

FLATDEK®

DESIGN & INSTALLATION GUIDE

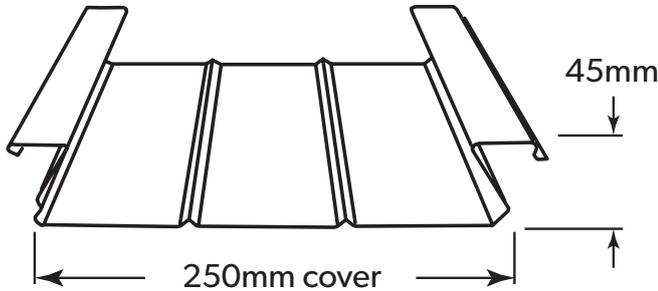
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LYSAGHT FLATDEK®

FLATDEK® is a long-span cladding particularly suited to home improvement projects like room additions, carports and awnings. The underside of FLATDEK® features clean uninterrupted lines, with an attractive gloss finish ensuring visual appeal. FLATDEK® may be used on pitches from as low as 2° (1 in 30). A lower pitch of 1.5° can be used if built with a gutter all around. Where the spans exceed the values in the table, higher pitches should be used.



MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS

COLORBOND® is pre-painted steel for exterior roofing and walling. The painting complies with AS/NZS 2728 and the steel base is an aluminium/zinc alloy-coated steel complying with AS 1397. Minimum yield strength is G550 (550 MPa). Minimum coating mass is AM100 (100g/m²).

The base metal thickness is 0.42mm.

COLOURS

FLATDEK® is available in an attractive range of colours in COLORBOND® pre-painted steel and is available in different combinations of top/bottom colours with a gloss finish on the underside. Ask your local sales centre for colour availability.

LENGTHS

Sheets are supplied custom cut.

Maximum length 9000mm, minimum length 850mm.

MASS (COLORBOND® STEEL)

5.2kg/m² based on 25µm/25µm (Painted both sides)

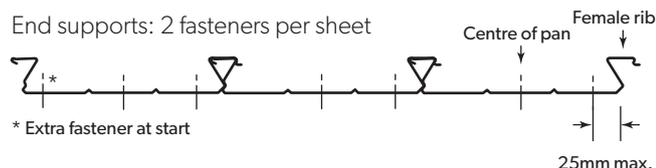
5.4kg/m² based on 80µm/25µm (High Gloss one side)

TOLERANCES

Length: +0mm, -15mm, Width: +2mm, -2mm

MAXIMUM SUPPORT SPACINGS

The maximum recommended support spacings are based on testing in accordance with AS 1562.1 and AS 4040.1.



Depending on support spacings used, FLATDEK® can be installed as either:

- light foot traffic roof (one maintenance person walking on roof); or
- no foot traffic roof (will not support the weight of a person walking on it), see tables below.

The pressure considered is based on a typical flat awning attached to an enclosed structure. The pressure coefficient for this situation is based on 3 sides blocked.

The tables are based on FLATDEK® fixed to supports of 1.0mm BMT minimum. Any FIRMLOK® beam can be used. For FLATDEK® awning applications, the strength of the receiver channel method of attachment must be considered in the design of any system. An alternative method is to use a rear gutter attachment all round for greater weather-tightness.

MAXIMUM SUPPORT SPACINGS (mm)

Wind classification to AS 4055 & BCA				
Type of Span	N1	N2	N3	N4
Spans for no foot traffic				
Single span	4500*	4500*	4500*	3800
End span	4500*	4500*	4500*	3700
Internal span	4500*	4500*	4500*	4400
Stiffened overhangs	600	600	450	400
Spans for light foot traffic				
Single span	2100			
End span	2600			

No overhang is allowed.

Supports must not be less than 1mm BMT. For double spans, use the end span length.

*When dead load deflections need to be considered in designs, use the tabulated values. Where the higher deflections can be tolerated, then the spans can be increased to 4800mm for single spans for N1 to N3; 5000 for end and internal spans for N1 to N3.

