

**0311P FIELDERS KINGFLOR® IN CONCRETE FORMWORK****Branded worksection**

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**Worksection abstract**

This branded worksection *Template* is applicable to Fielders KingFlor®, possibly in conjunction with other formwork types or systems, for the production of formwork for concrete work in buildings and associated structures. This worksection is generally used in conjunction with other concrete worksections.

**Background**

Fielders KingFlor® comes in four profile types manufactured from BlueScope in accordance with AS 1397. The RF55, KF57, KF40, KF70 profiles are manufactured from G550 steel with a Z350 galvanized coating protection. A heavier Z450 coating is available on request on extended lead times. A fifth profile, CF210, is a specialised deep deck profile, manufactured from G500/Z275 steel. There is a range of system compatible accessories including edge forms, end caps or infills, and service hangers. Adoption of Fielders KingFlor® will achieve a cost effective, safe and efficient flooring design and construction. The trapezoidal profiles, KF70 and KF40, are now rolled with SquashCut™ ends which eliminates the need for placing end caps at the ends of the decking.

Refer to [www.fielders.com.au](http://www.fielders.com.au) for product information and links to detailed technical information including design manuals and Fielders KingFlor® Designer Suite Software.

**How to use this worksection**

This worksection *Template* must be customised for each project. See [A guide to NATSPEC worksections](#) ([www.natspec.com.au](http://www.natspec.com.au)) for information on *Template* structure, word styles, and completing a worksection.

**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:

- *0312 Concrete reinforcement.*
- *0313 Concrete post-tensioned.*
- *0315 Concrete finishes.*

**Material not included in NATSPEC**

Some projects may include items not covered by NATSPEC. For these you may need to create new text or modify this text or a suitable worksection.

**Documenting this and related work**

You may document this and related work as follows:

- Either fully detail the work in the structural drawings or define the performance criteria (load supporting capability factors, limits for settlement, deflection or distortion with progressive placement of concrete or differential movement of placements separated by construction joints) for any anticipated contractor design. For design by contractor, independent certification by a professional engineer of the design and documentation of the formwork system, including installation, performance and stripping is appropriate.
- Show on drawings any special requirements.

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

- Surface finish class.
- Formwork procedures and loadings.

**Specifying ESD**

The following may be specified by retaining default text:

- Profiled steel sheeting composite formwork.

The following may be specified by including additional text:

- Re-usable formwork.
- Engineered wood form panels.
- Timber forms from a sustainable source, e.g. plantation.

- Other permanent formwork, e.g. unfinished or prefinished fibre cement, polymer formwork, aluminium composite panels and insulating formwork.
- Fabric formwork to reduce formwork material weight.

Refer to the NATSPEC TECHreport TR 01 on specifying ESD.

## 1 GENERAL

Fielders have been synonymous with quality and strength for over 100 years in an industry where success is reliant on satisfaction. Initially providing roofing materials, the company has now extended its product range and reach across Australia to include purlins, door frames, carports, verandahs, fencing, sheds and composite steel formwork. This ensures comprehensive product offerings and support for all aspects of building construction. Utilising their progressive culture, specialised resources and market leadership position, Fielders has won a reputation for its innovative approach to manufacturing and installation.

Being at the forefront of international cold formed steel products Fielders have attracted the loyalty of many architects, engineers, roofers, formworkers and builders who have experienced the benefits of reduced logistical, labour and time expenditures. With these and many other new developments, Fielders will continuously strive for growth through superior products, convenience, quality and service. With Fielders, you will always 'Finish On Top'.

### 1.1 RESPONSIBILITIES

#### General

Requirement: Provide formwork, as documented.

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

### 1.2 DESIGN

This worksection can be used to document the contractor's design and documentation responsibilities. If the design, or completion of the design, is not the responsibility of the contractor, delete this clause and associated requirements.

Refer to NATSPEC TECHreport TR 03 on specifying design and construct for mechanical services. It discusses some of the issues and presents a range of approaches for preparing design and construct specifications that can be applied more generally.

