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Product Sheet 1

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## EGGER BOARDS

### EGGER OSB 3 AND OSB 3 E0 BOARDS FOR FLOORING

This Agrément Certificate Product Sheet<sup>(1)</sup> relates to EGGER OSB 3 and OSB 3 E0 Boards for Flooring, loadbearing oriented strand boards suitable for use as structural floor decking on joists in domestic and non-domestic buildings.

(1) Hereinafter referred to as 'Certificate'.

#### CERTIFICATION INCLUDES:

- factors relating to compliance with Building Regulations where applicable
- factors relating to additional non-regulatory information where applicable
- independently verified technical specification
- assessment criteria and technical investigations
- design considerations
- installation guidance
- regular surveillance of production
- formal three-yearly review.



#### KEY FACTORS ASSESSED

**Structural performance** — the products, when incorporated into a floor structure, can contribute to structural strength and stiffness by distributing the dead and imposed loads to the supporting structure (see section 6).

**Behaviour in relation to fire** — the products have achieved a reaction-to-fire classification of D<sub>fl</sub>-s1-in accordance with BS EN 13986 : 2004 (see section 7).

**Resistance to moisture** — provided adequate precautions are taken, the products, when incorporated into a construction, should perform satisfactorily (see section 8).

**Durability** — the products, will have a service life equal to that of the floor in which they are incorporated (see section 11).



The BBA has awarded this Certificate to the company named above for the products described herein. These products have been assessed by the BBA as being fit for their intended use provided they are installed, used and maintained as set out in this Certificate.

On behalf of the British Board of Agreement

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## Regulations

In the opinion of the BBA, EGGER OSB 3 and OSB 3 E0 Boards for Flooring, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements of the following Building Regulations (the presence of a UK map indicates that the subject is related to the Building Regulations in the region or regions of the UK depicted):



### The Building Regulations 2010 (England and Wales) (as amended)

<b>Requirement:</b> Comment:	<b>A1</b>	<b>Loading</b> The products have sufficient strength and stiffness to sustain and transmit design loads to the primary structure without excessive deflection. See section 6 of this Certificate.
<b>Requirement:</b> Comment:	<b>B3(1)(3)</b>	<b>Internal fire spread (structure)</b> The products can contribute to satisfying this Requirement. See section 7.2 of this Certificate.
<b>Requirement:</b> Comment:	<b>B3(4)</b>	<b>Internal fire spread (structure)</b> The products may be restricted by this Requirement. See section 7.1 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b> Comment:	<b>7(1)</b>	<b>Materials and workmanship</b> The products are acceptable. See sections 11.1 and 11.2 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.



### The Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

<b>Regulation:</b> Comment:	<b>8(1)</b>	<b>Durability, workmanship and fitness of materials</b> The use of the products satisfies the requirements of this Regulation. See sections 11.1 and 11.2 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b> Standard: Comment:	<b>9</b> 1.1(a)(b)	<b>Building standards applicable to construction</b> Structure The products have sufficient strength and stiffness to sustain and transmit design loads to the primary structure without excessive deflection, in accordance with clauses 1.1.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 1.1.2 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> and 1.1.3 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> of this Standard. See section 6 of this Certificate.
Standard: Standard: Standard: Comment:	2.1 2.2 2.3	Compartmentation Separation Structural protection The products can contribute to satisfying these regulatory Standards in accordance with clauses 2.1.1 <sup>(2)</sup> , 2.1.12 <sup>(2)</sup> , 2.2.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 2.2.4 <sup>(2)</sup> , 2.2.5 <sup>(2)</sup> , 2.2.6 <sup>(1)</sup> , 2.2.7 <sup>(1)</sup> , 2.2.8 <sup>(1)</sup> , and 2.3.2 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> . See sections 7.1 and 7.2 of this Certificate.
Standard: Comment:	2.4	Cavities The products may be restricted by this Standard with reference to Clause 2.4.2 <sup>(1)</sup> . See sections 7.1 of this Certificate.
Standard: Comment:	7.1(a)	Statement of sustainability The products can contribute to meeting the relevant requirements of Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6 and therefore will contribute to a construction meeting a bronze level of sustainability as defined in this Standard.