Note: For pitched structures when dead load deflections need consideration, use a maximum span of 3300.

SIMPLE FIXING

The unique overlapping dovetail ribs of the FLATDEK® profile can be easily fitted together by hand.

FLATDEK® is simply and economically fixed on top of its supporting members using self-drilling screws (teks) in the pans. This method, using the recommended fasteners, is appropriate for open sided awnings where a high degree of weather tightness is not required.

FLATDEK® LIMIT STATE WIND PRESSURE CAPACITIES (KPA)

Span Type	Limit State	Span (mm)												
		1500	1800	2100	2400	2700	3000	3300	3600	3900	4200	4500	4800	5100
Single	Serviceability	0.98	0.80	0.63	0.50	0.40	0.34	0.30	0.28	0.25	0.23	0.21	0.20	0.18
	Strength*	7.30	6.65	6.00	5.35	4.70	4.10	3.50	3.05	2.65	2.35	2.10	1.85	1.65
End	Serviceability	1.25	1.08	0.93	0.80	0.69	0.60	0.53	0.48	0.43	0.38	0.34	0.31	-
	Strength*	6.15	5.75	5.30	4.80	4.30	3.80	3.30	2.85	2.55	2.30	2.10	1.95	-
Internal	Serviceability	1.30	1.16	1.04	0.93	0.83	0.75	0.68	0.63	0.57	0.52	0.47	0.43	-
	Strength*	6.75	6.10	5.50	5.00	4.55	4.15	3.85	3.50	3.20	2.90	2.60	2.30	-

*Table values are based on supports of 1mm BMT.

LIMIT STATES WIND PRESSURES

FLATDEK® offers the full benefits of the latest methods for modelling wind pressures. The wind pressure capacity table is based on full scale tests conducted at Lysaght's NATA-registered testing laboratory, using the direct air pressure testing rig.

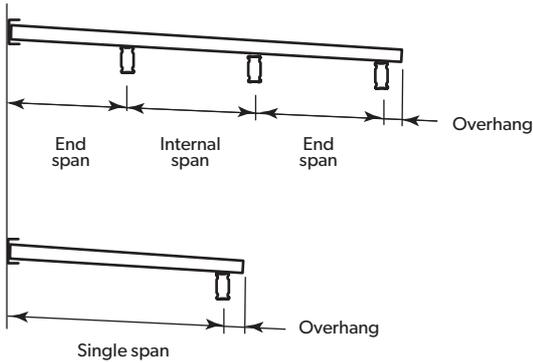
Testing was conducted in accordance with AS 1562.1 and AS 4040.2.

The pressure capacities for serviceability are based on a deflection limit of $(\text{span}/120) + (\text{maximum fastener pitch}/30)$.

The pressure capacities for strength have been determined by testing the cladding to failure (ultimate capacity).

Note: For double spans use the end spans.

ADVERSE CONDITIONS



If this product is to be used in marine, severe industrial, or unusually corrosive environments, ask for advice from our information line.

MINIMUM ROOF PITCH

2° (1 in 30).

NON-CYCLONIC AREAS

The information in this brochure is suitable for use only in areas where a tropical cyclone is unlikely to occur as defined in AS 1170.2.



MAINTENANCE

Optimum product life will be achieved if all external surfaces are washed regularly. Areas not cleaned by natural rainfall (such as the underside of roofs) should be washed down every six months.

SAFETY, STORAGE AND HANDLING

Handling Safety - LYSAGHT® product may be sharp and heavy.

It is recommended that heavy-duty cut resistant gloves and appropriate manual handling techniques or a lifting plan be used when handling material.

Keep the product dry and clear of the ground. If stacked or bundled product becomes wet, separate it, wipe it with a clean cloth to dry thoroughly.

Handle materials carefully to avoid damage: don't drag materials over rough surfaces or each other; don't drag tools over material; protect from swarf.

METAL & TIMBER COMPATIBILITY

Lead, copper, bare steel and green or some chemically-treated timbers are not compatible with this product; thus don't allow any contact of the product with those materials, nor discharge of rainwater from them onto the product. If there are doubts about the compatibility of products being used, ask for advice from our information line.

