STEICO Sarking and Sheathing boards Installation instructions





General Information

STEICO manufactures a wide range of hydrophobic wood fibre insulation boards which can be used for external sarking and sheathing.

The products STEICOuniversal and STEICOspecial are produced using a wet process system, and STEICOuniversal dry and STEICOspecial dry using a dry process. Further information is available via the individual product data sheets.

- STEICO sarking and sheathing boards are fully T&G profiled to all edges.
 Additional taping and sealing of the boards used in Wall applications or Roof applications with a minimum pitch of 18° is not required.
- STEICOuniversal / universal dry and special dry are fully hydrophobic. Additional treatment of square cut board edges is therefore not required. They can also be reversed during installation in order to reduce on site wastage. STEICOspecial wet process board <u>cannot</u> be reversed as only the top layer is fully hydrophobic.
 - The external face of the boards should remain unobstructed in order to allow the natural passage of water vapour. STEICO wood fibre boards should be protected from the long term effects of weathering. Boards that have been subjected to excessive moisture levels should be allowed to dry out via internal ventilation before the structure is closed.
 - Due to production methods the top face of Wood fibre board is often covered with a fine, invisible layer of sugars, lignin and fibres that can be dissolved by running water, and hence lead to staining of adjoining building components (ie: Windows, Rendering etc.). A controlled removal of rain water should therefore be undertaken during the construction process.
 - The boards are printed with the external surface clearly marked. Generally the sanded face should point to the inside.





- STEICO wood fibre boards can be utilised as a temporary weather protection for up to 4 weeks. This can be increased up to 12 weeks if the board underside is exposed and any possible moisture is allowed to evaporate out.
- High snow loading should be avoided.





 The minimum allowable pitch is 18°. Pitches as low as 10° are allowed but one of the additional measures as detailed below is required:

Taping and sealing the joists : Ensure STEICO boards are dust free and dry before application. The taped areas should be treated with an appropriate sealer recommended by the tape manufacturer.

Sealing with STEICOmulti fill : A continuous 5mm diameter bead should be applied to the back third of the tongue profile. STEICOmulti fill should squeeze out of the T&G profile once the boards are pushed together and this excess material should be sanded off once dry. One tube of STEICOmulti fill should allow approx. 8 linear meters of bead.

Using an external vapour open membrane eg. STEICO multi UDB : At all connections and joints the membrane should be sealed with a tape recommended by the membrane manufacturer.

 STEICO wood fibre boards are water vapour open products. Condensation forming on the inside of the board during construction can hinder this process. Increased humidity in the building due to plaster, screeds or paints should be removed with suitable ventilation. Additional measures such as dehumidifiers are recommended. Internal vapour control layers or vapour barriers should be fitted and sealed before any such work is undertaken. The vapour diffusion factor of humidity variable membranes reduces with high humidity and this should be carefully considered with increased internal humidity (internal plaster, wet screeds) during the winter months.





- STEICO wood fibre boards can be walked on directly above a rafter or joist support, however they cannot be used as the primary walking surface. It is recommended to install the counter batten and tile batten at the same time as the STEICO board in order to increase the available support areas. Additional fall protection (Man Safe systems) should be used in line with national guidelines.
- Detailing of the Gable and Eaves structure should be considered before starting with the installation of STEICO wood fibre boards. If the detailing requires a square end cut of the boards then the project Architect should ensure a robust external water proofing detail with a suitable sealing and taping system.

Installation Instructions

- The fitting of the boards starts from the bottom left hand corner. The tongue points upwards and the printing on the board details which side is internal or external. The offcut from the first row should be used to start the beginning of the second row. Vertical joists should be staggered on each row.
 STEICOuniversal with a thickness of 22mm should be staggered by a minimum of 600mm and all other thicknesses by a minimum of 250mm.
- The boards can be temporarily nailed with a large flat head nail with the long term fix provided via an appropriate counter batten. A nail tight tape beneath the batten is not required. Additional fixing details are provided in the tables on pages 6 – 9.







