

**ENGINEERING SPECIFICATION**  
**PULTRUDED FRP DYNAPLANK™ BOARDWALK PLANK**

## SECTION 06 73 13

### FIBERGLASS REINFORCED PLASTICS (FRP) FABRICATIONS

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## PART 1 - GENERAL

### 1.1 REFERENCES

The publications listed below (latest revision applicable) form a part of this specification to the extent referenced herein. The publications are referred to within the text by the designation only.

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING AND MATERIALS (ASTM) Test Methods:

ASTM D-638-Tensile Properties of Plastics

ASTM D-790-Flexural Properties of Unreinforced and Reinforced Plastics

ASTM D-2344-Apparent Interlaminar Shear Strength of Parallel Fiber Composites by Short Beam Method

ASTM D-696-Coefficient of Linear Thermal Expansion for Plastics

ASTM E-84-Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials

### 1.2 CONTRACTOR SUBMITTALS

- A. The CONTRACTOR shall furnish shop drawings of all fabricated structural systems and accessories in accordance with the provisions of this Section.
- B. The CONTRACTOR shall furnish manufacturer's shop drawings clearly showing material sizes, types, styles, part or catalog numbers, complete details for the fabrication of and erection of components including but not limited to, location, lengths, type and sizes of fasteners, clip angles, member sizes, and connection details.
- C. The CONTRACTOR shall submit the manufacturer's published literature including structural design data, structural properties data, corrosion resistance tables, certificates of compliance, test reports as applicable, and design calculations for systems not sized or designed in the contract documents, sealed by a Professional Engineer.
- D. The CONTRACTOR may be requested to submit sample pieces of each item specified herein for acceptance by the ENGINEER as to quality and color. Sample pieces shall be manufactured by the method to be used in the WORK.

### 1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. All items to be provided under this Section shall be furnished only by manufacturers having a minimum of ten (10) years' experience in the design and manufacture of similar products and systems. Additionally, if requested, a record of at least five (5) previous, separate, similar successful installations in the last five (5) years shall be provided.

- B. Manufacturer shall offer a 3-year limited warranty on all FRP products against defects in materials and workmanship.
- C. Manufacturer shall be certified to the ISO 9001-2008 standard.
- D. Manufacturer shall provide proof of certification from at least two other quality assurance programs for its facilities or products (DNV, ABS, USCG, AARR).

#### 1.4 PRODUCT DELIVERY AND STORAGE

- A. Delivery of Materials: Manufactured materials shall be delivered in original, unbroken pallets, packages, containers, or bundles bearing the label of the manufacturer. Adhesives, resins and their catalysts and hardeners shall be crated or boxed separately and noted as such to facilitate their movement to a dry indoor storage facility.
- B. Storage of Products: All materials shall be carefully handled to prevent them from abrasion, cracking, chipping, twisting, and other types of damage. Store adhesives, resins and their catalysts and hardeners in dry indoor storage facilities between 70 and 85 degrees Fahrenheit (21 to 29 degrees Celsius) until they are required.

### PART 2 - MATERIALS

#### 2.1 MANUFACTURER

- A. Plank flooring shall be Dynaplink™ Boardwalk Plank as manufactured by

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#### 2.2 GENERAL

- A. Floor planks to be manufactured by the pultrusion process with a glass content minimum of 45%, maximum of 55% by weight. The planks shall be composed of fiberglass reinforcement and resin in qualities, quantities, properties, arrangements and dimensions as necessary to meet the design requirements and dimensions as specified in the Contract Documents.
- B. Fiberglass reinforcement shall be a combination of continuous roving, continuous strand mat, and surfacing veil in sufficient quantities as needed by the application and/or physical properties required.
- C. Resins shall be {ISO, non-fire retardant isophthalic polyester; ISOFR, fire retardant isophthalic polyester or VEFR, vinyl ester - *choose one*) with chemical formulation necessary to provide the corrosion resistance, strength and other physical properties as required.
- D. Non-slip surfacing: Plank flooring shall be provided with a quartz grit bonded and baked to the top

surface of the finished product and sealed with a compatible resin system to provide full encapsulation of the grit particles. Grit shall be {Aquagrit, suitable for barefoot applications -or- 16/30 grit for general purpose use – choose one}.