<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Building standards applicable to conversions</b>
<b>Comment:</b>		All comments given for these products under Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6 also apply to this Regulation, with reference to clause 0.12.1 <sup>(1)</sup> and Schedule 6 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> .
		(1) Technical Handbook (Domestic). (2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).
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	<b>The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 (as amended)</b>	
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>23(a)(i)(iii)(iv)</b>	<b>Fitness of materials and workmanship</b>
<b>Comment:</b>		The products are acceptable. See sections 11.1 and 11.2 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Stability</b>
<b>Comment:</b>		The products have sufficient strength and stiffness to sustain and transmit design loads to the primary structure without excessive deflection. See section 6 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>35(1)(3)</b>	<b>Internal fire spread — Structure</b>
<b>Comment:</b>		The products can contribute to satisfying this Requirement. See section 7.2 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>35(4)</b>	<b>Internal fire spread — Structure</b>
<b>Comment:</b>		The products may be restricted by this Regulation. See section 7.1 of this Certificate.

## Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015

## Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

Information in this Certificate may assist the client, designer (including Principal Designer) and contractor (including Principal Contractor) to address their obligations under these Regulations.

See sections: 3 *Delivery and site handling* (3.5) and 13 *General* of this Certificate.

### Additional Information

#### NHBC Standards 2021

In the opinion of the BBA, EGGER OSB 3 and OSB 3 E0 Boards for Flooring, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements in relation to *NHBC Standards*, Chapters 5.2 *Suspended ground floors*, - 6.4 *Timber and concrete upper floors* and 9.3 *Floor finishes*.

#### CE marking

The Certificate holder has taken the responsibility of CE marking the products in accordance with harmonised European Standard BS EN 13986 : 2004.

### 1 Description

1.1 The EGGER OSB 3 boards comprise softwood flakes/strands bonded together with melamine urea formaldehyde (MUF) resin, diisocyanate diphenylmethane (MDI) binder and wax. EGGER OSB 3 E0 boards comprise softwood flakes/strands bonded together with formaldehyde-free MDI binder glue in the core and surface layer.

1.2 The boards are produced in standard sizes<sup>(1)</sup> of:

thickness (mm)	15, 18, 22 and 25
length by width (mm)	2500 x 1250, 2500 x 675
nominal density (kg·m <sup>-3</sup> )	≥600.

(1) Other thicknesses (in the range of 15 to 25 mm) and sizes are available to order.

1.3 The boards are available with square edges as well as tongue-and-groove edges, and are either sanded or unsanded.

### 2 Manufacture

2.1 The boards are manufactured to the specification detailed in BS EN 300 : 2006 for OSB/3, loadbearing oriented strand boards. Timber logs, to the Certificate holder's specification, are debarked and cut into strands. After drying and screening to remove fines, the strands/flakes are blended with resin, binder and wax and formed into a three-ply mat. In the outer two layers the strands/flakes (and woodgrain) are bound with resin and oriented in the direction of the major axis; in the core layer the strands are in the direction of the minor axis. The boards are formed by curing the mat under pressure and temperature and cutting to size.

2.2 As part of the assessment and ongoing surveillance of product quality, the BBA has:

- agreed with the manufacturer the quality control procedures and product testing to be undertaken
- assessed and agreed the quality control operated over batches of incoming materials
- monitored the production process and verified that it is in accordance with the documented process
- evaluated the process for management of nonconformities
- checked that equipment has been properly tested and calibrated
- undertaken to carry out the above measures on a regular basis through a surveillance process, to verify that the specifications and quality control operated by the manufacturer are being maintained.

2.3 The management system of EGGER Holzwerkstoffe Wismar GmbH & Co KG has been assessed and registered as meeting the requirements of BS EN ISO 9001 : 2015 by IQNet and Quality Austria (Certificate AT-00184/0).

2.4 The boards are manufactured in Germany by the Certificate holder, and distributed in the UK by EGGER (UK) Limited, Anick Grange Road, Hexham, Northumberland NE46 4JS, Tel: 01434 602191, Fax: 01434 605103, e-mail: building.uk@egger.com, website: www.egger.com.

### 3 Delivery and site handling

3.1 Handling, storage and delivery of the boards should be carried out in accordance with the requirements of PD CEN/TR 12872 : 2014 and BS 8103-3 : 2009, and *NHBC Standards 2021* where required.

3.2 To prevent distortion, boards should be stacked flat, clear of the floor, on level bearers, at centres not exceeding 600 mm. The top board should be covered to prevent warping.

