



## Testing procedure for scaffold planks

Manufacturer's specifications must be followed for testing laminated wood scaffold planks. The following is an acceptable method for testing sawn wood scaffold planks:

1. Place test scaffold plank on two blocks. The block size and test span must be selected from the following table:

Test Span	Block Size
2.1 m (7 ft.)	60 mm (2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> in.)
3 m (10 ft.)	92 mm (3 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub> in.)

2. Have two workers who together weigh at least 148 kg (325 lb.) stand on the centre of the supported plank. Do not jump up and down on the plank.



3. Reject the plank if any of the following events occur:
  - The plank bends enough to contact the ground
  - Cracking sounds are heard (indicating fibre overstressing)
  - After removal of the test load, the plank fails to return to its original position (i.e., it remains bent)
4. Scaffold planks passing this test should be identified by stencilling or end painting. It is also advisable to have the ends of the planks encased in metal sleeves or jackets for damage protection and additional identification.

To prevent damage, scaffold planks must be handled carefully, used correctly, and stored properly.

**Scaffold planks must never be overloaded, used as sills, or subjected to any condition that could affect the integrity of the plank as a working platform.**

Project: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Shift: \_\_\_\_\_

Number in crew: \_\_\_\_\_ Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Other safety issues or suggestions made by crew members:

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Record of those attending:

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Manager's remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

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Manager: \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

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