
**High-pressure decorative laminates —
Composite elements —**

Part 2:

**Specifications for composite elements
with wood-based substrates for interior
use**

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Foreword

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— *Part 1: Test methods*

— *Part 2: Specifications for composite elements with wood-based substrates for interior use*

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1 Scope

This part of ISO 13894 describes the general properties of composite elements surfaced, and possibly edged, with high-pressure decorative laminate (HPDL) as defined in Clause 3. The composite elements specified in this part of ISO 13894 consist of HPDL sheet material adhesively bonded to one or both sides of a wood-based substrate, and are intended for normal interior use.

Requirements for special applications, e.g. where the product is subjected to extreme conditions of heat or moisture, are not part of this part of ISO 13894, although Part 1 of this International Standard describes test methods for additional properties which may be applicable to such applications (see ISO 13894-1:2000, Subclause 3.1, Note 3).

Test methods and performance levels for special applications shall be agreed between customer and supplier. Information concerning test methods for special applications is given in Annex A.

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2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 1096, *Plywood — Classification*

ISO 4586-1:2004, *High-pressure decorative laminates — Sheets made from thermosetting resins — Part 1: Classification and specifications*

ISO 13894-1:2000, *High-pressure decorative laminates — Composite elements — Part 1: Test methods*

ISO 17064, *Wood-based panels — Fibreboard, particleboard and oriented strand board (OSB) — Vocabulary*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

high-pressure decorative laminate (HPDL) composite element with wood-based substrate

composite board produced by adhesively bonding high-pressure decorative laminate (HPDL) sheet material to one or both sides of a wood-based substrate

3.2
high-pressure decorative laminate(s)
HPDL
HPL

See Definition 3.1 in ISO 4586-1:2004.

3.3
wood-based substrate
particleboard, oriented-strand board, fibreboard (ISO 17064) or plywood (ISO 1096)

NOTE Solid timber and blockboard are not suitable substrates for HPDL.

3.4
board
composite board in the manufacturer's standard sheet size, possibly with one or two sides having postformed edges

3.5
panel
composite panel cut to a specified size, with finished edges

4 Requirements

All composite elements for normal interior use shall meet the requirements for every property for which a value or range is specified in Clause 5.

Annex A contains details of other tests which may be applicable for special applications, and may be applied subject to agreement between customer and supplier. The typical performance values included in Annex A are for information only, and are not requirements of this part of ISO 13894.

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5 Properties

5.1 Appearance

5.1.1 General

See ISO 13894-1:2000, Clause 5.

5.1.2 Decorative surfaces

The laminate on the decorative surface or surfaces of the composite element shall comply with ISO 4586-1:2004, Subclause 6.4.1.

5.1.3 Fabrication defects

5.1.3.1 Surface ripple (telegraphing)

Slight surface ripple is permissible if only visible at certain viewing angles.

5.1.3.2 Bumps and indentations

Bumps and indentations are not allowed in the surface(s) or postformed edges of cut-to-size panels. Such defects may be accepted in full-size boards, however, if agreed between customer and supplier.

5.1.3.3 Cracks

Cracks in the surface(s), and especially in postformed edges, are not allowed in cut-to-size panels. Cracks, especially near the edges, may be accepted in full-size boards, however, if agreed between customer and supplier.

5.1.3.4 Adhesive smears

Adhesive smears that cannot be easily removed are not allowed in cut-to-size panels. Such defects may be accepted in full size boards, however, if agreed between customer and supplier.

5.2 Dimensional tolerances

5.2.1 General

The dimensional tolerance requirements for HPDL wood-based composite elements are given in 5.2.2 to 5.2.5.

For test methods, see ISO 13894-1:2000, Clause 6.

5.2.2 Boards

See Table 1.

