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Usio Fiume and Usio Trieste of softwood

Product family to which the construction product belongs

Strength graded structural timber – Square edged logs with wane – Softwood

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Manufacturing plants

See Annex 1

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Specific parts

1 Technical description of the product

1.1 General

The European Technical Assessment¹ – ETA – applies to the square edged logs with wane

Usò Fiume and Usò Trieste of softwood.

The square edged logs with wane are full logs,

- square edged on four sides according to Annex 3,
- maintaining boxed heart,
- visually strength graded according to Annex 4 and Annex 5,
- without preservative treatment,
- without flame retardant, and
- exclusively made of virgin wood. No recycled wood is used.

Square edged logs with wane do not feature a full square cross section with four sharp arris, but maintain the wane on all four sides along the entire length of the logs. Wane is the original rounded surface of the logs that connects two adjacent faces of the square edged logs with wane. Wane is without bark or with restricted residual parts of bark and may be machined for barked and basted pieces with the removal of no more than 5 mm under the bark.

NOTE 1 The cross sections of the square edged logs with wane are virtually squares, i.e. $h \approx b$ according to Annex 3.

NOTE 2 Machining of timber with rectangular cross section or machining of unsuitable logs to timber with similar cross section and shape as in Annex 3 is not to be considered as manufacturing of square edged logs with wane according to the European Technical Assessment.

There are two kinds of square edged logs with wane, for structural use.

- Usò Fiume with constant external dimensions of the cross section along the entire length
- Usò Trieste with external dimensions of the cross section following the log tapering along its entire length

1.2 Wood and source of wood

Wood species are spruce (*Picea abies* (L.) Karst.), fir (*Abies alba* Mill.), and larch (*Larix* Mill.). Sources of wood are Northern Italy, Central Europe, and the Ardennes in Belgium.

¹ ETA-11/0219 was firstly issued in 2011 as European technical approval with validity from 24.06.2011, amended in 2011 with validity from 15.12.2011, and in 2013 with validity from 28.06.2013, and converted in 2016 to European Technical Assessment ETA-11/0219 of 13.10.2016.

2 Specification of the intended use in accordance with the applicable European Assessment Document (hereinafter EAD)

2.1 Intended use

Strength graded structural timber – square edged logs with wane of spruce, fir, and larch is intended to be used

- as structural elements in building and civil engineering works and
- in service classes 1, 2, and 3 according to EN 1995-1-1².

2.2 Assumptions

2.2.1 General

Concerning product packaging, transport, storage, maintenance, replacement, and repair it is the responsibility of the manufacturer to undertake the appropriate measures and to advise his clients on transport, storage, maintenance, replacement, and repair of the product as he considers necessary.

2.2.2 Manufacturing

Manufacturing of the square edged logs with wane of spruce, fir, and larch is by machining suitable logs with defined methods. The logs are of defined raw material and the tolerances are according to Annex 6.

Square edged logs with wane of spruce, fir, and larch are either dry-graded or not. Moisture content is, if required, determined according to EAD 130167-00-0304.

2.2.3 Packaging, transport, and storage

The square edged logs with wane of spruce, fir, and larch are protected during transport and storage against any damage, dirt, and detrimental moisture effects. The manufacturer's instruction for packaging, transport, and storage are observed.

The square edged logs with wane of spruce, fir, and larch are packed and shipped in packages as defined in Annex 2.

2.2.4 Installation

2.2.4.1 General

It is assumed that the square edged logs with wane of spruce, fir, and larch will be installed according to the manufacturer's instructions or – in absence of such instructions – according to the usual practice of the building professionals.

2.2.4.2 Design

The European Technical Assessment only applies to specification, intended use, and performance of the square edged logs with wane of spruce, fir, and larch. Verification of stability of the works including application of load on timber structures is not subject of the European Technical Assessment.

Items considered in design of works with square edged logs with wane of spruce, fir, and larch.

- Design of the works with square edged logs with wane of spruce, fir, and larch is carried out under the responsibility of an engineer experienced in timber structures.
- Design of the works take account of the protection of square edged logs with wane of spruce, fir, and larch.

² Standards, Guidelines, and other documents referred to in the European Technical Assessment, are listed in Annex 8.

