

Purchasing guidelines for: EN 12810/11 System Scaffolding

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1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this guidance note is to detail best purchasing practice for EN 12810/11 System Scaffolding. If the system has 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 scaffold system has not been assessed and NASC approved, then the guidelines below should be followed.

2. APPROVAL DATA

The approval data is proof that the full system has been tested and analysed to the required European standards, and should consist of:

- A full test report and structural calculations by an external body to EN 12810/12811.
- Examples of external test authorities are, Dibt, TUV, SP, NF, Oxford Brookes, Testconsult, Slender Structures, S-Mech, James Crosbie Associates, Raprig Design.

3. MATERIAL CERTIFICATION

Test data is the criteria to which the product is independently tested as seen on the test report example opposite, and should consist of:

- Annual testing on System Scaffold key components for all suppliers/manufacturers, [standards, ledgers, transoms, steel decks & board bearers] as follows:
- Chemical analysis*
- Mechanical analysis*
- Outside diameter and wall thickness dimension*
- Weld testing to ISO 5817:2014 min level D & should take into account the following:
 - Visual & MPI of 4 welds.
 - 2 x macro weld inspections.
 - Cross weld or bend hardness survey.

Annual tests must be by a UKAS accredited facility or TUV/SGS.

* If a current internationally recognised system approval is in place, [e.g. Dibt, NF schemes], then chemical, mechanical & dimensional annual testing is not required.

** If a current international welding approval is in place, [e.g. ISO 3834-2, or EN 1090-1/2] then weld testing to ISO 5817:2014 is not required.

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You need to check that a material test certificate from the manufacturer / supplier is available for all key system components. Below is an example of a material test certificate, which will detail the following information:

- The British or European specification/standard, e.g. EN 10219-1 S355 JOH, S460 MH, S275 JRH.
- The specification/standard should be clearly identified on the test certificate.
- The test certificate will detail that it is to the requirements of: EN 10204:2004 section 3.1.

MILL TEST CERTIFICATE															Certificate No: XXXXX			
EN 10204-3.1															STANDARD: EN10219-1		DATE: XXXXXXX	
Contact No:																		
Buyer: Buyer's name here																		
Description: SCAFFOLDING TUBE																		
ITEM	GRADE	SIZE (mm)	WEIGHT	HEAT NO	Chemical composition (%)							Mechanical property			Technical property			
					C	Si	Mn	P	S	AL	Tensile (N/mm ²)	Yield (N/mm ²)	Elongation %	Impact (J)	Bend			
1	S355JOH	48.3*3.2*6400	743.556	L921182	0.17	0.02	0.16	0.018	0.01	0.029	565	440	37	62	Qualified			
2	S355JOH	48.3*3.2*6400	750.505	L921186	0.19	0.02	1.170	0.016	0.012	0.024	575	456	34.0	60	Qualified			
3	S355JOH	48.3*3.2*4870	249.586	L921188	0.17	0.01	1.140	0.017	0.011	0.026	579	421	30.0	65	Qualified			
4	S355JOH	48.3*3.2*3960	149.632	L921183	0.16	0.02	1.140	0.013	0.007	0.024	564	433	32.5	60	Qualified			
5	S355JOH	48.3*3.2*3050	106.636	L921183	0.16	0.02	1.140	0.013	0.007	0.024	564	433	32.5	60	Qualified			
6	S355JOH	48.3*3.2*2430	91.819	L921183	0.16	0.02	1.140	0.013	0.007	0.024	564	433	32.5	60	Qualified			
7	S355JOH	48.3*3.2*1520	78.89	L921188	0.17	0.01	1.140	0.017	0.011	0.026	579	421	30.0	65	Qualified			
		TOTAL	2170.62															

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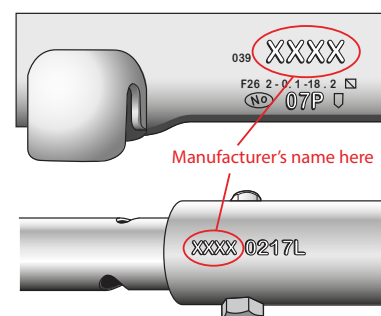
XXXXXX PIPE & TUBE CO
XXXXXX XXXXX XXX
XXXXXX XXX XXXXX

4. MARKING REQUIREMENTS

You need to check that each system component is permanently marked on the surface with the following information:

- Year of manufacture.
- Registered trade mark, or the manufacturer's name.
- NASC member company's name, [when the original manufacturer is not an NASC member].

NOTE: Marking location can vary.



5. USER GUIDE/PRODUCT MANUAL

Is there a system specific user guide/product manual available which includes the following information:

- Instructions for the sequence of erection / dismantle.
- The layout of each system configuration.
- Instructions for tying, including maximum leg load.
- Statement of limitation, [e.g. maximum wind speed/snow loads etc.].
- Specification of items which are not purpose designed.
- Loads imposed on the façade and foundation.
- Indication that damaged components may not be used.
- Instructions for storage, maintenance and repair, if appropriate.
- How to obtain further technical information.

REFERENCES AND FURTHER GUIDANCE

Standards:

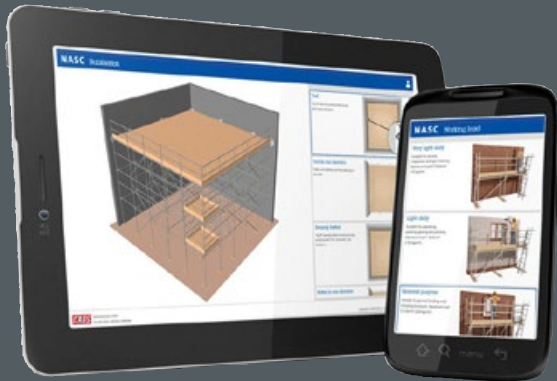
- BS EN 12810-1:2003 Façade scaffolds made of prefabricated components – Product specifications
- BS EN 12811-1:2003 Temporary works equipment – Scaffolds. Performance requirements and general design
- BS EN 1090-1:2009+A1:2011
- BS EN 1090-1:2009+A1:2011 Execution of steel structures and aluminium structures – Requirements for conformity assessment of structural components
- BS EN 1090-2:2018+A1:2024 Execution of steel structures and aluminium structures – Technical requirements for steel structures
- BS EN ISO 5817:2014 Welding. Fusion-welded joints in steel, nickel, titanium and their alloys (beam welding excluded). Quality levels for imperfections

NASC Guidance, including:

- TG30 A comprehensive guide to good practice for system scaffolding

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

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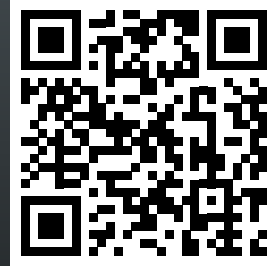
- Comprehensive industry guidance, recognised by the Health & Safety Executive (HSE)
- Targets all safety and commercial risks, ensuring your business remains safe and profitable
- Meticulously researched and written by experienced professionals, focused on improving the scaffolding industry
- Aimed 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
- Guidance used by the whole industry – but NASC members receive much of it free and the rest at a huge discount of up to 82%.

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