

# Reduce the risk of fire spread during construction of timber frame buildings\*

\*For use in accordance with STA separation guidelines for buildings with total floor area > 600 sq. m.



## Outstanding Safety Barrier

SterlingOSB Fire Solutions has been developed specifically in response to the STA (Structural Timber Association) published guidelines for reducing fire spread in large (total floor area >600m<sup>2</sup>) timber frame buildings during the construction phase when fire resistant finishes (dry lining) are not yet in place.

The purpose of the guidelines is to reduce potential radiant heat emissions to acceptable levels, so that the risk of fire spread to neighbouring buildings is controlled should a fire occur during the construction process.

Completed timber frame buildings (dry linings fixed) are then fully compliant with the Building Regulation fire protection requirements. The guidelines enable the designer either to specify a type of timber frame with inherently reduced fire spread properties or, where suitable, to adapt the construction process to allow the use of standard open panel timber frame.

The guide includes three generic categories of timber frame with increasing resistance to fire spread and associated reduction in radiant heat to neighbouring buildings, as well as giving a detailed test and approval protocol by which systems or product assemblies can demonstrate compliance with any given category.

These categories allow the designer to select the appropriate frame specification to construct a timber frame building based on the separating distances present on the site. The three generic categories of timber frame are:

#### **Category A**

Standard open panel timber frame

#### **Category B**

Reduced fire spread timber frame

## Category C

Fire spread resistant timber frame

SterlingOSB Fire Solutions are available in a variety of specifications designed, when used in conjunction with Rockwool insulation, to match the categories in STA guidelines:

#### SterlingOSB FS - 300<sup>™</sup>

SterlingOSB/3 9mm with intumescent coating on both sides of the panel

#### SterlingOSB FS - MgO<sup>™</sup>

SterlingOSB/3 9mm with bonded 3mm MgO board

#### SterlingOSB FS - MgO 150<sup>™</sup>

SterlingOSB/3 9mm with bonded 3mm MgO board on one side and intumescent coating on the other

## SterlingOSB3 Fire Solutions at a glance

#### Matrix of wall and floor assemblies providing solutions to fire spread during construction phase

	STA floor reference	F3.2	Alternative F3.2	Alternative F3.1	F4
	Deck details	FR Build decking	Rockwool-protected 15mm untreated OSB/3	Rockwool-protected 15mm untreated OSB/3	15mm untreated OSB/3
STA wall ref.	Joist details Sub-classification	Rockwool-protected OSB-web I-joists	Rockwool-protected OSB-web I-joists	FR Build solid timber joists	Untreated solid timber or OSB-web I-joists
W7	9mm OSB/3 sheathing - NoBurn intumescent both sides	B3	B3	B3	B3
W7	Composite OSB/3-MgO sheathing - MgO layer on cavity side	B3	С*	B3	С*
W8	9mm OSB/3 sheathing - NoBurn intumescent both sides with A1/A2 internal lining	C	C	C	C
W8	Composite OSB/3-MgO sheathing - MgO layer on cavity side with A1/A2 internal lining	C	C	C	C
58	OSB/3-MgO sheathing with intumescent coating - MgO layer on studwork side	B3	C*	B3	С*

\* refer to section 6, combination 4, STA Product Paper 4

F3.2



This system achieves 2 points\*

#### Alternative F3.2

15mm thick untreated SE OSB/3 floor deck.



#### Alternative F3.1



F4

15mm thick untreated SE SterlingOSB/3 floor deck.





\* In accordance with STA Product Paper 4. \*\* Also possible to use Full Fill FI Type 2 Insulation between untreated studwork (Glass wool).





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That's why we say about it, as we do all our products – it's better by nature.

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