- The square edged logs with wane of spruce, fir, and larch are installed correctly.
- Design of the square edged logs with wane of spruce, fir, and larch is according to EN 1995-1-1 and EN 1995-1-2.
- Verification is carried out by applying the nominal cross section.
- According to Clause 6.1.5 of EN 1995-1-1, the contact area is considered as the plane part of the face between the waness.
- According to Clause 6.1.6 of EN 1995-1-1, the factor $k_m = 1.0$.

Standards and regulations in force at the place of use are considered.

2.2.4.3 Installation of square edged logs with wane of spruce, fir, and larch

Installation of square edged logs with wane of spruce, fir, and larch is carried out by appropriately qualified personnel under the supervision of the person responsible for technical matters on site. An assembly plan is prepared for each structure, which contains the square edged logs with wane of spruce, fir, and larch to be installed and the designation of those products. The assembly plan is available at the construction site.

The fasteners, see Annex 7, are installed only in the plane parts of the faces between the waness. In execution an appropriate piece of timber is selected. Edge distances according to EN 1995-1-1 are taken from the plane parts of the faces.

The safety-at-work and health protection regulations have to be observed.

2.2.4.4 Use, maintenance and repair of the works

The assessment is based on the assumption that maintenance is not required during the assumed working life. Severe damage of square edged logs with wane of spruce, fir, and larch require immediate actions regarding the mechanical resistance and stability of the works to be initiated.

If repair deems necessary it is generally done by replacement.

2.3 Assumed working life

The European Technical Assessment is based on an assumed working life of 50 years and the intended use for the square edged logs with wane of spruce, fir, and larch, when installed in the works, provided that the square edged logs with wane of spruce, fir, and larch are subject to appropriate installation, use, and maintenance, see Clause 2.2. These provisions are based upon the current state of the art and the available knowledge and experience.

In normal use conditions the real working life may be considerably longer without major degradation affecting the basic requirements for works³.

The indications given as to the working life of the construction product cannot be interpreted as a guarantee, neither given by the product manufacturer or his representative nor by EOTA nor by the Technical Assessment Body, but are regarded only as a means for expressing the expected economically reasonable working life of the product.

³ The real working life of a product incorporated in a specific works depends on the environmental conditions to which that works are subject, as well as on the particular conditions of design, execution, use, and maintenance of that works. Therefore, it cannot be excluded that in certain cases the real working life of the product may also be shorter than the working life indicated above.

3 Performance of the product and references to the methods used for its assessment

3.1 Essential characteristics

The performance of the square edged logs with wane of spruce, fir, and larch for the essential characteristics is given in Table 1.

The performance of the square edged logs with wane of spruce, fir, and larch for the essential characteristics of Table 1 is only applicable to products visually strength graded according to the European Assessment Document EAD 130167-00-0304, see also Annex 4 and Annex 5.

Table 1: Essential characteristics and performance of the product

No	Essential characteristic	Product performance
Basic requirement for construction works 1: Mechanical resistance and stability		
1	Shape	See Annex 3.
2	Dimensions	See Annex 3.
3	Bending strength	See Annex 6.
4	Tension strength parallel	See Annex 6.
5	Tension strength perpendicular	See Annex 6.
6	Compression strength parallel	See Annex 6.
7	Compression strength perpendicular	See Annex 6.
8	Shear strength	See Annex 6.
9	Modulus of elasticity parallel	See Annex 6.
10	Modulus of elasticity perpendicular	See Annex 6.
11	Shear modulus	See Annex 6.
12	Density	See Annex 6.
13	Dimensional stability	See Annex 6.
14	Durability of timber	See Annex 6.
Basic requirement for construction works 2: Safety in case of fire		
15	Reaction to fire	See Annex 6.
16	Resistance to fire	See Annex 6.
Basic requirement for construction works 3: Hygiene, health, and the environment		
—	No characteristic assessed.	—

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No	Essential characteristic	Product performance
Basic requirement for construction works 4: Safety and accessibility in use		
17	Same as basic requirement for construction works 1	—
Basic requirement for construction works 5: Protection against noise		
—	Not relevant. No characteristic assessed.	—
Basic requirement for construction works 6: Energy economy and heat retention		
—	Not relevant. No characteristic assessed.	—
Basic requirement for construction works 7: Sustainable use of natural resources		
—	No characteristic assessed.	—

3.2 Assessment methods

The assessment of the essential characteristics in Clause 3.1 of the square edged logs with wane of spruce, fir, and larch for the intended uses and in relation to the requirements for mechanical resistance and stability, for safety in case of fire, and for hygiene, health, and the environment in the sense of the basic requirements for construction works № 1 to 3 of Regulation (EU) № 305/2011 has been made in accordance with the European Assessment Document EAD 130167-00-0304, Strength graded structural timber – Square edged logs with wane – Softwood, edition June 2016.

