screw holes with 1 mm clearance over screw diameter and countersink. Fix with corrosion resistant countersunk screws. Apply sealant to screw hole and screw before fixing and stop screw head with sealant, finished slightly below the surface after fixing.

Spacing of fasteners:

- Sheet edge and intermediate: less than 450 mm.
- Corners and sheet edges: At least 12 mm from sheet edges and 50 mm from corners.

Joints: Provide butt joints 5 mm wide. Insert compressible closed cell polyethylene foam backing rod and fill the joint with a flexible sealant.

**Composite decking**

Installation: In conformance with manufacturer's recommendations.

**4 SELECTIONS**

**Schedules** are a way of documenting a selection of proprietary or generic products or systems by their properties. Indicate their locations here and/or on the drawings. Refer to NATSPEC TECHnote GEN 024 for guidance on using and editing schedules.

**4.1 SCHEDULES****TLB Timber decking schedule**

| Property                     | A                 | B                 | C                 | D                 |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Size (width x thickness, mm) | 90 x 19           | 140 x 19          | 140 x 25          | 140 x 32          |
| Species                      | Merbau            | Merbau            | Merbau            | Merbau            |
| Surface finish and profile   | DAR, Pencil Round | DAR, Pencil Round | DAR, Pencil Round | DAR, Pencil Round |
| End joints                   | Butt              | Butt              | Butt              | Butt              |
| Spacing (mm)                 | 4                 | 7                 | 7                 | 7                 |
| Coating system               |                   |                   |                   |                   |

A, B, C: These designate each instance or type or location of the item scheduled. Edit to align with the project's codes or tags.

Edit codes in the **Schedule** to match those on drawings.

Size: 90 x 19 mm, 140 x 19 mm, 140 x 25 mm, 140 x 32 mm.

Surface finish and profile: Dressed all round – Pencil round edges or Dressed all round – Pencil round edges and reeded top surface. Note: Reeded top surface is only available for 90 x 19 mm, 140 x 19 mm, 140 x 25 mm size boards.

Fixings: e.g. Hot dip galvanized nails, proprietary concealed fixing system.

Spacing: Minimum 4 mm for boards less than 100 mm wide. 7 to 9 mm for boards more than 130 mm wide.

Coating system: Conform to 0671 *Painting*. Refer to NATSPEC TECHnote DES 001 on slip resistance.

**Compressed fibre cement sheet decking schedule**

| Property       | A | B | C |
|----------------|---|---|---|
| Type           |   |   |   |
| Product        |   |   |   |
| Thickness (mm) |   |   |   |

A, B, C: These designate each instance or type or location of the item scheduled. Edit to align with the project's codes or tags.  
 Edit codes in the **Schedule** to match those on drawings.  
 Type: Select Type A external.

**Composite decking schedule**

| Property       | A | B | C |
|----------------|---|---|---|
| Product        |   |   |   |
| Material       |   |   |   |
| Profile        |   |   |   |
| Width (mm)     |   |   |   |
| Thickness (mm) |   |   |   |
| Spacing (mm)   |   |   |   |

A, B, C: These designate each instance or type or location of the item scheduled. Edit to align with the project's codes or tags.  
 Edit codes in the **Schedule** to match those on drawings.

**Particleboard sheet flooring schedule**

| Property                                  | A | B | C |
|---|---|---|---|
| Type                                      |   |   |   |
| Thickness (mm)                            |   |   |   |
| Glue and nail fixing:<br>Adhesive product |   |   |   |

A, B, C: These designate each instance or type or location of the item scheduled. Edit to align with the project's codes or tags.  
 Edit codes in the **Schedule** to match those on drawings.  
 Type: Platform floor or fitted floor.  
 Thickness: 19 mm or 22 mm for joist spacing 450 mm or 600 mm respectively, but sheets have maximum permissible spacing marked on them. See AS 1860.2. Select sheet sizes to suit joist spacing.  
 Glue and nail fixing: Adhesive product: As nominated by the sheet flooring supplier.

