

Storage

Store Formica® decorative laminates face-to-face, flat, in horizontal racks. We recommend using a caul board to cover the top sheet and to keep it flat. If this is impracticable, turn the top sheet with its decorative face downwards to prevent surface damage and warping.

Where horizontal storage is not possible, or where only small stocks of assorted colours and patterns are kept, sheets can be stacked on edge in slightly inclined vertical racks with support over the entire surface area, and with a cover board to prevent sliding. The recommended angle for such racks is approximately 80° from the horizontal.

Always keep together decorative laminates and the corresponding substrate materials, backing boards and adhesives, in an enclosed dry store at a temperature of not less than 18°C (65°F). When materials are brought into a workshop from temperatures or humidity levels different from ambient (eg after delivery), allow them to stabilise before fabrication. Usually a minimum of three days is required.

For further detail on storage before fabrication, refer to the information on Pre-conditioning.