



Safety Alert

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Laminated Scaffold Planks

Over the past years we have had several incidents when laminated Hyplanks have failed.

If a plank has been damaged and has absorbed water, it can rot internally with very little warning, especially if it has been stacked or stored with inadequate ventilation or has been used in an environment of chemical exposure.

ALL CFMEU members working with laminated scaffold planks are requested to check very carefully for signs of damage.

One indication of a damaged plank is that it weighs more than it should.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Laminated timber planks stored outside **MUST** be on level bearers and have a spacer between each layer. (Consult the designer, manufacturer and supplier specifications.)
- Laminated timber planks **MUST** be checked visually and tested structurally on a regular basis. (Consult the designer, manufacturer and supplier specifications.)
- Any planks showing evidence of stress or structural deterioration of any kind **MUST** be removed from service immediately.

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