#### General

Formwork: The design of formwork, other than Fielders KingFlor® profiled steel sheeting composite formwork, is the contractor's responsibility. Allow for dimensional changes, deflections and cambers resulting from the following:

- Imposed actions.
- Concrete shrinkage and creep.
- Temperature changes.
- The application of prestressing forces (if any).

This applies to all formwork types, including conventional, proprietary (non-composite formwork) or purpose-made formwork.

#### Requirements

Authority requirements: [complete/delete]

In particular, draw attention to any specific requirements of the DA and other regulatory bodies. Consider attaching DA conditions, if appropriate. Nominate if any part of the design is a NCC Performance Solution.

### 1.3 COMPANY CONTACTS

#### Fielders technical contacts

Website: [www.fielders.com.au/asp/contact.aspx](http://www.fielders.com.au/asp/contact.aspx)

### 1.4 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.

- 0315 Concrete finishes.

## 1.5 STANDARDS

### General

Formwork design and construction formed surfaces: To AS 3610.1.

CIA Z36 provides guidance on the safe design and construction of formwork.

Plywood formwork: To AS 6669.

Steel sheet: To AS 1397.

Composite steel-concrete construction, including profiled steel sheeting and shear connectors: To AS/NZS 2327.

Reinforced concrete construction: To AS 3600.

## 1.6 MANUFACTURER'S DOCUMENTS

### Technical manuals

Website: Visit [www.fielders.com.au/resources/manuals-software/](http://www.fielders.com.au/resources/manuals-software/) to order or download free technical manuals.

## 1.7 INTERPRETATION

### Definitions

General: For the purposes of this worksection the definitions and terms given in AS 3610.1 apply.

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

AS 3610.1 clause 1.5 includes definitions and Appendix E includes a glossary of terms.

## 1.8 TOLERANCES

### Formwork

Plumb of elements > 8 m high: 1:1000.

Plumb of elements ≤ 8 m high: To AS 3610.1.

Position: Construct formwork so that finished concrete conforms to AS 3600 clauses 3.3 and 17.5 and as documented in the **Formwork dimensional deviation schedule**.

AS 3600 clause 17.5.2 states the limits beyond which the design rules of the standard no longer apply. They are not intended as building tolerances. More stringent tolerances may be suitable.

0310 Concrete – combined and 0315 Concrete finishes document tolerance requirements for the finished concrete surface.

## 1.9 SUBMISSIONS

### Certification

Formwork design certification: For other than permanent composite form systems, submit certification by a professional engineer experienced in formwork design verifying conformance of the design.

Formwork execution certification: Submit certification by a professional engineer experienced in formwork design and construction, verifying conformance of the completed formwork, including the suitability of the formwork for the documented surface finish class.

### Design documentation

Formwork calculations: Submit calculations by a professional engineer experienced in formwork design to show that allowable concrete stresses will not be exceeded and formwork capability will be maintained if the following is proposed:

- Formwork procedures or loadings that differ from those documented.
- Props above a floor that do not coincide with the props below.
- Undocumented formwork shoring or stripping procedures.
- Loadings from stacked materials.

### Execution details

Moveable formwork: Provide the following details on the formwork drawings:

- Table form and climbing formwork: Proposed method and sequence of moving the formwork to provide concrete of the documented quality and surface finish.

- Continuously climbing formwork (Slipform): The average rate of movement.

Reshoring: Submit details of any proposed reshoring.

#### Products and materials

Void formers: Submit type-test results as evidence of conformity to requirements of PRODUCTS, FORMWORK, Void formers.

#### Shop drawings

Formwork: Submit shop drawings including details of proposed forms, falsework, form liners, bolt positions, release agents and, where applicable, re-use of formwork.

### 1.10 INSPECTION

#### Notice

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

- Completed formwork before placing concrete.
- Used forms, after cleaning and before re-use.

Amend to suit the project adding critical stage or mandatory inspections required by legislation or regulation.

Hold points, if required, should be inserted here.