CUTTING

For cutting thin metal on site, we recommend an angle grinder with a metal-cutting blade because it produces fewer damaging hot metal particles and leaves less resultant burr than a carborundum disc does.

Cut materials over the ground and not over other materials.

Sweep all metallic swarf and other debris from roof areas and gutters at the end of each day and at the completion of the installation. Failure to do so can lead to surface staining when the metal particles rust.

SEALANTS

Use neutral cure silicone sealants.

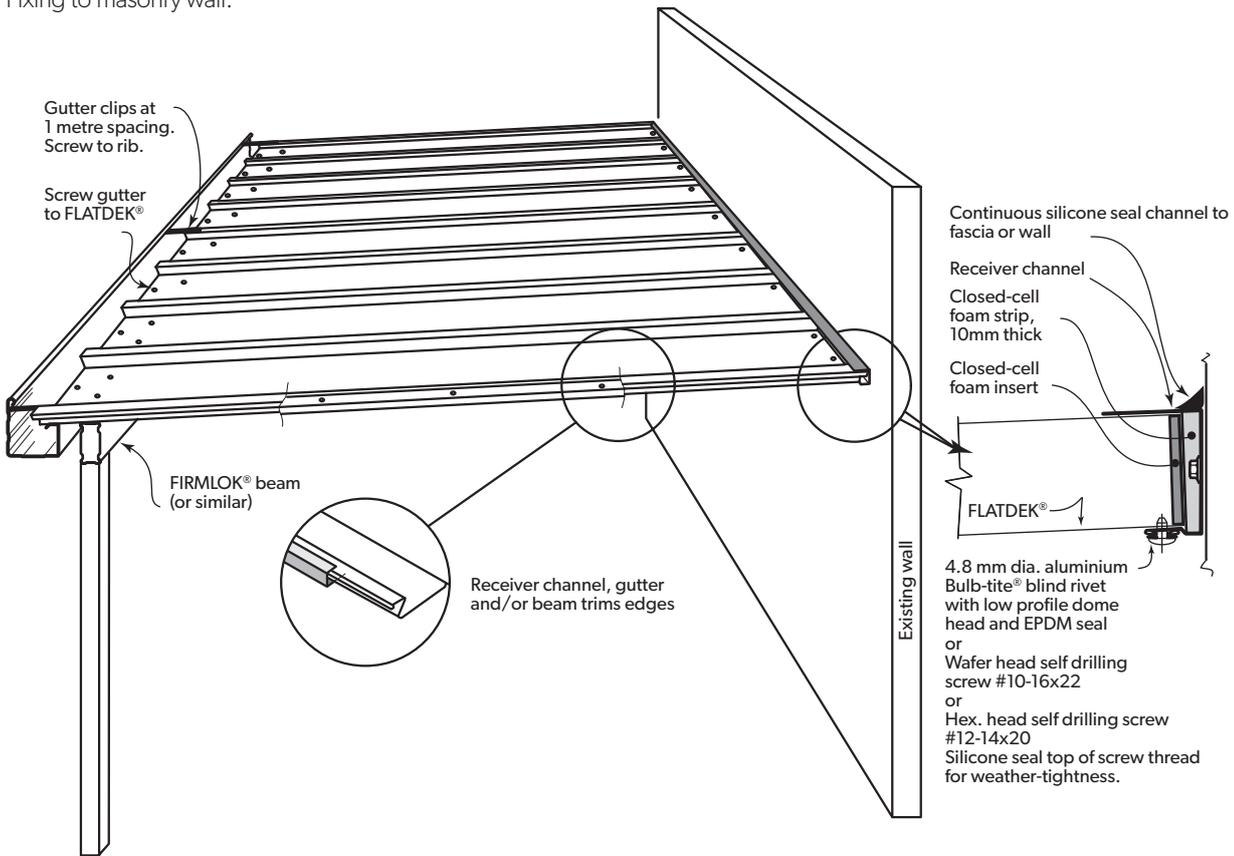
PIPE PENETRATION

Flashing round small pipe penetrations is fairly simple using flanged sleeves or proprietary EPDM sleeves. Be careful to insulate incompatible materials.