Table 1 — Dimensional tolerance requirements for boards

Dimensions in millimetres

	Test method in ISO 13894-1	Boards with unfinished edges	Boards with sawcut edges		Boards with milled edges	
			Width 0 mm to 1 000 mm	Width > 1 000 mm	Width 0 mm to 500 mm	Width > 500 mm
Length and width	6.1	$\pm 5,0^a$	$\pm 2,0$	$\pm 3,0$	$\pm 0,5$	$\pm 0,5$ for 500 mm, with a further 0,05 mm for each additional 100 mm
Edge straightness	6.2	—	$\pm 0,5^b$	$\pm 0,5^b$	$\pm 0,5^b$	$\pm 0,5^b$
Edge squareness	6.3	—	$\leq 2,0^b$	$\leq 2,0^b$	$\leq 2,0^b$	$\leq 2,0^b$

^a Tolerances on length and width apply to the dimensions of the substrate.

^b Values are in mm per 1 000 mm of measured length.

5.2.3 Panels

See Table 2.

Table 2 — Dimensional tolerance requirements for panels

Dimensions in millimetres

	Test method ISO 13894-1	Square-edged elements with finished edges		Postformed elements with one or both sides formed in one direction	
		0 mm to 500 mm	> 500 mm	0 mm to 500 mm	> 500 mm
Length and width	6.1	± 2,0	± 0,5 for 500 mm, with a further 0,05 mm for each additional 100 mm	± 0,5	± 0,5 for 500 mm, with a further 0,05 mm for each additional 100 mm
Edge straightness	6.2	± 0,5 ^a	± 0,5 ^a	± 0,5 ^a	± 0,5 ^a
Edge squareness	6.3	≤ 2,0 ^a	≤ 2,0 ^a	≤ 2,0 ^a	≤ 2,0 ^a

^a Values are in mm per 1 000 mm of measured length.

5.2.4 Thickness tolerances for boards and panels

For test method, see ISO 13894-1:2000, Subclause 6.4.

Tolerances:

One side of element faced with laminate: Nominal thickness ± 0,4 mm

Both sides of element faced with laminate: Nominal thickness ± 0,5 mm

5.2.5 Deviation from flatness

5.2.5.1 General

The deviation-from-flatness values given (in mm) in Tables 3 and 4 apply only to elements that are of thickness ≥ 16 mm and are not mechanically fixed in the final installation.

For test method, see ISO 13894-1:2000, Clause 7.

5.2.5.2 Composite elements of thickness 16 mm to 22 mm

See Table 3.

Table 3 — Maximum permissible deviation from flatness, for composite elements of thickness 16 mm to 22 mm

Length or width of element, x mm	Maximum deviation viewed from face side ^a
$x \leq 300$	0,5 mm
$300 < x \leq 500$	0,8 mm
$500 < x \leq 600$	0,9 mm
$600 < x \leq 700$	1,1 mm
$700 < x \leq 800$	1,3 mm
$800 < x \leq 900$	1,6 mm
$900 < x \leq 1\ 000$	2,0 mm
$1\ 000 < x \leq 2\ 000$	2,0 mm/metre ^b

^a Numerous factors, including changes in temperature and relative humidity such as are encountered on building sites, may cause boards and panels to bow and twist irreversibly. This requirement is therefore only applicable at the time of delivery.

^b For elements of dimensions greater than 1 000 mm, measurements shall be made using a bow gauge of 1 000 mm length.

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5.2.5.3 Composite elements of thickness > 22 mm but < 40 mm

See Table 4.

Table 4 — Maximum permissible deviation from flatness of composite elements of thickness > 22 mm but < 40 mm

Length or width of element, x mm	Maximum concave or convex deviation viewed from face side ^a	
	HPDL on one side	HPDL on both sides
$x \leq 600$	0,9 mm	0,7 mm
$600 < x \leq 700$	1,1 mm	0,8 mm
$700 < x \leq 800$	1,3 mm	1,0 mm
$800 < x \leq 900$	1,6 mm	1,2 mm
$900 < x \leq 1\ 000$	2,0 mm	1,5 mm
$1\ 000 < x \leq 5\ 000$	2,0 mm/metre	2,0 mm/metre ^b

^a Numerous factors, including changes in temperature and relative humidity such as are encountered on building sites, may cause boards and panels to bow and twist irreversibly. This requirement is therefore only applicable at the time of delivery.

^b For elements of dimensions greater than 1 000 mm, measurements shall be made using a bow gauge of 1 000 mm length.