Scaffold Boards
John Brash is one of the UK’s principal manufacturers of scaffold boards. Our Scaffold Boards are recognised as the premier board available. We are constantly improving standards and taking a leading role in developing new British Standards, including the latest BS 2482:2009.

Whilst Grade A scaffold boards used to account for a significant share of the UK scaffold board market, this is going to change. The industry has always asked for ‘BS’ tube and ‘BS’ fittings but often settled on a non BS or Grade ‘A’ scaffold board.

The Grade ‘A’ has often given a good safe performance, but with grading processes differing from company to company, standards vary. The HSE recognised this and, in conjunction with the industry, commissioned an extensive research project. The result is BS 2482:2009. John Brash has always used the machine settings and visual rules planned for BS 2482:2009 for its Alpha+(™) grade.

BS 2482:2009 was published in July 2009 and took immediate effect.
John Brash are unique in ink jet printing every machine graded board with an individual lot number. This gives full traceability from the sawmill, through grading and manufacturing and on to delivery. This gives John Brash full audit traceability of the board.

Additional scaffold board services include:

- Special grading
- Security branding
- Fixing of personalised end bands or scaff-plates
- Fire retardant treatments
- Individual board FSC & PEFC labelling

John Brash has over a century of specialist timber knowledge and experience, and can meet all your scaffold board requirements in terms of quality, quantity and service.

To view detailed Scaffold spec sheets, maintenance details and case studies visit: www.johnbrash.co.uk/scaffold-boards

Manufacturing

The company holds a British Standard Kitemark licence for both visual and machine-strength grading of scaffold boards, which are manufactured within a BS EN ISO 9001:2008 quality assurance system.

John Brash scaffold boards are manufactured from premium European Whitewood sourced from specially selected sawmills. Although alternative species are permitted within the British Standard, the timber used by John Brash is considered the most suitable for scaffold board manufacture.

Stocks are held in a range of lengths, thicknesses and grades. Every board is either machine strength graded or inspected by our own highly trained visual graders. All our graders are qualified and the company is independently reassessed twice annually by the BSI.

John Brash machine grade scaffold boards wherever possible, as this is the most reliable method of grading. Each board is passed through a machine which measures deflection under a prescribed load. The board is tested in the plane that it will be used. This detects critical defects, such as excessive slope of grain, that can easily be missed when visually grading.

Taking a leading role in developing new British Standard’s.
Fire Retardant Treatments

John Brash recommends a range of fire retardant treatments; the most typical is Dricon fire retardant, approved by the NASC. Other suitable treatments include Pyroliith, Firepro and Firestop.

Fire retardant treatments should be specified to BS 476: Part 6&7: 1997 giving either a Class 1 or a Class 0 rating. Alternatively this can be specified to BS EN 13501-1 to either Euroclass B (transposes to Class 0) or Euroclass C (transposes to Class 1).

Generally treatment to Class 1 or Euroclass C is required. Fire treatment conforming to London Underground technical specifications can also be provided.

Check List - What Grade Are Your Boards?

Q) Are your new boards graded to a clearly defined set of rules, meeting BS 2482:2009? If not, can you validate their grading or performance criteria?
A) John Brash boards are manufactured to BS 2482:2009.

Q) Are your boards manufactured by a quality assured company, with independent third party assessment?
A) John Brash is an ISO 9001:2008 registered company and also carries the BSI Kitemark (license number KM 07800).

Q) Are your boards graded by fully trained and independently assessed graders?
A) All John Brash graders are qualified scaffold board graders and the company is independently reassessed twice annually by the BSI.

Q) Do your boards have a full audit trail from production to supply?
A) Every John Brash machine graded board has a unique inkjet printed lot number, ensuring full traceability.

Scaffold Board Security

Security of scaffold boards is always a problem. John Brash offer exceptional customer service for End Banding, Plating and Branding to ensure greater security and longevity of your scaffold boards.

End Bands:
John Brash can supply personalised end bands, carrying your company name and/or logo.

In addition to the standard end bands, John Brash can supply Modified Super Hoops. Known as “T-32 HP” Bands, these offer the ultimate in end banding, with significant advantages in terms of safety, performance and cost. They give the best of both worlds – the best feature of the standard and fully tooth type bands. Teeth give the best security at the end of the board, as nails regularly fall out due to end grain giving poor withdrawal resistance. It has also been shown that teeth offer improved performance.

Nails or staples give the best performance for attachment along the edge. No longer can the sides of the tooth type band be sprung away from the board under the new standard.

The benefits of the fully tooth type “T-32 HP” Super Hoops are:
• Secure fastening to the board edge - no more dangerous loose sides
• Reduced maintenance costs - the bands remain attached to the boards
• No more nails falling out at the ends
• Increased security - the bands are very difficult to remove and, if named, deter theft.
• Faster turn-around - less time spent on refurbishment in your yard.
• No flapping ends of bands - where they have not been fully secured to the board.

Plating:
Scaff plates are ideal for scaffold board repairs, although they are often used on new boards to enhance their life. These nail plates are machine driven into the board, helping to prevent new splits and containing existing ones. They can also carry identification details.

Branding:
For additional security your company name can be branded (up to 9 characters) - usually twice on each side for a 3.9m board - to provide permanent proof of ownership.

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