INSTALLATION OF A TYPICAL AWNING

Figure 1

Fixing to masonry wall.



SHEET COVERAGE

Width of Roof (m)	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	30	40	50
Number of Sheets	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	56	60	64	68	72	76	80	120	160	200

FASTENERS WITHOUT INSULATION

	Fix to Steel (Total 2.0mm) Single & lapped steel thickness ≥0.55 up to 1.0mm BMT	Fix to Steel Single steel thickness ≥1.0mm BMT up to 3.0mm BMT	Fix to Timber Hardwood J1-J3	Fix to Timber Softwood J4
Pan Fixed	12-14x20, Metal Tekes, HH with EPDM seal or Roof Zips M6-11x25 with EPDM seal	12-14x20, Metal Tekes, HH with EPDM seal	M5.5-11x35 Batten Zip with 16mm bonded Aluminium EPDM washer	M5.5-11x35 Batten Zip with 16mm bonded Aluminium EPDM washer

Notes:

1. Values given are: gauge-threads per inch x lengths (mm). HH = Hex. Head. Finish is Coating Class 4.
2. When fixing to FIRMLOK®, tighten until washer is just gripped enough to give a weathertight seal. Don't tighten any more.
3. Screw specification as above or equivalent fastener. Refer to Timber Code AS1720.2 for timber grades.
4. For awnings with double spans of 4000mm or more for wind class 3, 3 sides blocked, use 3 fasteners per pan for middle supports. For single spans for wind categories up to N4, 3 sides blocked use 2 fasteners per span.

FIT RECEIVER CHANNEL

A receiver channel is often used to securely fix the FLATDEK® roof to the main building — usually to the building fascia, but the channel can be fixed to a solid wall if there is sufficient height to take wind uplift (Figure 1).

LAYING FLATDEK®

1. Before you join sheets, it is important to remove the protective plastic coating otherwise the sheets won't clip together properly. Be careful to place the sheets on a soft surface to prevent scratching.
2. Insert the closed-cell foam strip into the receiver channel with some silicone behind it to hold it in position.
3. Push the first sheet firmly into the receiver channel, with the female (overlapping) rib to the edge of the roof (Figure 2).
4. Fix the sheet at the beam end (Figure 1). Tighten screws until washer is just gripped enough to give a weathertight seal. Don't tighten any more.
5. Squeeze a closed-cell foam insert into the receiver channel and massage it to fit neatly all round. Use a small quantity of silicone to hold it in position.
6. Fix the sheet at the receiver channel end (Figure 1).
7. Place the next sheet with its female (overlapping) rib on top of the male (underlapping) rib of the first sheet. Engage the ribs at the channel end for the first 100mm (Figure 3).
8. With a rubber mallet, tap the sheet into the receiver channel, ensuring the sheet beds firmly in the foam strip.
9. Complete engaging the ribs.
10. Check that the sheet fits snugly against the previous sheet by looking at the joint between the sheets on the underside. Fix the sheet as previously described. Repeat the process until all sheets are laid.
11. Ensure all the closed cell foam are placed between the ribs.

LIGHT PANELS

FLATDEK® can be complemented with translucent fibreglass panels. The edges of these panels overlap the adjoining FLATDEK® panels (Figure 4). Either side of a fibreglass panel there must be at least three FLATDEK® panels before another fibreglass panel may be placed. Two fibreglass panels can not be laid next to each other. Slide fibreglass panels along the FLATDEK® into the receiver channel.

Fix the light panel at the supports using 3 fasteners for a sheet and one at each rib. Remember to fix an extra tek to each side of the FLATDEK® ribs as shown.

Figure 2

Sequence of laying sheets.