3.3 The boards should be stored on a level surface in a dry environment.

3.4 Each standard size board bears the product name, the production date and time, nominal thickness, 'EN 13986', 'OSB/3', 'E1' (formaldehyde class), and the BBA logo incorporating the number of this Certificate. Where boards are cut to special order, this information is given on a label attached to the packaging.

3.5 For delivery, the boards are banded together in bundles up to 2 tonnes in weight and 1030 mm in height. The boards are covered in transit to minimise changes in moisture content. Particular care should be taken to protect the edges and corners. Banding should be cut on arrival at site, but the protective covering should not be removed until the boards are ready for conditioning (see section 8.4).

## Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following is a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on EGGER OSB 3 and OSB 3 E0 Boards for Flooring.

## Design Considerations

### 4 General

4.1 EGGER OSB 3 and OSB 3 E0 Boards for Flooring are suitable for use as flooring in domestic and non-domestic buildings (load category's A and B as defined in BS EN 1991-1-1 : 2002), as specified for OSB/3 in PD CEN/TR 12872 : 2014 or BS 8103-3 : 2009. The boards may be supported on joists, battens or solid floors.

4.2 Floor structures incorporating the boards must be designed to resist the load requirements specified in BS EN 1991-1-1 : 2002.

4.3 The boards are suitable for use in service classes 1 (dry) and 2 (humid conditions) of BS EN 1995-1-1 : 2004. This is characterised by a moisture content in the material corresponding to a temperature of 20°C and a relative humidity of the surrounding air exceeding 85% for only a few weeks per year.

4.4 Design and installation of the boards should be in accordance with BS EN 1995-1-1 : 2004 and PD CEN/TR 12872 : 2014 or BS 8103-3 : 2009, and with *NHBC standards 2021* where required. During installation, the boards should be protected from the weather and should be completely dry when any floor finish is applied.

4.5 In accordance with BS EN 300 : 2006, the boards are suitable for use in environmental conditions covered by Use Classes 1 and 2 for wood and wood-based products, as defined in BS EN 335 : 2013. In such environments, the boards are covered and fully protected from the elements. As a general rule, it is recommended that the moisture content of the boards at the time of installation should not exceed 12% in accordance with BS 8103-3 : 2009. Prolonged exposure to an air temperature of 20°C and a relative humidity of 90% may result in the recommended moisture content being exceeded.

4.6 The design thermal conductivity ( $\lambda$  value) of OSB, given in BS EN 12524 : 2000, is  $0.13 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$  and as such will not have a significant effect on the thermal transmittance (U value) of the floor construction into which it is incorporated.

4.7 In suspended timber floor applications:

- boards must have a minimum thickness of 15 mm (in domestic applications) and 18 mm (in non-domestic applications)
- timber support work must be designed and used in accordance with BS EN 1995-1-1 : 2004 and/or the relevant national Building Regulations
- ventilation underneath ground floors must be provided in accordance with BS 5250 : 2011. The ground beneath the floor should be free of topsoil and vegetation matter and be covered to resist moisture and prevent plant growth.

4.8 The boards will provide a suitable substrate for loose-laid floor coverings or those bonded with solvent or water-based adhesives. Resilient floor coverings such as cork, linoleum, rubber, or vinyl should be laid in accordance with BS 8203 : 2017.

### 5 Practicability of installation

The boards are designed to be installed by a competent general builder, or a contractor, experienced with these types of products.

## 6 Structural performance



6.1 For domestic loadings within buildings within the scope of BS 8103-3 : 2009 (low-rise buildings), the floor decks should be designed with a minimum board thickness of 15 mm for joist spacing up to 450 mm, and 18 mm for joist spacing up to 600 mm.

6.2 For floor applications not covered by BS 8103-3 : 2009, designers must ensure that the selected boards will satisfy the load requirements specified in BS EN 1991-1-1 : 2002. Characteristic values for structural design using EGGER OSB 3 and OSB 3 E0 Boards for Flooring may be taken from BS EN 12369-1 : 2001 and used in accordance with BS EN 1995-1-1 : 2004.

## 7 Behaviour in relation to fire



7.1 The boards have achieved a reaction-to-fire classification of  $D_{fl-s1}$ - in accordance with BS EN 13986 : 2004. This relates to the full thickness range referred to in section 1.2.

