

FR-A2 STORAGE & HANDLING

Handling & Storages:

The pallets must be handled carefully during transportation and unloading.

- Do not accept if the pallets are received in open condition. **If received in damaged condition, then independent surveyor must be called and inspected for claims.**
- On arrival of cargo please check if the cargo has arrived in good condition. In case the goods have arrived in wet condition, the packing needs to be unwrapped immediately to avoid further damage due to dampness. If found wet, the sheets need to be left to dry on its own. The sheets should be handled only once it is fully dried up.
- Upon arrival, the sheets should be completely protected from moisture during storage. The sheets should not be stored in wet/moist conditions be it in indoors or outdoors.
- **To protect the pallets/sheets from a moist environment, the sheets should be wrapped twice, with minimum 50 microns polyethylene packing film.**
- **While opening the packages, if any moisture /water particles are present in-between the sheet surfaces, then wipe with dry cotton sponges /clothes to remove that. Once again the sheets need to be left open to dry.**
- Store the pallets stacked one over the other with a maximum of 4 pallets of the same format stacked on top of each other.
- The pallets should be stored only on flat surface in horizontal condition. **Longer specification sheets should be stored at bottom.**
- Individual panels must be lifted off the pallet by two people holding all four corners and not dragged over each other. Carry the panels vertically. Wear gloves to avoid staining.
- No foreign particles should be there in between sheets while storage as this would leave scratches / marks on the sheet surface.
- **In order to avoid the processing failures strictly follow the Alubond fabrication Instructions manual.**

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The following should be observed with regard to the ALUBOND U.S.A protective film :

- Storage of sheets exceeding 6 months should be avoided.
- Please make sure the protective film stays intact during transit or while handling the sheets. If the protective film is torn the area of the sheet exposed could accumulate dirt / dust further damaging the panels. **In order to avoid that, manually stick the protective film & aluminum composite sheet edges together using high adhesion packaging tape. In case of an unlikely situation of protective film being received in totally damaged condition, please contact our technical team immediately for solutions.**
- The protective film should not be exposed to direct sunlight or high variance in temperature as it would affect the durability of the protective film upon installation.
- Do not mark the sheet surface or protective film with inks (markers), tapes or labels. Solvent or plasticizer may penetrate the film and affect the lacquered surface.
- Should the protective film partially peel off during processing, dirtied edges can occur in course of time.
- Remove protective film as soon as possible after installation. Protective film that remains on panels for an extended period of exterior exposure may cause difficult while removing the film.