3.3 Identification

The European Technical Assessment for the square edged logs with wane of spruce, fir, and larch is issued on the basis of agreed data that identify the assessed product⁴. Changes to materials, to composition, to characteristics, or to the production process of the square edged logs with wane of spruce, fir, and larch could result in these deposited data being incorrect. Österreichisches Institut für Bautechnik should be notified before the changes are introduced, as an amendment of the European Technical Assessment is possibly necessary.

4 Assessment and verification of constancy of performance (hereinafter AVCP) system applied, with reference to its legal base

4.1 System of assessment and verification of constancy of performance

According to Commission Decision 97/176/EC the system of assessment and verification of constancy of performance to be applied to the square edged logs with wane of spruce, fir, and larch is System 2+. System 2+ is detailed in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) № 568/2014 of 18 February 2014, Annex, 1.3, and provides for the following items.

- (a) The manufacturer shall carry out
 - (i) an assessment of the performance of the construction product on the basis of testing (including sampling), calculation, tabulated values, or descriptive documentation of that product;

⁴ The technical file of the European Technical Assessment is deposited at Österreichisches Institut für Bautechnik.

- (ii) factory production control;
 - (iii) testing of samples taken at the manufacturing plant by the manufacturer in accordance with the prescribed test plan⁵.
- (b) The notified factory production control certification body shall decide on the issuing, restriction, suspension, or withdrawal of the certificate of conformity of the factory production control on the basis of the outcome of the following assessments and verifications carried out by that body
- (i) initial inspection of the manufacturing plant and of factory production control;
 - (ii) continuing surveillance, assessment, and evaluation of factory production control.

4.2 AVCP for construction products for which a European Technical Assessment has been issued

Manufacturers undertaking tasks under System 2+ shall consider the European Technical Assessment issued for the construction product in question as the assessment of the performance of that product. Manufacturers shall therefore not undertake the tasks referred to in Clause 4.1, point (a) (i).

5 Technical details necessary for the implementation of the AVCP system, as provided for in the applicable EAD

5.1 Tasks for the manufacturer

5.1.1 Factory production control

In the manufacturing plant the manufacturer establishes and continuously maintains a factory production control. All procedures and specifications adopted by the manufacturer are documented in a systematic manner. Purpose of factory production control is to ensure the constancy of performances of the square edged logs with wane of spruce, fir, and larch with regard to the essential characteristics.

The manufacturer only uses raw materials supplied with the relevant inspection documents as laid down in the control plan. The incoming raw materials are subject to controls by the manufacturer before acceptance. Check of incoming materials includes control of inspection documents presented by the manufacturer of the raw materials and by verifying the geometrical properties of the logs.

The procedures of the manufacturer incorporate the specifications of EN 14081-1 for visually strength graded timber regarding factory production control including record-keeping.

The records shall be presented to the notified factory production control certification body involved in continuous surveillance. On request the records shall be presented to Österreichisches Institut für Bautechnik.

5.1.2 Declaration of performance

The manufacturer is responsible for preparing the declaration of performance. When all the criteria of the assessment and verification of constancy of performance are met, including the certificate of conformity of the factory production control issued by the notified factory production control certification body, the manufacturer draws up the declaration of performance. Essential characteristics to be included in the declaration of performance for the corresponding intended use are given in Table 1.

⁵ The prescribed test plan has been deposited with Österreichisches Institut für Bautechnik and is handed over only to the notified factory production control certification body involved in the procedure for the assessment and verification of constancy of performance. The prescribed test plan is also referred to as control plan.

Square edged logs with wane of spruce, fir, and larch that have been dry-graded according to Annex 2 are indicate dry-graded within the product-type.

5.2 Tasks for the notified factory production control certification body

5.2.1 Initial inspection of the manufacturing plant and of factory production control

The notified factory production control certification body verifies the ability of the manufacturer for a continuous and orderly manufacturing of the square edged logs with wane of spruce, fir, and larch according to the European Technical Assessment. In particular the following items are appropriately considered.

