

CLIENT:  
Belgotex  
25 Leslie Hills Drive  
Riccarton, Christchurch

Attn.: Geri Hansen

SAMPLE RECEIVED FROM:  
Belgotex

Date Received: 23.7.24

SAMPLE DESCRIPTION:  
Kahrs hardened timber planks assembly adhered to a clear Perspex using Mapei Ultrabond-eco-s995-1k.  
Dimension – 1225x118x7mm  
Range – Life  
Model – Narrow  
Join System – Valinge 5G

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## RESILIENT FLOOR COVERINGS (BASED ON ISO 4760:2022(E) - LAMINATE FLOORING – TOPICAL MOISTURE RESISTANCE – ASSEMBLED JOINT (MODIFIED))

### Method

The sample was cut into pieces then connected using the profiled locking edges and fastened into an assembled “T joint” configuration as per the test method. The assembled planks were adhered to a clear Perspex. The testing was performed in triplicate. Weights were not used on these samples.

100 mls of dye solution was applied onto the sample surface. It was poured into a cylinder 100mm diameter placed in the centre of the sample at the “T joint.” Sealant was used at the plank/cylinder interface to avoid leakage.

The sample was placed on white paper towels prior to testing to enable detection of any dye penetration through the joints. The sample was left at 20°C, 65% Relative Humidity room conditions for 24 hours after the dye was added and then examined for dye penetration through the backing (not 23°C, 50% RH as stated in the method).

If swelling measurements are requested, thickness measurements are taken at specified test positions - before water, within 15 minutes after water removal (qualitative and quantitative) and 24 hours after removal of water (qualitative and quantitative).

Quantitative measurements are used to calculate surface swell in mm (within 15 minutes after water removal) and recovery swell (24 hours after removal of water).

Date Tested: 29/7/2024

Note: Samples were assembled by the client.

### Results:

Quantitative Results:	Wet Swell (mm)			Recovered Swell (mm)		
	Specimen 1	Specimen 2	Specimen 3	Specimen 1	Specimen 2	Specimen 3
Final Average Results (Positions 2 to 4)	0.08	0.00	0.03	0.07	0.09	0.04
Final Results (Position 1)	0.18	0.29	0.06	0.08	0.22	0.60

	Wet Swell			Recovered Swell		
	Specimen 1	Specimen 2	Specimen 3	Specimen 1	Specimen 2	Specimen 3
Qualitative Ratings (individual results):	2	1	3	1	1	3

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**Qualitative Grade:**

- 1 = No change - Little to no noticeable change in edge swell or panel surface lift
- 2 = Slight swelling - Slight swelling, small ridge along one or more joints, very little if any panel surface lift
- 3 = Moderate - Noticeable edge swelling and some panel surface lift extending away from joint
- 4 = Objectional - Severely raise edge and swelling extending noticeably under the panel surface
- 5 = Failed test - Water leaked out of the ring, leaving no continuous film of water inside the ring  
(this grade is given even if there is no swell of the edge joint)

Observations:	Specimen 1	Specimen 2	Specimen 3
Migration of water along the upper surface:	No	No	No
Migration of water to the underside:	No	No	No

Disassembly Observations:	Specimen 1	Specimen 2	Specimen 3
Migration of water along the upper surface:	No	No	No
Migration of water to the underside:	No	No	No

Note: The Acceptable Solutions and verification methods, New Zealand Building Code E3 Internal Moisture defines on page 9 definitions - "**Impervious**" - that which does not allow the passage of moisture. While E3.3.3 and E3.3.6 require impervious surfaces about sanitary appliances/fixtures, the impervious performance criteria compliance covered in Page 11 mentions "No specific methods have been adopted for verifying compliance with the performance of NZBC E3." In summary, the Objective (3.1) and Functional requirement (3.2) of E3 is to prevent illness/injury or damage through accumulation of moisture, or damage caused by free water penetration.

This ISO test method is used internationally and has been independently performed in New Zealand. The result of this test verified that this product's assembled joint over a 24 hour period did not allow water penetration through to the substrate, or if tested at the edges where edge sealant has been applied.

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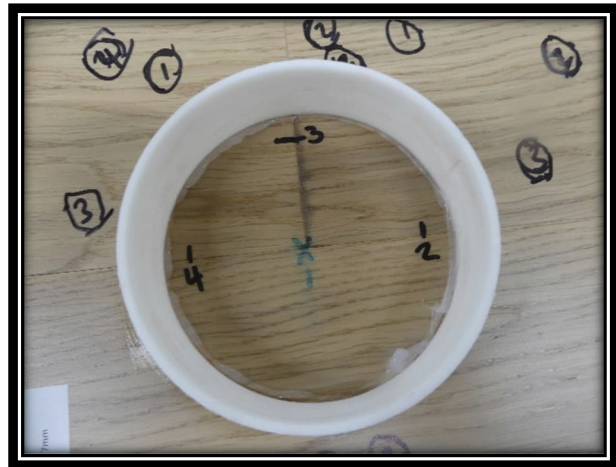
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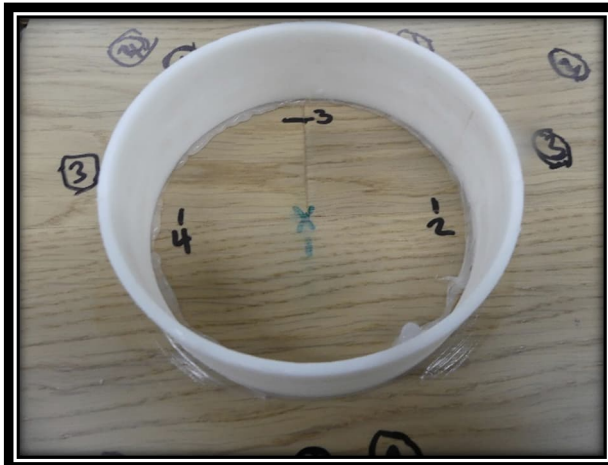
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After 24 hrs With Water



Wet Swell



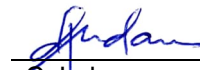
Recovered Swell



Recovered Swell (Disassembled)

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