## 2 PRODUCTS

### 2.1 GENERAL

#### 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.

### 2.2 FORMWORK

#### General

Form face, linings and release agents: Compatible with documented concrete surface finish and any proposed applied finishes to concrete.

Lost formwork: Free of timber or chlorides and not to impair the structural performance of the concrete members.

#### Void formers

Requirement: Material capable of maintaining rigidity and shape until the concrete has set, capable of withstanding construction loads and non-collapsible on absorption of moisture.

Laboratory testing: Use void formers tested under laboratory conditions for conformance with the following:

- Deflection during placing and compaction of the concrete does not exceed beam or slab span/1000.
- Additional deflection between initial set and 7 days does not exceed span/400.

Test method: Place formers on damp sand and load with a mass of wet concrete at least equal to the mass of the beams or slabs to be supported.

#### Fielders KingFlor® profiled steel sheeting composite formwork

Website: Visit [www.fielders.com.au](http://www.fielders.com.au) for more information.

Material: Hot dipped zinc-coated sheet steel to AS 1397.

Minimum steel grades:

- General: G550.
- SlimDek 210 deep deck: G500.

#### Zinc coating weight of [complete/delete]

Nominate one of the two levels of protection offered by Fielders KingFlor® :

- Z350: 350 g/m<sup>2</sup> zinc coating weight is recommended for use in non-aggressive areas.
- Z450: 450 g/m<sup>2</sup> zinc coating weight is recommended for severe and aggressive environment where a build-up of airborne corrosive contaminants can affect the coating.

Make sure that the product documented has the level of galvanizing selected. Refer to NATSPEC TECHnote DES 010 on atmospheric corrosivity categories for ferrous products.

Accessories: Adopt material and corrosion protection to match the profiled steel sheeting.

For Fielders KingFlor® there is a range of systems compatible accessories including edge forms, end caps or infills, and service hangers.

### **Plywood forms**

Material: To AS 6669.

AS 6669 does not cover off-form surface finish Class 1.

Grade: Use appropriate grade for the documented design dimensions, loading and surface quality.

Refer to AS 6669 for information on surface quality, veneer qualities, and stress grades.

Joints: Seal the joints consistent with the documented surface finish class.

Tolerances: To AS 3610.1 Section 3.

Document any special requirements.

## **3 EXECUTION**

### **3.1 CONSTRUCTION**

#### **General**

Requirement: Conform to *0315 Concrete finishes*.

#### **Bolt holes**

Formwork tie bolts left in the concrete: Position more than 50 mm from the finished surface.

#### **Corners**

Work above ground: Bevel with a chamfer at re-entrant angles, and a fillet at corners.

Face of bevel: 25 mm.

#### **Embedments**

Fixing: Fix embedments through formwork to prevent movement, or loss of slurry or concrete, during concrete placement.

#### **Openings**

Requirement: In vertical forms provide openings or removable panels for inspection and cleaning, at the base of columns, walls and deep beams.

Access: For thin walls and columns, provide access panels for placing concrete.

#### **Release agents**

Application: Before placing reinforcement, apply a release agent to form face and linings. Spread the coating uniformly in a thin film and remove any surplus before placing concrete.

Staining: If oil or grease is used, make sure that surfaces to be exposed will not be stained or discoloured.

Unlined timber forms: Thoroughly wet timber before oiling.

#### **Climbing formwork**

Provision for inspection: Provide access below the movable formwork, from which surface treatment and inspection may be carried out.

#### **KingFlor®**

Fixing: If KingFlor® sheeting cannot be fixed to structural steel supports with puddle welds, or with welded shear studs in composite construction, submit details of proposed fixings.

Aesthetic considerations: If the KingFlor® soffit has aesthetic significance in its final application, submit proposals to minimise deflection and local deformation of the decking during construction loading.

The use of 1 mm base metal thickness material will help minimise local deformation (creasing) of the steel pans where the header beams are located compared to thinner gauge profiles.