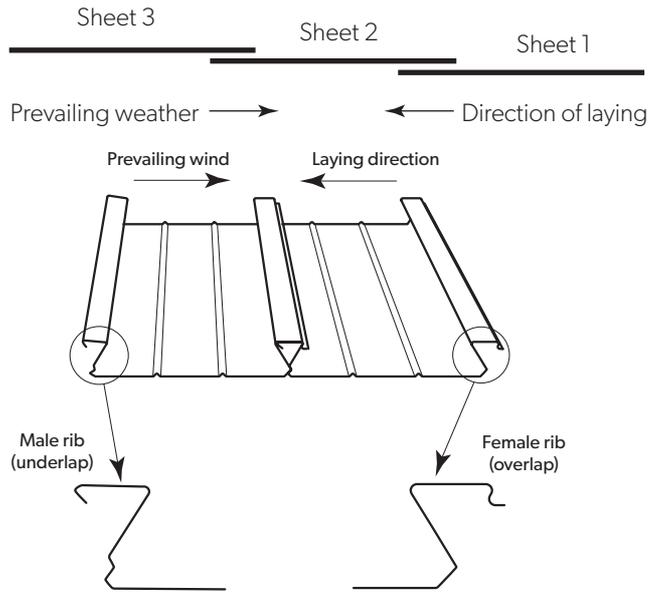


Figure 3

Engaging the ribs

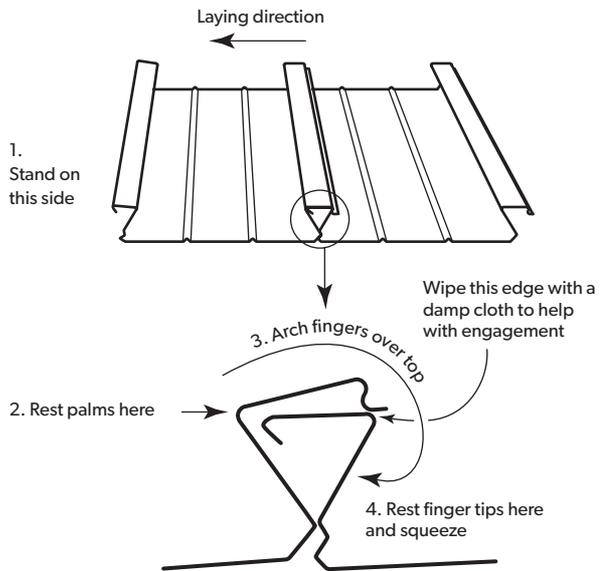
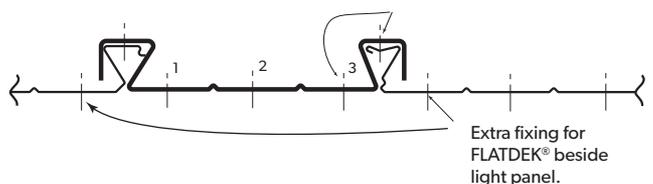


Figure 4

Fixing of light panels.



Pre-drill with 10mm diameter expansion hole. Then fix fibreglass with light panel using 12-14x25mm self-drilling screws with hex. head and EPDM bonded aluminium washer at 1000mm centres on top of ribs and in pans at supports.



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AUSTRALIAN STANDARDS

Australian Standard	Definition
AS 1562.1:2018	Design and installation of sheet roof and wall cladding – Part 1: metal
AS 4040.2-1992 (Reconfirmed 2016, Amendment 1:2018)	Methods of testing sheet roof and wall cladding, Part 2: Resistance to wind pressures for non-cyclone regions
AS 4040.1-1992 (Reconfirmed 2016)	Methods of testing sheet roof and wall cladding - Method 1: Resistance to concentrated loads
AS/NZS 1170.2:2021	Structural design actions, Part 2: Wind actions
AS/NZS 2728:2013	Prefinished/ pre-painted sheet metal products for interior/ exterior building applications – Performance requirements
AS 1397:2021	Continuous hot-dip metallic coated steel sheet and strip — Coatings of zinc and zinc alloyed with aluminium and magnesium

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