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## Strandfloor® Flooring

### 3. Description of Building Method or Product

Strandfloor® is an engineered wood-based panel flooring material available as Strandfloor® Square-Edge and Strandfloor® Tongue & Groove, which has white polypropylene tongues.

All panels are ink marked on the underside with the product code, Strandfloor® and a five-digit traceability code.

### 4. Intended use of Building Method or Product

Strandfloor® is for use as panel flooring material on suspended timber-framed floors.

Strandfloor® is also for use as a non-structural overlay on concrete slab-on-ground floors, suspended concrete floors and suspended timber floors.

### 5. New Zealand Building Code Provisions

**Clause B1 STRUCTURE:** Performance B1.3.1, B1.3.2 and B1.3.4 for the relevant physical conditions of B1.3.3 (a), (b), (f), (h), and (j) [i.e. loads arising from self-weight, imposed gravity loads, earthquake, wind and impact].

**Clause B2 DURABILITY:** Performance B2.3.1 (a) not less than 50 years (when used as a diaphragm floor or installed under bottom plates), B2.3.1 (b) 15 years (when installed as flooring between bottom plates) and B2.3.1 (c) 5 years (when used as a non-structural overlay).

**Clause F2 HAZARDOUS BUILDING MATERIALS:** Performance F2.3.1.

### 6. Conditions and Limitations of Use

Strandfloor® is for use as panel flooring material on suspended timber-framed floors that have been designed and constructed in accordance with NZS 3604, Section 7.

Strandfloor® is also for use as a non-structural overlay on concrete slab-on-ground floors, suspended concrete floors and suspended timber floors.

The maximum exposure period for Strandfloor® flooring before the building is closed-in (protected from moisture) is 8 weeks.



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The moisture content of the Strandfloor® flooring must be controlled in accordance with the provisions of NZBC Acceptable Solutions E2/AS1 and E3/AS1, NZS 3604, and the Reference Document.

Strandfloor® flooring in-service surface temperatures must not exceed 50°C adjacent to heating appliances or 35°C where floor heating is used.

Where Strandfloor® flooring is used as a structural diaphragm, only nail fixing must be used.

Strandfloor® must not be used in wet areas where maintenance of an impervious coating cannot be assured. Refer to NZS 3602, Table 1.

#### REFERENCE DOCUMENT

This Product Certificate must be read in conjunction with:

- Strandfloor® Technical Manual, Edition 11, dated May 2024.

#### 7. Health and Safety Information

Exposure to wood dust may cause irritation to the respiratory system and skin and may cause sensitisation resulting in asthma or skin dermatitis. A dust mask and eye protection must be worn when working with Strandfloor®. Work areas must be ventilated and kept clean. Machinery used must be fitted with dust extractors. Off-cuts, shavings and dust must be disposed of in accordance with the requirements of local authorities.

The adhesive used to manufacture Strandfloor® contains no formaldehyde. The amount of formaldehyde emitted by the Strandfloor® is less than similar flooring materials manufactured using melamine urea formaldehyde type adhesives. Formaldehyde emissions from Strandfloor® meet the Super E0 classification when tested in accordance with AS/NZS 4266.1.

The level of formaldehyde emission will decrease with time. After installation, emission levels will be controlled by ventilation together with the sealing of the surface or finishing with a polyurethane system, or the use of coverings such as tiles, vinyl or carpets with foam or rubber underlays. Covering or sealing of the sheets must be carried out before the building is occupied.

#### 8. Basis for Certification

##### Testing

- Testing in accordance with the requirements of AS/NZS 1860.1 and BRANZ criteria to demonstrate structural and durability performance.
- The change in the physical properties of Strandfloor®, including modulus of rupture, modulus of elasticity, internal bond strength, thickness swell and surface water absorption after natural weathering have been determined by BRANZ.
- The density, modulus of rupture, modulus of elasticity, internal bond, and deflection under concentrated load (stiffness) of Strandfloor® have been determined by BRANZ.



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- Strength capacity and deflection under concentrated load (stiffness) of Strandfloor® exposed to the weather for 8 weeks, have been determined by BRANZ.
- Formaldehyde emission levels have been determined by testing to AS/NZS 4266.1. The results of these tests have been reviewed by BRANZ and found to be satisfactory.