**TLB Timber plywood sheet flooring schedule**

| Property                                  | A | B | C |
|---|---|---|---|
| Product                                   |   |   |   |
| Type                                      |   |   |   |
| Thickness (mm)                            |   |   |   |
| Edges                                     |   |   |   |
| Glue and nail fixing:<br>Adhesive product |   |   |   |

A, B, C: These designate each instance or type or location of the item scheduled. Edit to align with the project's codes or tags.  
 Edit codes in the **Schedule** to match those on drawings.  
 Product: TLB Timber Structural Plywood – Hardwood or TLB Timber Structural Plywood – Softwood.



Type: Platform floor or fitted floor.

Thickness: Select from 12 mm, 15 mm, 17 mm, 19 mm, 21 mm, 25 mm. For plywood see Sections 5 of AS 1684.2, AS 1684.3 and AS 1684.4 for thickness related to joist/batten spacing and stress grade.

Edges: T&G or square. T&G edge profile available in 15 mm, 17 mm, 19 mm, 21 mm, 25 mm thicknesses.

### Compressed fibre cement sheet flooring schedule

| Property       | A | B | C |
|----------------|---|---|---|
| Type           |   |   |   |
| Product        |   |   |   |
| Thickness (mm) |   |   |   |

A, B, C: These designate each instance or type or location of the item scheduled. Edit to align with the project's codes or tags.

Edit codes in the **Schedule** to match those on drawings.

Type: Select Type B internal.

### REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are incorporated into this worksection by reference:

|                |      |   |
|----------------|------|---|
| AS 1604        |      | Specification for preservative treatment  |
| AS 1604.1      | 2012 | Sawn and round timber   |
| AS/NZS 1604.3  | 2012 | Plywood   |
| AS 1684        |      | Residential timber-framed construction  |
| AS 1684.2      | 2010 | Non-cyclonic areas  |
| AS 1684.3      | 2010 | Cyclonic areas  |
| AS 1684.4      | 2010 | Simplified non-cyclonic areas   |
| AS 1860        |      | Particleboard flooring  |
| AS/NZS 1860.1  | 2002 | Specifications  |
| AS 1860.2      | 2006 | Installation  |
| AS/NZS 2269    |      | Plywood - Structural  |
| AS/NZS 2269.0  | 2012 | Specifications  |
| AS 2754        |      | Adhesives for timber and timber products  |
| AS/NZS 2754.1  | 2016 | Adhesives for manufacture of plywood and laminated veneer lumber (LVL)            |
| AS 2796        |      | Timber - Hardwood - Sawn and milled products                                      |
| AS 2796.1      | 1999 | Product specification   |
| AS 2796.2      | 2006 | Grade description   |
| AS/NZS 2908    |      | Cellulose-cement products   |
| AS/NZS 2908.2  | 2000 | Flat sheets   |
| AS 5604        | 2005 | Timber - Natural durability ratings   |
| FWPA PN06.1039 | 2008 | Interim industry standard – Recycled timber – Visually graded recycled decorative |

The following documents are mentioned only in the **Guidance text**:

|                  |      |  |
|------------------|------|--|
| AS 1684          |      | Residential timber-framed construction   |
| AS/NZS 2269      |      | Plywood - Structural   |
| AS 3959          | 2009 | Construction of buildings in bushfire prone areas  |
| BCA 3.1.2.3      | 2016 | Acceptable construction - Site preparation - Drainage - Surface water drainage             |
| BCA 3.4.1        | 2016 | Acceptable construction - Framing - Subfloor ventilation                                   |
| BCA F1.12        | 2016 | Health and amenity - Damp and weatherproofing - Subfloor ventilation                       |
| NATSPEC DES 001  | 2016 | Slip resistance performance  |
| NATSPEC DES 018  | 2008 | Bushfire protection  |
| NATSPEC DES 020  | 2011 | Fire behaviour of building materials and assemblies  |
| NATSPEC GEN 006  | 2007 | Product specifying and substitution  |
| NATSPEC GEN 024  | 2015 | Using NATSPEC selections schedules   |
| NATSPEC PRO 001  | 2005 | CCA (Copper chrome arsenate) treated timber  |
| NATSPEC TR 01    | 2016 | Specifying ESD   |
| WoodSolutions 04 | 2012 | Building with timber in bushfire-prone areas - BCA Compliant design and construction guide |