# THIN | STANDARD



High pressure decorative laminates (HPL), less than 2 mm thick, according to EN 438-1:2016, EN 438-2:2016, EN 438-3:2016 and EN 438-8:2009, consisting of a surface of decorative paper(s) impregnated with aminoplastic resins and a core made of layers of kraft paper impregnated with phenolic thermosetting resins. All the layers are bonded together with simultaneous application of heat (approximately 150°C) and high specific pressure (> 7 MPa) to obtain a homogeneous non-porous material with increased density. These thin laminates are normally intented for bonding to supporting substrates, normally wood based, to produce panels by the composite manifacturers. They are available in the standard HGS, ATS and VGS types and in the flame retardant HGF, ATF and VGF types.

		Decor EN 438 classification Standard		Plain colours HGS - HGF EN 438-3	Printed decors HGS - HGF EN 438-3	Iridescent colours ATS - ATF EN 438-8	Vertical VGS - VGF EN 438-3
PROPERTIES	TEST METHOD	PROPERTY OR ATTRIBUTE	UNIT	VALUES			
SURFACE QUALITY							
Surface quality	EN 438-2.4	Spots, dirt and similar surface defects Fibres, hairs and scratches	mm²/m² mm/m²			10	
DIMENSIONAL TOLERANCES							
	EN 438-2.5	Thickness tolerance	mm mm	$\pm$ 0,10 for thickness 0,5 \le t \le 1,0 $\pm$ 0,15 for thickness 1,0 < t < 2,0			
Dimensional tolerances	EN 438-2.6	Length and width	mm	+ 10 / - 0 ≤ 1,5			
	EN 438-2.7 EN 438-2.8	Straightness of edges Squareness	mm/m	≤ 1,5 ≤ 1,5			
	EN 438-2.9	Flatness (measured on full-size sheet)	mm/m	<u> </u>			
GENERAL PROPERTIES							
Resistance to surface wear	EN 438-2.10	Initial Point	Revolutions	≥ 150	≥ 100	n.a.	≥ 50
Resistance to immersion in boiling water	EN 438-2.12	Appearance - Gloss finish	Rating			:3	
Resistance to water vapour	EN 438-2.14	Appearance - Other finish  Appearance - Gloss finish  Appearance - Other finish	Rating  Rating  Rating		2	: 4 : 3 : 4	
Resistance to dry heat (160 °C/20')	EN 438-2.16	Appearance - Gloss finish Appearance - Other finish	Rating Rating	≥ ≥		n.a. n.a.	≥ 3 ≥ 4
Resistance to wet heat (100 °C/20')	EN 438-2.18	Appearance - Gloss finish Appearance - Other finish	Rating Rating	≥ ≥		n.a. n.a.	≥ 3 ≥ 4
Dimensional stability at elevated temperatures	EN 438-2.17	Cumulative dimensional change Cumulative dimensional change	Longitudinal % Transversal %	≤ 0, ≤ 1,			0,75 1,25
Resistance to impact with small diameter ball	EN 438-2.20	Spring force	N	≥ 2	20		≥ 15
Resistance to impact with large diameter ball	EN 438-2.21	Drop height Indentation diameter	mm mm	≥ 8 ≤ 1		n.a.	≥ 600 ≤ 10
Resistance to cracking under stress	EN 438-2.23	Appearance	Rating			: 4	
Resistance to scratching	EN 438-2.25	Appearance Group 1.8.2	Rating Rating	≥		: 5	≥ 2
Resistance to staining	EN 438-2.26	Appearance - Group 1 & 2 Appearance - Group 3	Rating			: 4	
Light fastness (Xenon-arc)	EN 438-2.27	Contrast	Grey scale rating			: 4	
Electrostatic properties	EN 61340-4-1	Point to point resistance Vertical resistance	Ω	$10^9 \div 10^{11}$ $10^9 \div 10^{11}$			
Density	EN ISO 1183	Density	g/cm <sup>3</sup>		≥ 1	1,35	
FIRE PERFORMANCES  Reaction to fire		is related to the final composite panel where the is responsible for the correct execution of the					e bonding technique
OTHER PROPERTIES							
Thermal resistance / conductivity	EN 12664	Thermal resistance / conductivity	W/mK		0,2	to 0,5	
Hygiene	NSF	NSF/ANSI 35	passing/not passing		pa	ass	
Formaldehyde emission	EN 717- 1 EN ISO 12460-3	Chamber method  Gas analysis	mg/m <sup>3</sup> ppm mg/(m <sup>2</sup> x h)	0,020 - 0,035 0,015 - 0,030 0,3 ÷ 0,4			
	EN 13986	Classification	Class	E1 ≤ 0,1			
Volatile Organic Chemical Emissions	Greenguard Certification Low Chemical Emission UL 2818	Individual VOCs Formaldehyde Total VOC	TLV ppm mg/m³	≤ 0,1 ≤ 0,025 ≤ 0,25 ≤ 0,05 ≤ 0,0033			
	according to EPA TO-17 e ASTM D 6196	Total Aldehydes 4-Phenylcyclohexene	ppm mg/m³				
	EPA TO-11A e ASTM D 5197	Total respirable particles	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	≤ 0,0035			
Contact with food - Overall migration	EN 1186-3 EN 1186-3 EN 1186-14 EN 1186-14	3% acetic acid 24h at 40°C 50% ethanol 24h at 40°C 95% ethanol 24h at 40°C isooctane 24h at 40°C	mg/dm²	< 10 < 10 < 10 < 10			
Contact with food - Formaldehyde specific migration  Evaluation of micro-organisms action	EN 13130-23	3% acetic acid 24h at 40°C  Microbial growth - Smooth finish	mg/kg Rating		<	15 robal growth	
Evaluation of micro-organisms action	EN ISO 846	Microbial growth - Textured finish	Rating			w microbal growth	

## Note to laminates with adhesive protective film

The protective films are designed for temporary surface protection against dirt, scratches and tool marks; they are not designed for protection against corrosion, humidity or chemicals.

The laminates covered with the protective film shall be stored in a clean, dry place at room temperature (optimum 20°C), avoiding weathering and UV exposure.

The protective film must be removed from the surface of the laminates after the application and before putting into use the finite element. In any case, the removal must be made within six months from the date of shipment by Arpa Industriale. Arpa Industriale cannot be responsible for the misuse of the laminates covered with the protective film, nor for the consequences for non-recommended applications.

## Note to digital printing decoratives

For the chemical-physical characteristics of digital printing, the laminates with these decors may present a limitation in the applications, such as the repeated and intense contact with water or vapour. Customers are asked to contact the Customer Service Arpa Industriale to evaluate the best solution.

## Note to surface wear resistance

In the case of structured finishes, the surface wear resistance values may be 10 or more revolutions lower then the nominal values in proportion to how much more is accentuated the shape.

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