

Performance Requirements

Results of Testing of Performance of the Product Under Both Concentrated Static Loads and Impact Loads

Property		Re	quirement	Result ¹	
		Minimum Ultimate Load (kN)	Maximum Deflection Under 0.89-kN Load (mm)	Ultimate Load (kN)	Deflection Under 0.89-kN Load (mm)
Concentrated load	decking at 50°C	2.45	2.0	2.35	6.34 ²
	decking at 20°C			2.98	2.99
Impact load of 102 N·m (kN)	decking at 50°C	1.78	2.0	2.45	9.5 ²

1 Test results for planks with supports at 400 mm o.c.

2 Deemed acceptable. Although this result exceeds the 2.0 mm requirement, the additional deflection is not considered significant for material at 50°C.

Results of Testing of the Durability of the Product

Property	Requirement	Result	
		SPF Lumber	"Armadillo"
Bending stiffness	Mean percentage loss in bending modulus of elasticity (MOE) after ultraviolet (UV) exposure 1 and accelerated aging 2 must be less than or equal to spruce lumber	0.2%	18.5% ³
Bending strength	Mean percentage loss in bending stress (MOR) after (UV) exposure ¹ and accelerated aging ² must be less than or equal to spruce lumber	9.2%	7.4%

1 4 500 hours of Xenon-Arc exposure following Cycle 1 of ASTM D 2565-99, "Standard Practice for Xenon-Arc Exposure of Plastics

Intended for Outdoor Applications." 2 Five cycles of accelerated aging (wetting, freezing, thawing and drying). 3 Deemed to be acceptable in comparison to percentage loss of stiffness in lumber after aging.

Results of Testing of the Product Performance

Property		Requ	lirement	Result ¹		
		Minimum Ultimate Load (kN)	Maximum Deflection Under 1 kN (mm)	Applied Ultimate Load (kN)	Deflection Under 1 kN (mm)	
Concentrated load	stair tread	5 ²	13.5	6.3	0.67	
	stair tread nosing	5 ³		8.3	-	

1 Test results are for stair stringers spaced at 230 mm o.c. at a test condition of 50°C and 80% RH. Three specimens were tested for each test.

2 Applied through a 75-mm-diameter disk positioned at the centreline of the plank and midway between stringers.

3 Applied through a 38-mm-diameter disk positioned along the outside edge of the nosing at the stringer location.

Additional Performance Data

Results of Testing of Additional Performance Properties of the Product

Property		Unit Reference value		Result	
Coefficient of linear expansion (thermal) longitudinal		cm/cm/°C	≤ 2 × 10 ⁻⁵	3 × 10 ^{-5 1}	

Impact resistance (Izod impact, notched)		J/m	≥ 53.4	37.0 ²
Hardness (11.28-mm-diameter ball)		kN	≥ 1.8	8.1
Slip resistance	dry condition	≥ 0.5 ASTM D2394 -05(2011), Standard Test Methods for Simulated Service Testing of wood and Wood Resp Einish		0.22 (with grain) 0.26 (against grain)
	wet condition		Flooring	0.43 (with grain) 0.54 (against grain) ³

1. The manufacturer's gapping installation instructions must address the linear expansion values. 2. The Izod impact is a small-scale test used to characterize the material. Very low performance values show a sensitivity to a loss of impact strength when the product is significantly damaged by a notch, cut or split. The results of the large-scale impact floor tests are the primary performance indicator with respect to floor impact loads. 3. Having fallen to 0.22 under the dry condition and 0.43 under the wet condition with grain, only the wet condition against grain met the 0.5 criterion. This criterion may not meet all occupant expectations. The manufacturer may be contacted for further information.

Mechanical Properties

Results of Testing of Basic Physical and Mechanical Properties for the Product

Property				Unit	Requirement	Result ¹²
Dimensional change	Coefficient of linear expansion (thermal)			Cm/cm/°C	≤ 2 X 10 ⁻⁵	3 X 10 ^{-5 3}
	Coefficient of linear expansion (swelling)		oven-dry to vacuum pressure soak	%	≥ 0.5, by 80% of specimens	0.00
Strength and stiffness	Modulus of elasticity (MOE) Modulus of rupture (MOR)		span-depth ratio within 18 to 21	MPa	≥ 750	1 868
			span-depth ratio within 18 to 21	MPa	≥ 9	26.7
Creep, recovery and load duration			%	≤ 25 for creep	39	
Strength and stiffness after aging Accelerated aging		impact resistance	%	≥ 75 of non- weathered value	103	
		MOE and MOR	%	≥ 50 of non-aged value	140	
Fastener holding capacity	Fastener holding capacity	grooved	nail withdrawal strength	N	≥ 600	1 218
			lateral nail strength	N	≥ 720	1 870
		solid	nail withdrawal strength	N	≥ 600	3 646
	Solid	lateral nail strength	N	≥ 720	2 039	

1 Average test results of six specimens, except for the "Creep, recovery and load duration" results that are from three specimens.

2 Test results were obtained to classify the product and are not intended to be used as engineering design properties. 3 Deemed as an acceptable performance based on manufacturer's gapping installation instructions.