Wide ply strips may be positioned above the header bearers to assist in dispersing the load and minimise any local deformation of the decking due to the headers.

Specific care must be taken for slabs depths over 170 mm as these slabs tend to become more susceptible to deflection control and deformation issues in propped applications.

Support isolation: Isolate KingFlor® decking from direct contact with plywood forms or timber bearers, to prevent localised corrosion due to a direct moisture contact surface with the metal deck, using:

- Malthoid strip.
- Compressible foam.
- Plastic sheeting.
- Other suitable isolation method.

### Steel linings

Rust: Clean off any rust and apply rust inhibiting agent prior to re-use.

### Visually important surfaces

Surface finish classes 1, 2 or 3: Set out the formwork to give a regular arrangement of panels, joints, bolt holes, and similar visible elements in the formed surface.

### Void formers

Protection: Keep void formers dry until use, install on a firm level surface and place reinforcement and concrete with minimum delay.

## 3.2 COMPLETION

### Formwork removal

Extent: Remove formwork, other than permanent forms and trapped forms, including formwork in concealed locations.

Timing: Do not disturb formwork until concrete has reached sufficient hardness to withstand formwork movements and removal without damage.

Stripping:

- General: To AS 3600 where it is more stringent than AS 3610.1.
- Vertical formwork: To AS 3610.1 Appendix C Table C2.
- Multi-storey work: Remove formwork without disturbing props supporting succeeding floors.
- Post-tensioned concrete: Remove formwork supporting post-tensioned concrete members to AS 3600 clause 17.6.2.7.

Removable bolts: Remove tie bolts without damaging the concrete.

Bolt hole filling: Provide material with durability and colour matching the concrete.

Recessed filling: Fill or plug the hole to 6 mm below the finished surface.

Curing: If formwork is stripped before the minimum curing period for the concrete has elapsed, continue curing the exposed faces as soon as the stripping is completed.

## 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 FORMWORK SCHEDULE

#### Fielders KingFlor® profiled steel sheeting composite formwork schedule

Select Fielders KingFlor® profiles from [www.fielders.com.au/products/flooring-solutions/](http://www.fielders.com.au/products/flooring-solutions/)

Item	Location	Profile designation	Material
Fielders KingFlor® profiled steel sheeting composite decking			
Fielders KingFlor® accessories			

Profile designation: As appropriate, select from:

- KingFlor® KF70 with SquashCut™ ends.
- KingFlor® KF57.
- KingFlor® RF55 (3 pan).
- KingFlor® RF55 (2 pan).

- KingFlor® F40 (3 pan) with SquashCut™ ends.
- KingFlor® F40 (2 pan) SquashCut™ ends.
- SlimDek 210 deep profile deck.

Material:

- Grade: G550 or G500.
- Protection level: Z450, Z350 (standard) or Z275.

## 4.2 DIMENSIONAL DEVIATION SCHEDULE

### Formwork dimensional deviation schedule

Dimension or measurement	Location or element	Deviation (mm)

Dimension or measurement: e.g. Absolute position.

Location or element: e.g. Class 2 surface, Class 3 surface.

Deviation (mm): e.g. 15, 20, 25.

#### REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are incorporated into this worksection by reference:

AS 1397	2021	Continuous hot-dip metallic coated steel sheet and strip - Coatings of zinc and zinc alloyed with aluminium and magnesium
AS/NZS 2327	2017	Composite structures - Composite steel-concrete construction in buildings
AS 3600	2018	Concrete structures
AS 3610		Formwork for concrete
AS 3610.1	2018	Specifications
AS 6669	2016	Plywood - Formwork

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

CIA Z36	2016	Formwork handbook
NATSPEC DES 010	2020	Atmospheric corrosivity categories for ferrous products
NATSPEC GEN 006	2015	Product specifying and substitution
NATSPEC GEN 024	2019	Using NATSPEC selections schedules
NATSPEC TR 01	2019	Specifying ESD
NATSPEC TR 03	2018	Specifying design and construct for mechanical services