- The appropriate cutting tool should be used based on the thickness of the material. When connecting to other parts of a building a clean, parallel cut with minimum gap should be ensured. For all thick wood fibre boards we would recommend the use of a Protool, Type Univers SSP 200EB. This can cut insulations up to 200mm thick.
- When using air injected insulation such as STEICOzell a thicker insulation should be used or additional measures, such as an additional batten, should be used to reduce the possibilities of bellying. Any damaged boards edges should be suitably taped and sealed or the material should not be used.
- Cut edges, connections to other parts of the structure or penetrations should be structurally supported and carefully taped with an appropriate taping system. A minimum adhesive surface of 50mm is recommended on each board edge. When connecting to different materials, using circular penetrations or connecting in Eaves and Ridge then Butyl Tapes or collars should be used
- The boards can be temporarily nailed or stapled with the long term fix via an appropriate counter batten. Nail tight tapes beneath the batten is not required. Additional detail with regards to fixing is detailed in the tables on pages 6 9.





- Openings above the roof line, such as Roof Lights, should have an appropriate method of ensuring weathering protection. Roof lights built in during the construction phase should incorporate an external membrane built into the first horizontal board joint above the opening. This can then be used to attach an angle detail above the window and ensures a robust method of weathering protection.
- With roof lights that are fitted after the boards are laid the angle detail should be fitted above the opening and fixed via an appropriate taping system.

Fixing Method



Allowable center spacings – Roof Applications

Thickness (mm)		max. center spacing (mm)	max. center spacing with air injected insulation (mm)		
STEICOuniversal 22		750	625		
STEICOuniversal 24		800	750		
STEICOuniversal 35		1000	950		
STEICOuniversal 52		1100	950		
STEICOuniversal 60		1250	950		
STEICOspecial / STEICO universal dry	60	1250	950		
STEICOspecial / STEICO universal dry	80	1250	950		
STEICOspecial / STEICO universal dry	100	1250	950		
STEICOspecial / STEICO special dry	120	1250	950		
STEICOspecial dry 140		1250	950		
STEICOspecial dry 160		1250	950		
STEICOspecial dry 180		1250	950		
STEICOspecial dry 200		1250	950		



Allowable center spacings – Wall Applications

Thickness (mm)		max. center spacing (mm)	max. center spacing with air injected insulation (mm)		
STEICOuniversal 22		850	600		
STEICOuniversal 24		900	700		
STEICOuniversal 35		1000	850		
STEICOuniversal 52		1100	850		
STEICO <i>universal</i> 60		1250	850		
STEICOspecial / STEICO universal dry	60	1250	850		
STEICOspecial / STEICO universal dry	80	1250	850		
STEICOspecial / STEICO universal dry	100	1250	850		
STEICOspecial / STEICO special dry	120	1250	850		
STEICOspecial dry 140		1250	850		
STEICO <i>special dry</i> 160		1250	850		
STEICOspecial dry 180		1250	850		
STEICOspecial dry 200		1250	850		

ROOF

The following fixing tables relate to calculations carried out by ITW 'Befestigungsysteme GmbH' and have been produced in line with the latest requirements of Eurocode 5 design.

They detail the center spacing of fixing for the counter batten based on the relevant worst case roof pitch with an allowance for Snow Load, Self-Weight of the structure and thickness of wood fibre material. Wind suction loads have been presumed at 1.1kN/m².



An independent structural analysis of appropriate fixings should be undertaken for all constructions which are outside of those detailed in the tables or if a different type of fixing is used. If using a 50/30 batten then a fixing suitable for wind loading should be used for the tile batten as the penetration depth of a plain round head nails is not achieved with 30mm. The tables show fixings for 750mm or 1000mm rafter center spacings. The maximum rafter spacing suitable for the insulation thickness given on page 6 should be considered.

