



Optimal Product for SPECIFIED PROJECTS

SPECIFICATION SHEET

DURAFLAKE VESTA ULEF is a specialty particleboard manufactured using an ultra-low emitting formaldehyde resin system. This makes it the optimal choice for additional LEED points and other ULEF specified projects.

ULEF options also include:

- Moisture-Resistant
- Fire-Rated

LEED Qualifying Credits:

- MR 4 Recycled Content
- MR 5 Regional Materials
- MR 7 Certified Wood
- IEQ 4.4 Low-emitting Materials

DURAFLAKE VESTA ULEF									
Albany, OR									
		Duraflake VESTA ULEF		**Duraflake MR VESTA ULEF			*Duraflake FR VESTA ULEF		
Thickness Range	(in./mm)	3/8" - 15mm	5/8" - 1 1/8"	3/8" - 15mm	5/8" - 1 1/8"	1 3/16" - 1 1/2"	3/8" - 3/4"	5/8" - 3/4"	13/16" - 1 1/2"
Average MOR	(psi)	1,950	1,950	2,400	2,400	2,103	1,600	1,600	1,600
Average MOE	(psi)	350,000	350,000	400,000	400,000	350,000	325,000	325,000	300,000
Average Internal Bond	(psi)	70	70	80	80	68	75	75	60
Face Screw Hold	(lb)	250	250	250	250	250	240	240	240
Edge Screw Hold	(lb)	N/A	185	N/A	225	202	N/A	190	175
Thickness Tolerance	(in.)	+/- .005	+/- .005	+/- .005	+/- .005	0.010	+/- .005	+/- .005	+/- .005
Linear Expansion	%	0.40	0.40	0.2	0.2	0.30	0.40	0.40	0.35
Thickness Swell				0.030"	5.5%	5.5%	-	-	-
Length and Width	(in.)	+/- 1/16	+/- 1/16	+/- 1/16	+/- 1/16	+/- 1/16	+/- 1/16	+/- 1/16	+/- 1/16
Square	(in.)	+/- 1/8	+/- 1/8	+/- 1/8	+/- 1/8	+/- 1/8	+/- 1/8	+/- 1/8	+/- 1/8

* **DURAFLAKE FR** (fire-rated) is a UL approved, Class A/Class 1 fire-rated particleboard for safety code and architectural specified projects. **Usage Notes:** Some laminates applied to DURAFLAKE® FR particleboard may change the flame spread rating. Standard available woodworking glues have been successfully used in lamination. However, some adhesives may have compatibility problems with the chemical system used to manufacture DURAFLAKE® FR particleboard. Any adhesive should be tested for compatibility with the chemical system in DURAFLAKE® FR particleboard prior to full-scale gluing. Questions should be directed to the glue supplier. When using DURAFLAKE® FR particleboard in wall systems, an integral vapor barrier must be a properly installed component of the wall in any of the following conditions: the wall has an exterior side and the wall separates spaces conditioned unequally. Joints between panels to be designed to accommodate movement of up to .40 percent. Splined or articulated joints for reveals per AWI Section 500, 500A-G-4 "Joints and Transitions" or similar is suggested. Wood veneers and other laminates should be tested for compatibility with DURAFLAKE® FR particleboard prior to use. Some wood veneers, laminates, and other types of products may have reactions to surface coatings and finishes, glues, pressing temperatures, moisture, contaminants, the chemical systems used to manufacture FR particleboard products, the failure to use UV inhibitors, or due to other causes. Reactions may include discoloration to veneer or laminate. ARAUCO is not responsible for discoloration or for claims associated with discoloration. Please contact your Sales Representative for more information.

** **DURAFLAKE MR** - Panels 9/16" and greater meet the ANSI MR10 specification for premium countertop grades with a thickness swell value of 5.5% or less (ASTM D 1037 24-hour water submersion). / DURAFLAKE particleboard is manufactured to strict quality control standards with recycled and recovered wood fiber. These products may contribute towards specific credits under the US Green Building Council (USGBC) Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) criteria.

- The above physical properties are based on minimum allowable averages of individual production lots. Testing for conformance to the above specifications must be done in accordance with procedures described in the American National Standard for Particleboard (ANSI 208.1 - 2016 section 6.2 Sampling for Acceptance)
- EPA recognized and CARB approved Third Party Certifier TPC-1
- EPA TSCA Title VI certified. Complies with CARB ATCM 93120, ANSI 208.1 - 2016, HUD 24 CFR, CAN/CSA - 0160 - 16 for formaldehyde emissions.
- All panels are approved for interior, non-structural application.
- Contains Recycled/Recovered wood content.

Storage and Handling

Particleboard products made by ARAUCO should never be stored or used outdoors. The indoor storage area should be clean, dry, well ventilated, and free of dust, dirt or particles that could contaminate the particleboard. Store flat on stickers on a level, hard, dry surface. Constant relative humidity and temperature should be maintained. Before use, allow to stabilize to the same conditions as are expected after the panel is installed. Condition 48 to 72 hours prior to lamination. For more information, see Composite Panels Association Technical Bulletin: Storage and Handling of Particleboard and MDF. View ARAUCO North America - Safety Data Sheets [online](#).

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