- E. All finished surfaces of FRP items and fabrications shall be smooth, resin-rich, free of voids and without dry spots, cracks, crazes or unreinforced areas. All glass fibers shall be well covered with resin to protect against their exposure due to wear or weathering.
- F. All pultruded plank flooring shall be further protected from ultraviolet (UV) attack with 1) integral UV inhibitors in the resin and 2) a synthetic surfacing veil to help produce a resin rich surface.
- G. All fire retardant FRP products shall have a tested flame spread rating of 25 or less per ASTM E-84 Tunnel Test.
- H. Pultruded planks to have the minimum longitudinal mechanical properties listed below:

Property	ASTM Method	Value	Units
Tensile Strength	D-638	30,000 (206)	psi (MPa)
Tensile Modulus	D-638	2.5 x 10 <sup>6</sup> (17.2)	psi (GPa)
Flexural Strength	D-790	30,000 (206)	psi (MPa)
Flexural Modulus	D-790	1.8 x 10 <sup>6</sup> (12.4)	psi (GPa)
Flexural Modulus (Full Section)	N/A	2.8 x 10 <sup>6</sup> (19.3)	psi (GPa)
Short Beam Shear (Transverse)	D-2344	4,500 (31)	psi (MPa)
Shear Modulus (Transverse)	D-8069	4.5 x 10 <sup>5</sup> (3.1)	psi (GPa)
Coefficient of Thermal Expansion	D-696	8.0 x 10 <sup>-6</sup> (1.4 x 10 <sup>-6</sup> )	in/in/°F (cm/cm/°C)
Flame Spread (if fire retardant)	E-84	25 or less	N/A

- I. Color: {varies by resin - consult your catalog}
- J. Depth: 1-7/8 inches (47.6 mm) with a tolerance of plus or minus 1/16 inch (1.5 mm).
- K. Width: 10-1/4 inches (260.3 mm) with a tolerance of plus or minus 1/16 inch (1.5 mm).
- L. Load/Deflection: Load/deflection requirements at the required span (shown below) shall be less than manufacturers published maximum recommended loads. Load/deflection not to exceed the following:

Uniform distributed load over a 60 inch (1524 mm) span: 100 pounds per square foot (4.8 kN/m<sup>2</sup>), with a maximum deflection of 0.12 inches (3.0 mm).

Plank product shall be capable of supporting loads from light vehicles. Based on a safety factor of 3.0 and a maximum allowable deflection of 0.25 inches (6.3 mm), the allowable spans shall be:

- Light Trucks\*                      30 inches (762 mm)
- H-10 Truck\*\*                      20 inches (508 mm)

\*12,870 max. GVW/3860 lb max. wheel load. (5850 kg GVW/1754 kg max. wheel load)

\*\* 20,000 max GVW/8000 lb max. wheel load. (9091 kg GVW/3,636 kg max. wheel load)

- M. Substitutions: Other products of equal strength, stiffness, corrosion resistance and overall quality may be submitted with the proper supporting data to the engineer for approval.
- N. Planks weakened by cuts or penetrations shall be reinforced or supported as required to meet the above listed design criteria.

## PART 3 - EXECUTION

### 3.0 FABRICATION

- A. Measurements: Plank flooring shall meet the minimum dimensional requirements as shown or specified. The Contractor shall provide and/or verify measurements in field for work fabricated to fit field conditions as required by manufacturer to complete the work. Determine correct size and locations of required holes or coping from field dimensions before fabrication.
- B. Sealing: All shop fabricated cuts or drilling shall be coated with a manufacturer recommended sealant to provide maximum corrosion resistance. All field fabricated cuts or drilling shall be coated similarly by the contractor in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- C. Attachment: Floor planks shall be firmly fastened to their supports using fasteners with sizes and spacings as recommended by Fibergrate.

### 3.1 INSPECTION

- A. Shop inspection is authorized as required by the Owner and shall be at Owner's expense. The fabricator shall give ample notice to Contractor prior to the beginning of any fabrication work so that inspection may be provided. The interlocking flooring shall be as free, as commercially possible, from visual defects such as foreign inclusions, delamination, blisters, resin burns, air bubbles and pits.