STEICOuniversal / universa	al dry / special / spec	ial dry									
Thickness (mm) 22 / 24	Fixing by max.	Annular Ring Haubold 3.1*90					Staples Haubold SD 91090 / BS 29090				
	750mm ¹⁾	Pitch up to 35° 35°-55°				35°-55°	Pitch up to 35°				35°-55°
Counter batten		Snow Load kN/m ²				Snow Load kN/m ²					
(w x h in mm) : 50 x 30		0.85	1.00	1.50	2.50	≤ 2.5	0.85	1.00	1.50	2.50	≤ 2.5
		Center spa	acing of fix	ing (mm)			Center spa	acing of fix	ing (mm)		
Lightweight Roofing	0.30 kN/m ²	200	200	200	150	200	150	150	150	100	150
Mediumweight Roofing	0.55 kN/m ²	200	200	150	100	200	150	150	150	100	150
Heavyweight Roofing	0.90 kN/m ²	150	150	150	100	100	150	150	100	100	100

STEICOuniversal / universa	al dry / special / spec	ial dry									
	Fixing by max.	Annular Ring					Staples ³⁾				
Thickness (mm)	center spacing	Haubold 3	.8*130				Haubold S	D 91120 / E	3S 29120		
35	1000mm ¹⁾	Pitch				Pitch					
	1000mm	up to 35° 35°-5				35°-55°	up to 35°			35°-55°	
Counter batten		Snow Load kN/m ²					Snow Load kN/m ²				
(w x h in mm) : 60 x 40 ²⁾		0.85	1.00	1.50	2.50	≤ 2.5	0.85	1.00	1.50	2.50	≤ 2.5
		Center spa	acing of fix	ing (mm)			Center spa	acing of fix	ing (mm)		
Lightweight Roofing	0.30 kN/m ²	200	200	200	150	200	150	150	150	100	150
Mediumweight Roofing	0.55 kN/m ²	200	200	150	100	200	150	150	150	100	150
Heavyweight Roofing	0.90 kN/m ²	150	150	150	100	100	150	150	100	100	100

STEICOuniversal / universa	al dry / special / spec	ial dry									
Thickness (mm)	Fixing by max. center spacing 1000mm ¹⁾	Annular Ring / Nail Screw Haubold 4.2*160 / 4.6*160					Nails ⁴⁾ 6*180				
52 - 60		Pitch up to 35° 35°-55°					Pitch up to 35°				35°-55°
Counter batten		Snow Load	d kN/m²				Snow Load	l kN/m²			
(w x h in mm) : 60 x 40 ²⁾		0.85	1.00	1.50	2.50	≤2.5	0.85	1.00	1.50	2.50	≤ 2.5
		Center spa	acing of fix	ing (mm)			Center spa	acing of fix	ing (mm)		
Lightweight Roofing	0.30 kN/m ²	200	200	200	150	200	120	120	120	100	60
Mediumweight Roofing	0.55 kN/m ²	200	200	200	100	100	120	120	120	50	60
Heavyweight Roofing	0.90 kN/m ²	200	200	150	100	100	120	120	100	50	60

 $^{\rm 1)}$ without air injected insulation

 $^{\rm 2)}$ Counter batten with a 50 x 30 cross section can be used with 2.0*100 Staples

 $^{\rm 3)}$ Staples to be used when using STEICO joist as rafter construction

 $^{\rm 4)}$ When using counter batten 60 x 40 the 6.0*180 nails should be pre-drilled

A gap of at least 120mm should be left at the end of the counter batten before the first Nail or Screw and at least 70mm before the first staple. When using counter batten of a larger size the length of the fixing should be amended appropriately.

