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Product Data Sheet

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dekoleather

Product Description

The product name **dekoleather** refers to **decorative high pressure laminates (HPL)** with a top layer of genuine leather. The **dekoleather** collection is available in six colours. **Dekoleather** is a natural product, which is why colour variations caused by production are possible.

Not only does it look like leather, but it also smells and feels like leather.

The **dekoleather** top layer is made from 100% recycled cow leather fibres. Using a special, patented procedure, **dekoleather** is pressed to a decorative high pressure laminate with a core layer of impregnated phenolic and/or melamine resin papers. Besides, the usual phenolic and/or melamine resin papers can be replaced by core layers from the "ECO-HPL" product series.

Possible backing sheet for dekoleather: RS 16 GLA 008

This backing sheet is a white, plain melamine laminate with smooth surface without special quality requirements.

Form of Delivery and Quality

All **dekoleather** boards are manufactured and delivered in the dimensions 2440 x 1220 mm.

The tolerance for the nominal length and width dimensions complies with the requirements of DIN EN 438 and meets the specifications:

10 mm / -0 mm

The board thickness of **dekoleather** boards can be manufactured from 1.0 mm to 1.5 mm. The standard thickness of this product is 1.0 mm (weight: 1.0 kg/m²).

The requirements of DIN EN 438 apply to the thickness deviations.

Nominal thickness Limit deviations

0.5 - 1.0 mm± 0.15 mm > 1.0 - 2.0 mm± 0.18 mm

All **dekoleather boards** are manufactured in standard quality.

Applications and Processing Instructions

The use of **dekoleather** is particularly suitable for vertical decorative surfaces in interior construction and the furniture sector. The surface can be cleaned easily. Typical application examples include: wall coverings, ceiling coverings, desks, home furnishing, hotel and restaurant furniture.

Dekoleather HPL laminates can be sawn, milled and drilled with carbide tipped tools. When sawing the board, make sure that the dekoleather laminates are cut with a pulling motion to prevent damage to the fibres of the top layer.

Adhesive types suitable for gluing:

Dispersion adhesives (PVAc) Condensation resin adhesives (urea resin) Contact adhesives Reaction adhesives Hot-melt adhesives

Gluing with dispersion and urea resin adhesives is done with a glue application of approx. $100 - 150 \text{ g/m}^2$ and a pressing power of approx. 2 - 5 bar. The pressing temperature should not exceed 60°C.

The processing instructions of the manufacturer must be observed when using contact adhesives, reaction adhesives and hot-melt adhesives.

In the case of composite elements, attention must be paid to a symmetrical structure, i.e. the back is glued to a corresponding backing sheet. Good flatness is achieved when using the same board quality on the rear of the element with a 1B board or with the RS 16 HGL 008 backing sheet.

Bonding HPL-sheets surfaced with pure metal foils

The bonding of HPL sheets surfaced with pure metal sheets using

- (contact glues (containing a solvent)
- I condensation glues (resins based on phenol and/or resorcinol)

requires special precautions and close adherence to the manufacturer's instructions. Special attention must be paid to a uniform, but not too higher gluespred, sufficient airing (insufficient airing can lead to later-on blistering between the metalfoil and the core of the laminat and/or lead to the seperation of the metalfoil to the laminat. Here contact with the manufacturer is essential) and sufficient pressure in the press. The surfaces to be bonded should be kept as small as possible. At least one edge should not exceed 800 mm.

General rules for bonding HPL, surfaced with pure metal, to wooden substrates

(particle board V 20, particle board V 100, plywood, hardboard or solid wood)

Glues	emp	loved	
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For use as in DIN 204

Resistance in Temperature

Condensation glues				
Urea resin with	Urea-Melamine	Phenol		
approx. 10% filter	resin	Resorcinol resins		
D 3	D 3	D3/D4		
		between		
between - 20°C + 150°C		- 20°C + 150°C		
~ Gluespread:				
90-150 g/m²		100-180 g/m²		
on HPL or substrate				
~ Open time:				
2-20 min		2-15 min		
~ Press pressure approx.				
3-5 bar		3-5 bar		
~ Press temperature/Press time:				
20 °C / 15-180 min		20°C approx. 9 hours		
40 °C / 5-30 min		80°C approx. 10 min		
60 °C / 1-12 min		110°C approx. 5 min		
~ Open and press times are				
dependant on the amount hardener used.				

Glues employed

For use as in EN 204

Resistance to Temperature

Contact glues				
		with built-in		
without hardener	with hardener	hardener		
not classified under EN 204				
between	between	Contact		
- 20 °C + 70 °C	- 20 °C + 100 °C	the manufacturer		
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~ Gluespread:		These are special glues		
150-200 g/m²		and therefor no values		
on both HPL and substrate		can be given.		
~ Open times:				
dependant on ambient temperature				
and on the type of glue used				
(Fingertest)				
~ Presspressure: at least 5 bar		Contact with the		
~ Press temperature:		manufacturer is		
20 /40 / 60 °C		essential.		
~ Pressing times: short				
A roller press is recommended				

Cleaning and Care

The **dekoleather** surface is cleaned using a clean cloth, a soft, damp sponge, soapy water or a commercially available leather care product.

Abrasive detergents should not be used.

Storage

Dekoleather high pressure laminates must be stored in a closed room at 18-25°C and relative humidity of 50-60%. They must be stored horizontally and completely supported leaving 200 mm space between the floor and the supports.

The board stacks

- must be protected against moisture
- must not be exposed to direct sunlight
- must not be placed in a warm air flow.

If horizontal storage should not be possible, we recommend storing the boards at an angle of 80° with full surface contact and a counter weight at the bottom.

Disposal

Dekoleather waste can be **burned** in officially authorised industrial incineration facilities.

Dekoleather waste can be **deposited** in landfills in compliance with the local waste legislation.

According to Germany's "TA – Abfall" (Technical Instruction on Waste), version as of 28 March 1991, Category I, No. 571, HPL residues are classified as "other hardened plastic waste". Category I means that a material is similar to household waste.

Please do not hesitate to contact our service department if you have any questions. You may also contact us if you have open questions about special details concerning DIN EN 438.

Do you need any samples? You may request these from Dekodur® in the form of sample chains/samples in DIN A5 or DIN A4 by calling us on +49 (0) 6272 689-0 or sending an e-mail.