



# Fibrabel<sup>®</sup> Prime

High-quality MDF for use in dry conditions and in particular for interior decoration and furniture production. Industrially coated on both sides with a white and even UV primer.

MDF board with a primed surface. Fibrabel Prime has low formaldehyde emission (E1 class). Moreover, Fibrabel Prime meets the requirements set by the California Air Resource Board. According to ASTM E 1333-96, formaldehyde emission is less than 0,11 ppm, which corresponds to CARB, phase 2 as set by the ACTM. This MDF board also meets the requirements of EPA, as set by TSCA Title VI.

## Applications

- Interior decoration
- Furniture production

## Characteristics



L-MDF (EN 622-5)



Primer coating



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Fibrabel Prime allows for an excellent paint finish while saving costs and time. After degreasing and (light) sanding the panel surface may be finished immediately in the desired colour - matt, silk or high gloss - using a solvent-based or water-based coating.

Fibrabel Prime has a low level of formaldehyde emission (class E1); it is suitable for interior decoration and furniture applications and highly popular among DIY enthusiasts.

The two-sided, industrially applied white UV primer offers the following benefits:

- A smoother end result than with a manually applied primer, partly thanks to correct and controlled paint distribution
- The UV primer coating is cured using ultra-violet light, resulting in a more impact- and wear-resistant surface
- Excellent adhesion, even when using water-based coatings
- Correct colour rendering of the paint, therefore a perfectly coloured end result
- Cost and time savings: less paint consumption due to lower absorption; and less paint work required
- Easy finishing of joints and screws using fine fillers and intermediate sanding

## General preparation of paintworks

Acclimatize the MDF boards prior to applying the finishing coating: place the panels in the area where they will be used and ensure that the level of humidity and the temperature match the circumstances of final use. This will help to prevent cracks and tension on the coated surface that may occur under highly fluctuating temperature or humidity. Repair any damage (e.g. around visible screws in the surface) using materials that are compatible with the subsequent paint system, for instance polyester fillers.

## Pre-treatment of panels

Degrease Fibrabel Prime (e.g. using an ammonia solution or a traditional detergent); next, lightly sand the panel using relatively fine sandpaper (P180 to P320) and remove the sanding dust. Allow the surface to dry if necessary.

## Finishing the panels

Finish Fibrabel Prime as needed with a brush, roller or spray gun depending on the chosen paint. Make sure to respect the basic rules of paint finishing to avoid overlapping paint marks, droplets, etc. Also make sure to follow the processing instructions provided with the chosen coating system.

Apply at least two final coatings for the best finishing result. Lightly sand in between coatings preferably using sandpaper > P200.

Note: finishing with latex paint

The material allows for finishing with latex paint. Because latex paint is more demanding in terms of adhesion, we recommend that you use a highly moisture-resistant and suitable primer.

## Finishing the edges

The edges of Fibrabel Prime have a lower density than the surface and therefore will absorb paint more easily. The edges must be sanded thoroughly and filled - several times, if needed - with a suitable filling primer. After applying filling coatings to the edges the fibres may swell under humid conditions. Intermediate sanding is therefore necessary. There is a wide choice of filling primers and polyester fillings for the end grain of wooden sheet material available on the market.

## General instructions

The MDF board must be applied in service class 1 (restrictions with regards to temperature and ambient humidity) and may only be used in biological hazard class 1 of EN 335-3. The boards must be protected from any direct contact with water. They must be stacked flat, on a pallet or using a sufficient number of cross members. Any contact with the floor must be avoided. The board will expand or shrink under variable humidity conditions. Make sure to use suitable sawing, milling and drilling tools.

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## Technical specifications

| Property                         | Test method | Unit              | Ranges of nominal thickness (mm) |           |            |            |            |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
|                                  |             |                   | > 6 to 9                         | > 9 to 12 | > 12 to 19 | > 19 to 30 | > 30 to 45 |
| Swelling in thickness 24 h       | EN 317      | %                 | 20                               | 16        | 14         | 12         | 11         |
| Internal bond                    | EN 319      | N/mm <sup>2</sup> | 0,45                             | 0,45      | 0,45       | 0,45       | 0,40       |
| Bending strength                 | EN 310      | N/mm <sup>2</sup> | 20                               | 20        | 18         | 15         | 14         |
| Modulus of elasticity in bending | EN 310      | N/mm <sup>2</sup> | 1700                             | 1700      | 1600       | 1500       | 1400       |

## Available dimensions and thicknesses

Standard thickness: 18 mm. Standard width: 1220 mm. Standard length: 2440 mm or 3050 mm. Other dimensions or thicknesses (12 to 40 mm) are available upon request. Fibrabel Prime is also available in a version for application in humid conditions: Fibrabel MR Prime. Contact our sales team or send an e-mail to [info.panels@unilin.com](mailto:info.panels@unilin.com) for further details.

## Certificates

UNILIN Division Panels is actively committed to sustainable forest management. Fibrabel Prime is available on demand with PEFC and FSC labelling.