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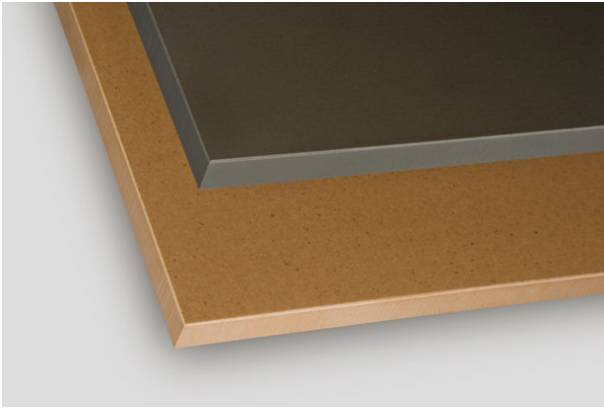
Introducing Trespa TopLab^{ECO-FIBRE}; New colour-through panels from certified wood fibres

Trespa International has introduced Trespa TopLab^{ECO-FIBRE}, a panel that combines natural aesthetics with outstanding chemical performance, whilst at the same time making a significant contribution to the preservation of limited natural resources.

Designed for use in all types of laboratories, new Trespa TopLab^{ECO-FIBRE} panels have a colour-through core to allow the creation of a natural and attractive laboratory environment.

Trespa International is the first manufacturer to produce colour-through laboratory worktop material with an Electron Beam Cured (EBC) surface. The natural look and the warm and natural colours of Trespa TopLab^{ECO-FIBRE} enable designers to create highly individual laboratory environments. In the unlikely event that a surface is damaged, the colour-through panel will retain its colour.

Trespa TopLab^{ECO-FIBRE} sets new standards in laboratory aesthetics. Trespa TopLab^{ECO-FIBRE} is available in two contemporary and attractive colours. The colour options are Sahara – a sandy beige tone, and Amazon – a dark green with grey undertones. These two colours are created by combining natural wood fibres with resin and pigments. The inherent characteristics of the wood fibres create a natural variation in colour and appearance both within the same panel and from sheet to sheet. This enhances the natural look of the material and highlights the individuality of the laboratory design.



Panels have a smooth surface. This makes them highly suitable for multi-functional surfaces on which activities can be combined: from placing laboratory equipment and computers to carrying out specific analysis and research to more general work, such as administration. Worktops and furniture are easy to keep clean and will keep their good looks for many years to come, even when in constant use.

PEFC Certification

Equally important is its environmental performance. Trespa TopLab^{ECO-FIBRE} is produced with natural wood fibres. This wood fibre base makes Trespa TopLab^{ECO-FIBRE} an environmentally sound solution and this is fully underlined by the product's certification by the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification schemes (PEFC). The PEFC Council is an independent, non-profit, non-governmental organization which promotes sustainably managed forests through independent third party certification and supported by 149 governments in the world covering 85% of the world's forest area.

The PEFC certification of Trespa TopLab^{ECO-FIBRE} provides transparent and independent proof that the wood materials used in its manufacture fully comply with PEFC requirements.

Moreover, Trespa International has achieved the new step of integrating the PEFC Chain of Custody system in its environmental management system. Chain of Custody certification is the tracking of wood (based) products from the forest of origin to the final product. By providing a written assessment from an independent, qualified and accredited expert that the wood flow accounting system meets the exacting requirements of the certification scheme, customers can be absolutely sure that their product is linked to certified forests.



Global recognition

In addition, Trespa TopLab^{ECO-FIBRE} is recognized by many individual national and international authorities around the world. Trespa TopLab^{ECO-FIBRE} has been GREENGUARD Indoor Air Quality Certified[®] by the GREENGUARD Environmental Institute under the GREENGUARD Standard for Low Emitting Products and has been also GREENGUARD Indoor Air Quality Certified under the GREENGUARD for Children & SchoolsSM product certification program for low-emitting interior building materials, furnishings, and finish systems used in educational, office and other sensitive environments.

Trespa International was one of the first manufacturers of construction products to map the totality of its products effects by means of a life-cycle analysis (LCA), right from the source of the raw materials to the end of the life-cycle.

Trespa was also one of the first producers of panel material to be certified in 1999 according to ISO 14001, awarded by Lloyd's Register. The ISO 14001 standard describes the steps required for setting up, implementing, maintaining and improving a completely integrated environmental management system.

Outstanding performance

Trespa TopLab^{ECO-FIBRE} is a unique and durable material made from sustainable resources. The panels consist of thermosetting resins, homogeneously reinforced with certified wood fibres, harvested from European forests and manufactured under high pressure and at high temperatures. Thanks to Trespa's Electron Beam Curing (EBC) technology and its transparent topcoat, the surface is completely pore-free and resistant to a large number of aggressive chemicals; wear and water resistant; easy to clean, disinfect and maintain.

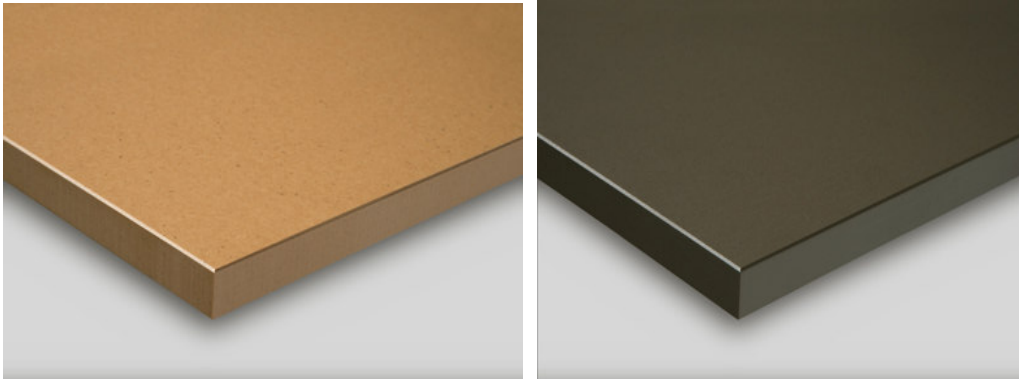


Trespa TopLab^{ECO-FIBRE} is designed to deliver an outstanding performance in a laboratory environment, where hygiene is key. Its surface is close to impervious to all possible materials used in biochemical and medical laboratories: radio-isotopes, human tissue and blood samples or bacteria. Biological or clinical test results are dependent on non-contamination. The Trespa TopLab^{ECO-FIBRE} surface is impermeable to most bacteria, molds or micro-organisms. Resistant to dyes and organic solvents, Trespa TopLab^{ECO-FIBRE} is water-resistant and remains easy to clean or disinfect.

Trespa TopLab^{ECO-FIBRE} is resistant to a large number of aggressive chemicals. They will not mark the surface if cleaned within 24 hours. The material is versatile and provides a tough and long-lasting surface that will retain its good looks for many years.

Trespa International

Trespa International, with head office in Weert, The Netherlands, specializes in the manufacture of high quality panels for exterior cladding, interior surfaces and other applications. Trespa has the expertise and resources to provide specific products for many different applications and markets. In addition to their exceptional performance, Trespa products offer the specifier and user the very widest choice of designs, colors and surface textures. For more information: www.trespa.com.



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