

## Handling & Usage Guideline for Film Faced Concrete Shuttering Plywoods

- ❏ Unloading of Film Faced Shuttering Plywoods to be done with utmost care so as to avoid damages to the surface. Do not drop the panels nor drag them one over another.
- ❏ Plywood supplied with suitable overlay requires handling with special care to avoid scratching of the surface as scratches on the surface take away the advantage of surface overlay.
- ❏ Special care needs to be taken for the corners during handling as they are more prone to be damaged or chipped.
- ❏ Storage of the sheets should be done on a flat, raised surface. Storage to be done in a clean, dry and covered place. The sheets need to be protected from strong sunlight and prolonged rainfall.
- ❏ The sheets should be cut using Tungsten carbide tipped circular saw at a speed of minimum 2700 rpm.
- ❏ The edges need to be sealed with synthetic paint or varnish after cutting them as per your required size.
- ❏ Wherever possible it is advisable to deploy rear fixing of screws. Nailing should be avoided and if necessary the holes or cracks should be filled with sealant or putty.
- ❏ The supporting structure for the plywood shuttering should be adequately strong.
- ❏ Concrete should be poured using moveable baffle to protect the form face.
- ❏ Strip the formwork as soon as the concrete has gained sufficient strength to resist damage.
- ❏ When removing concrete formers or sheets, care should be taken to carry out the parting, sliding and lowering carefully to avoid damage.
- ❏ The sheets after each use shall be cleaned of any sticking sand or aggregate. Do not use metal scrapers or wire brushes.
- ❏ Repair any damage to the surface film by applying three coats of synthetic varnish, after the surface is thoroughly cleaned and dried. If there are nail holes to be filled, fill them with wooden plugs or with putty.
- ❏ After cleaning and repair, stack the used panels on level supports, off the ground, under cover. Stack framed panels face-to-face and back-to-back, alternatively.
- ❏ After work at one site is over, the plywood used should be dried and sent to stores.

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