7.2 The fire resistance of floor constructions incorporating the boards may be calculated with reference to BS EN 1995-1-2 : 2004 and its UK National Annex or, where necessary, the fire resistance should be confirmed by an appropriate tests or assessments by a suitably accredited laboratory.

## 8 Resistance to moisture

8.1 In common with all timber products, the boards are subject to moisture movement. As a guide, it may be assumed that a 1% change in panel moisture content will cause a dimensional change in panel length by 0.2 mm per metre run, panel width by 0.3 mm per metre run and panel thickness by 0.5%.

8.2 Under similar environmental conditions, the boards will take longer to equilibrate and will attain an equilibrium moisture content approximately 2 to 3% lower than solid timber.

8.3 To avoid distortion and damage to finishes, expansion gaps in accordance with the recommendations of PD CEN/TR 12872 : 2014 or BS 8103-3 : 2009, and with *NHBC standards* 2021 where required should be provided when installing the board.

8.4 To minimise subsequent movement, before installation all wet site operations should be completed and the boards conditioned as close as is practicable to the environmental conditions likely to occur in service. To achieve this, the maximum moisture content of the boards at the time of installation or fixing, as determined using a properly calibrated moisture meter, should be as given in BS 8103-3 : 2009, Annex A, Table A.1 (i.e. 12%). When quality of finish is of prime importance, the boards should be laid at a moisture content within the range likely to be encountered in service and after the initial drying-out period is complete. The range of moisture content at the time of laying depends mainly on the type and intensity of heating to be employed in the building. Guidance provided in BS 8103-3 : 2009, Annex A, Table A.1 (footnote), indicates that, under normal circumstances, moisture content ranges encountered for various heating conditions are:

unheated	15 to 19%
intermittent heating	10 to 14%
continuous heating	9 to 11%
underfloor heating	6 to 8%.

8.5 Laying of the flooring at a higher moisture content and earlier in the building process can result in shrinkage gaps.

8.6 Damp-proof membranes, breather membranes and vapour control layers should be incorporated as necessary in accordance with the requirements of BS 8103-3 : 2009 and BS 5250 : 2011, and *NHBC Standards* 2021 where required.

8.7 For floor constructions, in calculations for interstitial condensation risk according to BS 5250 : 2011, the water vapour resistance factor ( $\mu$ ) of OSB/3 can be taken as 50 (dry cup) from BS EN ISO 10456 : 2007, Table 3, depending on the construction, or determined by testing in accordance with BS EN ISO 12572 : 2016.

8.8 When used in high risk areas, such as kitchens and bathrooms, the boards must be protected from wetting, e.g. by providing a continuous waterproof covering, turned up and sealed at junctions with walls and where services pass through the floor.

## 9 Formaldehyde content

In common with other wood-based products, which include formaldehyde as a component of the resin, the boards may emit small amounts of formaldehyde gas. The boards achieve Class E1, Release of formaldehyde specification to BS EN 300 : 2006. Therefore, when the boards are used in accordance with this Certificate, the quantity of formaldehyde gas emitted from the boards alone will not raise the overall building level to an extent which will affect habitability.

## 10 Maintenance

As the boards have suitable durability, will normally be confined within the flooring structure and, in most cases, will be covered with finishes, maintenance is not required.

## 11 Durability



11.1 The boards have adequate durability and will have a service life equal to that of the floor in which they are installed.

11.2 Care should be taken when designing, detailing and constructing buildings to ensure that moisture does not accumulate within the boards.

11.3 Under normal conditions of use, the boards are unlikely to suffer damage but if damage does occur, repairs can be carried out in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions.

## 12 Reuse and recyclability

As wood-based materials, the boards can be recycled.

## Installation

### 13 General

13.1 EGGER OSB 3 and OSB 3 E0 Boards for Flooring are cut and fixed using conventional woodworking tools. Normal precautions should be taken to avoid inhalation of wood dust when cutting, drilling and sanding the boards.

13.2 The boards can withstand normal site handling and fixing. Damaged boards should not be used. Normal safety precautions should be observed when handling large boards.

### 14 Procedure

14.1 Installation of the boards must be carried out using conventional methods in accordance with PD CEN/TR 12872 : 2014 or BS 8103-3 : 2009, the Certificate holder's recommendations and *NHBC Standards 2021* where required.

14.2 The boards should be completely dry, and laid after all wet site operations have been completed.

14.3 Exposure to the elements should be minimised during installation. If wetted, boards must be allowed to dry out thoroughly before applying any coverings or subjecting them to the full design load.