#### 9. Supporting Documentation for Certification

- Acceptable Solutions and Verification Methods for New Zealand Building Code Clause B1 Structure, 1st Edition, Amendment 21, 2 November 2023.
- Acceptable Solutions and Verification Methods For New Zealand Building Code Clause B2 Durability, 2nd Edition, Amendment 12, 28 November 2019.
- Acceptable Solutions and Verification Methods For New Zealand Building Code Clause F2 Hazardous Building Materials, 1st Edition, Amendment 3, 1 January 2017.
- AS 3566.1:2002 Self-drilling screws for the building and construction industries.
- AS/NZS 1860.1:2002 Particleboard flooring – Part 1: Specifications.
- AS/NZS 4266.1:2017 Reconstituted wood-based panels - Methods of testing – Part 1: Base Panels
- BRANZ Appraisal No. 676 Strandfloor® Flooring.
- BRANZ Memorandum TV17705 for Laminex NZ, dated 8 November 2024.
- C1-C6 Protection from Fire Acceptable Solution C/AS1 Protection from fire for buildings with sleeping (residential) and outbuildings (risk group SH), 2nd Edition, 2 November 2023.
- C/AS2 Acceptable Solution for Buildings other than risk group SH For New Zealand Building Code Clauses C1-C6 Protection from Fire, 1st Edition, Amendment 3, 2 November 2023.
- NZS 3602:2003 Timber and wood-based products for use in building.
- NZS 3604:2011 Timber-framed buildings.
- Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment Record of amendments - Acceptable Solutions, Verification Methods and handbooks.
- The Building Regulations 1992.



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#### 10. Supporting Information About Description

Strandfloor® is in accordance with the performance requirements of AS/NZS 1860.1 (before and after exposure) as required by NZS 3604, Paragraph 2.3.7.

Strandfloor® flooring is manufactured from strands of radiata pine. The wood strands are bonded with a pMDI resin and contain a mineral wax-based water repellent throughout the thickness of the panel. At manufacture, the panels have an average density of 680 kg/m<sup>3</sup> and average moisture content of 10%.

Strandfloor® Square Edge is square edged and has a nominal thickness of 20 mm.

Strandfloor® Tongue & Groove is 20 mm nominal thick, with the long edges factory grooved with a 4.5 mm wide and 9.5 mm deep slot, and fitted on one side with a rigid, opaque white polypropylene tongue. This forms a tongue and groove (shear key) joint between adjacent panels.

For the purposes of calculating the building performance index of the building envelope, the R-value of Strandfloor® 20 mm panels should be taken as 0.17 m<sup>2</sup>K/W.

The product is available as set out in Table 1 and Table 2.

**Table 1: Strandfloor® Square Edge**

Sizes (mm)	Approximate Weight per Sheet (kg)
3,600 x 1,200 x 20	59
2,400 x 1,200 x 20	39

**Table 2: Strandfloor® Tongue & Groove**

Sizes (mm)	Approximate Weight per Sheet (kg)
3,600 x 1,200 x 20	59
2,400 x 1,200 x 20	39

**Fixings** – hot-dip galvanised or stainless steel 60 x 2.8 mm annular grooved flooring nails or 50 mm x 8 g screws that comply with AS 3566.1.

**Adhesive** - BRANZ appraised adhesive suitable for adhering wood-based flooring material to timber or concrete.



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#### 11. Supporting Information About Intended Use

##### GENERAL

The design of Strandfloor® in wet areas must be undertaken in conjunction with the Reference Document, NZS 3604, Paragraph 4.3.4 and NZS 3602, Table 1.

Strandfloor® in wet areas must be protected by an impervious floor covering in accordance with NZBC Acceptable Solution E3/AS1.

##### STRUCTURE

###### General

Each panel of Strandfloor® must span at least two floor joist spans (i.e., be continuous over three joists), except at floor edges where infill part panels are required.

Strandfloor® Square Edge panels must be supported at all edges and ends with solid blocking. Strandfloor® Tongue & Groove does not require blocking under the tongue and groove joint. In wet areas, where a waterproofing membrane is being used, refer to the membrane supplier's information for support requirements.

###### Loading

Strandfloor® will support loads of up to 3 kPa with joists at 600 mm centres as given in NZS 3604, Table 1.2.

###### Diaphragms

The maximum joist spacing for Strandfloor® Square Edge diaphragm floors is 600 mm. The diaphragm is as specified by NZS 3604, Section 7.3.

The maximum joist spacing for Strandfloor® Tongue & Groove diaphragm floors is 450 mm. Refer to the Reference Document for design and installation information.

##### PREVENTION OF FIRE OCCURRING

Separation or protection must be provided to Strandfloor® from heat sources such as fire places, heating appliances and chimneys. Part 7 of NZBC Acceptable Solutions C/AS1 and NZBC Acceptable Solution C/AS2 provide methods for separation and protection of combustible materials from heat sources.

##### INSTALLATION

The moisture content of the floor framing timber must not exceed 18% when Strandfloor® is installed.

When Strandfloor® is used as an overlay to timber substrates, the moisture content of the substrate must not exceed 15%.



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When Strandfloor® is used as an overlay to concrete the relative humidity of air at the concrete surface must not exceed 75% prior to installation of the Strandfloor®, as per the requirements of NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, Paragraph 10.2 (d). Slabs on ground must be constructed in accordance with NZS 3604, Section 7.5.

#### 12. Supporting Information About Conditions and Limitations of Use

All conditions and limitations provided as stated in this Product Certificate.

#### Signatures

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Falck".

Claire Falck  
CEO, BRANZ Limited

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