

9100 HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS

AS WITH ALL PRE-FINISHED SURFACES SUPAWOOD PANELS MUST BE HANDLED WITH CARE.

STORAGE

Material delivered to site to be stored flat in an enclosed shelter. The storage area must be protected from sun and moisture. Open sided sheds should not be regarded as dry stores. Panels are not to be stored in conditions of relative humidity over 60%.

Packs should be evenly supported at each end and at intervals of not more than 750mm where packs are multiple stacked. All supports must be vertically aligned. **To minimise the risk of warping panels should be allowed to acclimatise for 7 days in the area they are to be installed.** Please ensure that all products are equally exposed to the ambient conditions of the installation area. **The plastic wrap must be removed during this acclimatisation period.**

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Keep work area clean to avoid scratching. Avoid contact with abrasive surfaces or grit. **Lift sheets carefully, do not slide on the decorative surface.** Do not use as a work surface. **Always store sheets face to face with a sheet of protective foam between the faces.**

CUTTING/MACHINING

SUPAFINISH can be cut, drilled and machined using standard woodworking equipment fitted with tungsten carbide tipped cutting edges. It is recommended that the material be cut using a fine toothed tungsten tipped blade. **Panels must usually be cut upside down as the blade must cut into the finished face of the panel.**

Sprinklers and other services should if possible be positioned inside service zones (extra wide borders or zones in the panel).

Where this is not possible and slotted areas are cut through, thereby reducing the structural integrity of the panel, extra battens, or a backing plate must be fixed to the rear of the panel at the time the hole is cut, i.e. before the panel is installed.

EXPANSION JOINTS

All joint details supplied by Supawood must be followed. Many Supawood panels require joints to allow for expansion and contraction of panels. In addition to this buildings may also have nominated expansion joints which must be allowed for in planning panel jointing.

MASKING

Do not use standard masking tape on this product. All masking must be done with SUPAFINISH Masking Tape. This tape will be supplied in 50mm wide rolls free (on request) with order.

CLEANING

For cleaning use a water dampened cloth with a mild detergent. Do not use abrasive cleaning chemicals or strong solvents and take care not to scratch the decorative surface.

OH&S WARNINGS

Depending on the specification panels may have prefixed furring channels on rear. We recommend safety gloves for the handling of these panels to avoid injury from sharp edges. We recommend panels larger than 1800x1200mm be handled by two persons.

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