- Personnel and equipment
- Suitability of the factory production control established by the manufacturer
- Full implementation of the prescribed test plan

5.2.2 Continuing surveillance, assessment, and evaluation of factory production control

The notified factory production control certification body visits the factory at least once a year for routine inspection. In particular the following items are appropriately considered.

- Manufacturing process including personnel and equipment
- Factory production control
- Implementation of the prescribed test plan

The results of continuous surveillance are made available on demand by the notified factory production control certification body to Österreichisches Institut für Bautechnik. When the provisions of the European Technical Assessment and the prescribed test plan are no longer fulfilled, the certificate of conformity of the factory production control is withdrawn by the notified factory production control certification body.

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Shape

Figure 1: Eccentric pith (example)
 maximum eccentric pith admitted 20 %

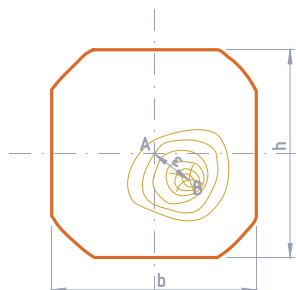


Figure 2: Wane (example)
 maximum wane admitted $s \leq 9/10$

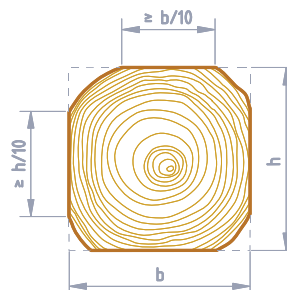


Figure 3: Regularity of cross section (example)

Maximum difference $h - b = 2$ cm

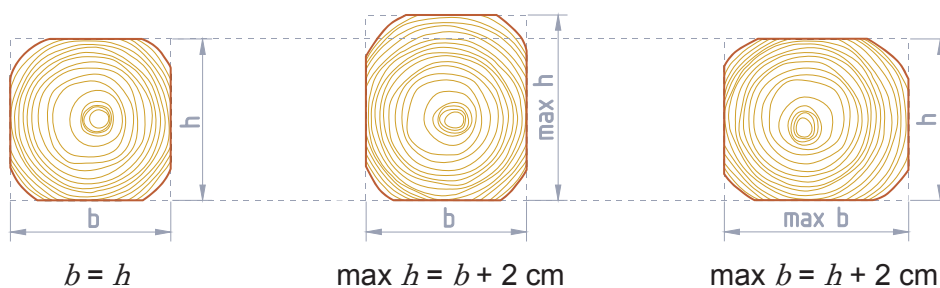


Figure 4: Uso Fiume: constant external dimensions of the cross section along the entire length

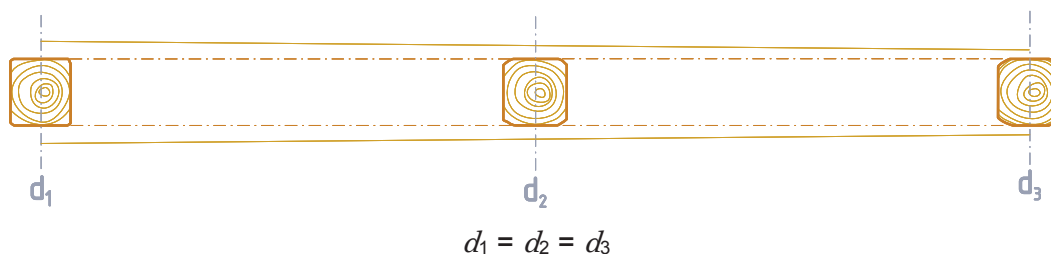
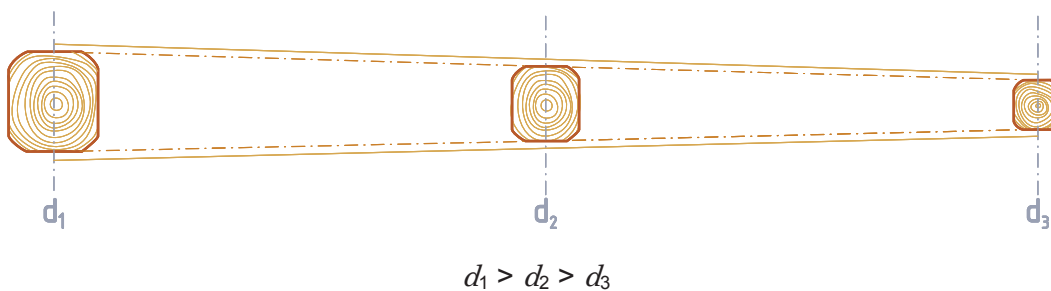


