

Purchasing guidelines for: BS 2482:2009 Timber Boards

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1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this guidance note is to detail best purchasing practice for BS 2482:2009 timber scaffold boards. If the boards have been assessed and certified as a 'NASC Approved Product', then no further action is required, other than a visual inspection of your supplier's certificate of product compliance (a list of approved products can be found on the NASC website). If the boards have not been assessed and NASC approved, then the guidelines below should be followed.

2. TEST CERTIFICATION

Only companies who hold a current certificate of registration or 'Kitemark Licence' may manufacture and certify scaffold boards to the BS 2482 standard. Copies of certificates should be issued for all supplied boards and retained for future reference. See typical examples of certificates below:



3. MATERIAL SUSTAINABILITY CERTIFICATION

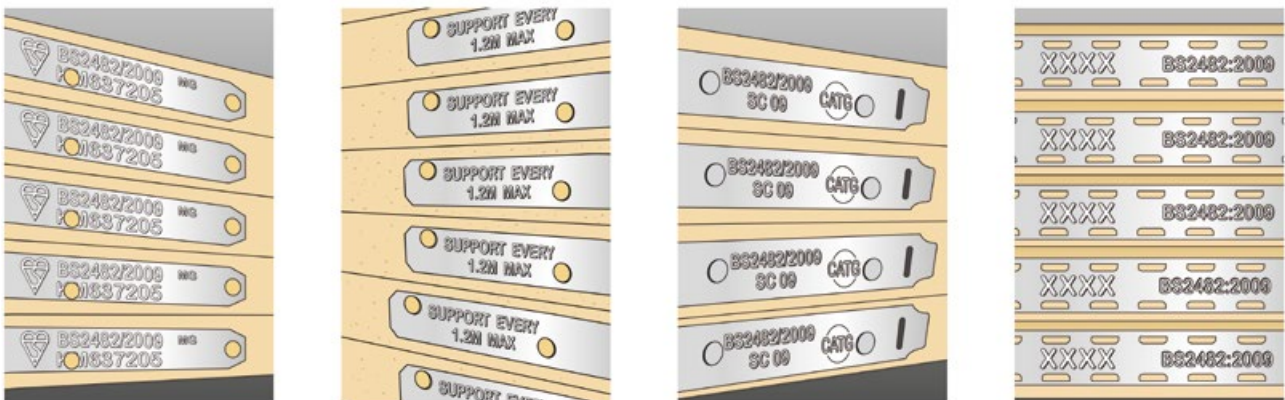
You need to check that all timber boards are from sustainable and certified sources, e.g. FSC or PEFC and that certification is available to confirm this, as can be seen on the certificate examples below:



4. MARKING REQUIREMENTS

You need to check that each scaffold board is marked in accordance with the requirements of BS 2482:2009 with the following information on the end plates:

- The standard BS 2482:2009.
- The identification mark of the supplier/manufacture.
- The letter M or V denoting machine or visual grading.
- The word 'support' followed by the target span in metres.
- The identification mark of the third party certification body.



REFERENCES AND FURTHER GUIDANCE

Standards:

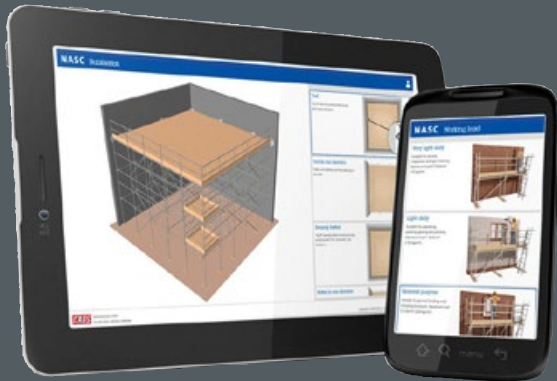
- BS 2482:2009 Specification for timber scaffold boards

NASC Guidance, including:

- TG5 Timber scaffold boards – BS 2482:2009
- TG6 Care and maintenance of scaffold boards
- TG7 Scaffold board nailplates
- TG10 Flame retardant treatments for timber scaffold boards and battens

NOTE: NASC guidance is generally updated every five years so consult website for latest version.

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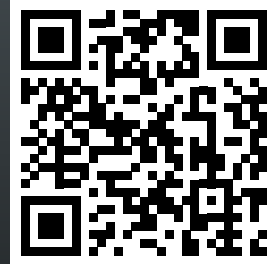
- Comprehensive industry guidance, recognised by the Health & Safety Executive (HSE)
- Targets all safety and commercial risks, ensuring your business remains safe and profitable
- Meticulously researched and written by experienced professionals, focused on improving the scaffolding industry
- Aimed at the busy general manager with user friendly, step-by-step advice
- Cutting edge technical guidance on best practice, including ePortal and compliance sheets, that could save you thousands of pounds
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