14.4 When laying tongue and groove flooring, boards should be laid the longest edge at right angles to the joists, and all short ends should be staggered by approximately half a board in a brick bond fashion.

### **15 Tests**

Tests were carried out to determine the product's material characteristics in accordance with the requirements of BS EN 300 : 2006 for OSB/3.

### **16 Investigations**

16.1 The manufacturing process was evaluated, including the methods adopted for quality control, and details were obtained of the quality and composition of the materials used.

16.2 An assessment was made of the products' durability and behaviour in relation to moisture.



## Bibliography

BS 5250 : 2011 + A1 : 2016 *Code of practice for control of condensation in buildings*

BS 8103-3 : 2009 *Structural design of low-rise buildings — Code of practice for timber floors and roofs for housing*

BS 8203 : 2017 *Code of practice for installation of resilient floor coverings*

BS EN 300 : 2006 *Oriented Strand Boards (OSB) — Definitions, classification and specifications*

BS EN 335 : 2013 *Durability of wood and wood-based products — Use classes: definitions, application to solid wood and wood-based products*

BS EN 1991-1-1 : 2002 *Eurocode 1 — Actions on structures — General Actions — Densities, self-weight, imposed loads for buildings*

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BS EN 12369-1 : 2001 *Wood-based panels. Characteristic values for structural design. OSB, particleboards and fireboards*

BS EN 12524 : 2000 *Building materials and products — Hygrothermal properties — Tabulated design values*

BS EN 13986 : 2004 + A1 : 2015 *Wood-based panels for use in construction — Characteristics, evaluation of conformity and marking*

BS EN ISO 9001 : 2015 *Quality management systems — Requirements*

BS EN ISO 10456 : 2007 *Building materials and products — Hygrothermal properties — Tabulated design values and procedures for determining declared and design thermal values*

BS EN ISO 12572 : 2016 *Hygrothermal performance of building materials and products — Determination of water vapour transmission properties — Cup method*

PD CEN/TR 12872 : 2014 *Wood-based panels — Guidance on the use of load-bearing boards in floors, walls and roofs*

### 17 Conditions

#### 17.1 This Certificate:

- relates only to the product/system that is named and described on the front page
- is issued only to the company, firm, organisation or person named on the front page – no other company, firm, organisation or person may hold or claim that this Certificate has been issued to them
- is valid only within the UK
- has to be read, considered and used as a whole document – it may be misleading and will be incomplete to be selective
- is copyright of the BBA
- is subject to English Law.

17.2 Publications, documents, specifications, legislation, regulations, standards and the like referenced in this Certificate are those that were current and/or deemed relevant by the BBA at the date of issue or reissue of this Certificate.

17.3 This Certificate will remain valid for an unlimited period provided that the product/system and its manufacture and/or fabrication, including all related and relevant parts and processes thereof:

- are maintained at or above the levels which have been assessed and found to be satisfactory by the BBA
- continue to be checked as and when deemed appropriate by the BBA under arrangements that it will determine
- are reviewed by the BBA as and when it considers appropriate.

17.4 The BBA has used due skill, care and diligence in preparing this Certificate, but no warranty is provided.

17.5 In issuing this Certificate the BBA is not responsible and is excluded from any liability to any company, firm, organisation or person, for any matters arising directly or indirectly from:

- the presence or absence of any patent, intellectual property or similar rights subsisting in the product/system or any other product/system
- the right of the Certificate holder to manufacture, supply, install, maintain or market the product/system
- actual installations of the product/system, including their nature, design, methods, performance, workmanship and maintenance
- any works and constructions in which the product/system is installed, including their nature, design, methods, performance, workmanship and maintenance
- any loss or damage, including personal injury, howsoever caused by the product/system, including its manufacture, supply, installation, use, maintenance and removal
- any claims by the manufacturer relating to CE marking.

17.6 Any information relating to the manufacture, supply, installation, use, maintenance and removal of this product/system which is contained or referred to in this Certificate is the minimum required to be met when the product/system is manufactured, supplied, installed, used, maintained and removed. It does not purport in any way to restate the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, or of any other statutory, common law or other duty which may exist at the date of issue or reissue of this Certificate; nor is conformity with such information to be taken as satisfying the requirements of the 1974 Act or of any statutory, common law or other duty of care.