ROOFING EXAMPLE MATERIALS

Lightweight Roofing	0.30 kN/m ²	Metal roofing incl timber cladding
Mediumweight Roofing	0.55 kN/m ²	Concrete tiles, Clay tiles
Hoppywoight Poofing	$0.00 \text{kN} \text{m}^2$	eg. Beavertail tiles
	0.90 KN/M	Spanish curved tiles with mortaring

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Fixing	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Shaft Diameter (mm)
Annular Ring3.1*90	90	-	3.1
Annular Ring3.8*130	130	-	3.8
Annular Ring4.2*160	160	-	4.2
Nail Screw3.8*130	130	-	3.8
Nail Screw4.6*160	160	-	4.6
StapleSD 91090	90	11.78	2.0
StapleBS 29090	90	27	2.0
StapleSD 91100	100	11.78	2.0
StapleBS 29100	100	27	2.0
StapleSD 91120	120	11.78	2.0
StapleBS 29120	120	27	2.0

The following tables should be used as a guide for structural applications <u>but</u> does not negate the need for full structural analysis. This structural analysis is the responsibility of the Project Engineer and should be carried out accordingly. They detail the center spacing of fixing for the counter batten based on a roof pitch of 30° with an allowance for Snow Load, Self-Weight of the structure and thickness of wood fibre material. Fixings that allow for Wind suction have not been considered and require additional analysis. All selected fixings should be admissible for use in their intended area of application ie. attachement of an above rafter lying insulation. The corresponding fixing manufacturers are responsible for ensuring suitability. Depending on the selected fixing the center spacings of the fixings can be increased by 30% depending on head fixing and shaft diameter. The maximum center spacing for the rafter is 1250mm.

STEICOspecial / special dry / universal dry								
Thickness (mm)	Minimum screw size							
60	8*180	max. center spacing (mm) max. center spacing (mm)						
80	8*200	Rafters	spacing					
100	8*220	e ≤ 100	0mm ^{b)}	e ≤ 850mm				
120	8*240							
140	8*260							
160	8*280							
Counter batten		Snow Load kN/m ²		Snow Load kN/m ²				
(w x h in mm) : 80 x 40		0.75	1.0	0.75	1.0			
Mediumweight Roofing	0.60 kN/m ²	600	500	700	600			

STEICOspecial / special dry / universal dry

Thickness (mm)	Minimum screw size									
60	6*180	max.	center spacing	(mm)	max. center spacing (mm)					
80	6*200		Rafter spacing		Rafter spacing					
100	6*220	e ≤ 1000mm ^{b)}			e ≤ 850mm					
120	6*240									
140	6*260									
160	6*280									
Counter batten		Snow Load kN/m ²		Snow Load kN/m ²		n ²				
(w x h in mm) : 60 x 40		0.75	1.0	2.0	0.75	1.0	2.0			
Mediumweight Roofing	0.60 kN/m ²	550	500	400	700	650	550			

A gap of at least 200mm should be left at the end of the counter batten before the first Screw. The effective screw spacing is determined by the counter batten length. As a rule the screws are fixed at a 67° angle to the rafter axis. The exact specifications should be obtained from the relevant approval of the manufacturer.

WALL

In areas of normal exposure the Shear forces and Suction forces are less for walls than they are for Roofs. This allows the above tables to be used when selecting appropriate spacings for fixings used in façade applications.

The fixings required in buildings with high façade loads (self weight of cladding systems, high wind loads) should be calculated on a job by job basis by the project Engineer.

Various fixing manufacturers such as HECO, FISCHER, Mungo or EJOTetc can offer a design service for these application areas.



http://www.heco-schrauben.de/de/Vertretungen/International

http://www.fischer.co.uk/Home.aspx

http://www.mungo.ch/en/

http://www.ejot.co.uk/



Generic Details













W2 External corner with STEICOjoist

We spend approx. 80% of our lives in enclosed rooms. But are we always aware what we are surrounding ourselves with? STEICO has set itself the target of developing building products which consider the needs of both man and nature. Our products are therefore produced using sustainable natural materials. They help reduce energy use and add considerably to a natural healthy internal climate.

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