Figure 5: Uso Trieste: external dimensions of the cross section following the log tapering
 maximum taper admitted ≤ 6 mm/m



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Table 4: Product performances of grades UFS/A and UTS/A of square edged logs with wane of spruce, fir, and larch

BRCW ¹⁾	Essential characteristic	Assessment method	Level, class, or description		Unit	
			Grade UFS/A	Grade UTS/A		
1	Mechanical actions perpendicular to and along the grain of square edged logs with wane of spruce, fir, and larch					
	Bending strength	$f_{m, k}$	2)	27	28	N/mm ²
	Tension strength along the grain	$f_{t, 0, k}$	2)	14	11	N/mm ²
	Tension strength perpendicular to the grain	$f_{t, 90, k}$	2)	0.4	0.4	N/mm ²
	Compression strength along the grain	$f_{c, 0, k}$	2)	21	18	N/mm ²
	Compression strength perpendicular to the grain	$f_{c, 90, k}$	2)	2.5	2.2	N/mm ²
	Shear strength	$f_{v, k}$	2)	4.0	3.4	N/mm ²
	Mean modulus of elasticity along the grain	$E_{0, mean}$	2)	10.5	8.8	kN/mm ²
	5 % modulus of elasticity	$E_{0.05}$	2)	7.0	5.9	kN/mm ²
	Mean modulus of elasticity perpendicular to the grain	$E_{90, mean}$	2)	0.37	0.29	kN/mm ²
	Mean shear modulus	G_{mean}	2)	0.69	0.54	kN/mm ²
	Other aspects					
	Density	ρ_k	2)	380	370	kg/m ³
	Mean density	ρ_{mean}	2)	460	450	kg/m ³
Dimensional stability		EN 336	Tolerance classes according to EN 336		—	
Durability of timber – wood destroying fungi – insects – termites – marine borers Service classes		EN 350-2 EN 1995-1-1	Class 2 S M S _{Ma} 1, 2 and 3		—	

NOTES

- 1) Basic requirement for construction works
 2) EAD 130167-00-0304

Reference documents

EAD 130167-00-0304	Strength graded structural timber – Square edged logs with wane – Softwood, edition June 2016
EN 336, 10.2013	Structural timber – Sizes, permitted deviations
EN 350-2, 05.1994	Durability of wood and wood-based products – Natural durability of solid wood – Part 2: Guide to natural durability and treatability of selected wood species of importance in Europe
EN 1995-1-1, 11.2004, EN 1995-1-1/AC, 06.2006, EN 1995-1-1/A1, 06.2008, and EN 1995-1-1/A2, 05.2014	Eurocode 5: Design of timber structures – Part 1-1: General – Common rules and rules for building
EN 1995-1-2, 11.2004, EN 1995-1-2/AC, 06.2006, and EN 1995-1-2/AC, 03.2009	Eurocode 5: Design of timber structures – Part 1-2: General – Structural fire design
EN 14081-1, 02.2016	Timber structures – Strength graded structural timber with rectangular cross section – Part 1: General requirements
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2003/43/EC	Commission Decision of 17 January 2003 establishing the classes of reaction-to-fire performance for certain construction products, OJ L 13 of 18.01.2003, p. 35, amended by Commission Decision 2003/593/EC of 7 August 2003, OJ N° L 201 of 08.08.2003, p. 25, Commission Decision 2006/673/EC of 5 October 2006, OJ L 276 of 07.10.2006, p. 77, Commission Decision 2007/348/EC of 15 May 2007, OJ L 131 of 23.05.2007, p. 21, and corrected by Corrigendum, OJ L 33 of 08.02.2003, p. 44
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568/2014	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) N° 568/2014 of 18 February 2014 amending Annex V to Regulation (EU) N° 305/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the assessment and verification of constancy of performance of construction products, OJ L 157 of 27.05.2014, p. 76

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