# Buying plywood with confidence

Match the plywood grade, declared performance and exposure to the job.

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### 1 State the application

Specify structural sheathing, flooring, joinery or decorative use before choosing the panel.

### 2 Check structural evidence

Obtain declared strength and stiffness where load-bearing performance is needed. Confirm thickness, support and fixing design.

### 3 Match moisture exposure

Select the appropriate bond and use class. A moisture-resistant glue bond does not make timber immune to decay.

### 4 Check the supply

Confirm species, dimensions, tolerances, surface grade and traceable documentation for the delivered product.

### 5 Protect and detail

Store flat and dry. Provide the specified joint gaps, edge treatment and protection from prolonged wetting.

### 6 Review sustainability

Ask for chain-of-custody certification and product-specific environmental information. Country of origin alone is insufficient.

**Before ordering: agree grade, thickness, exposure, quantity and delivery protection.**

## REFERENCE GUIDANCE

APA: plywood and exposure classifications
GOV.UK: Approved Document A

Use current product instructions and the approved project design. For regulations, confirm the UK nation, applicable edition and transitional arrangements.



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