

ALTERNA

Product Information Leaflet¹

1. Product composition

ALTERNA slates are made of fiber cement and consist of:

- Portland cement
- Mineral fillers
- High-grade synthetic fibers (PVA)
- Organic process fibers (cellulose)
- Organic coating

1. Production method

ALTERNA slates are made of highly compressed and air-cured fiber cement. During production pigmented slurry is applied on the face. After curing exact slate sizes are cut from the base sheets. Different multi-layer coating systems are applied on front and back of each slate.

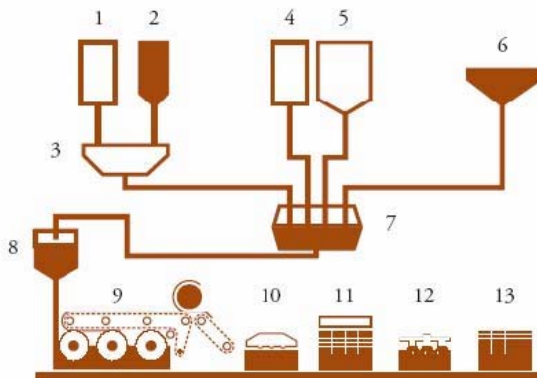


Fig. 1: Production scheme

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| 1 | 1. Reinforcing fibers |
| 2 | 2. Water |
| 3 | 3. Mixer |
| 4 | 4. Process fibers |
| 5 | 5. Cement |
| 6 | 6. Water |
| 7 | 7. Central mixer |
| 8 | 8. Silo |
| 9 | 9. Hatschek machine |
| 10 | 10. Press |
| 11 | 11. Cutting frame |
| 12 | 12. Finishing |
| 13 | 13. Stacking |

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1. Dimensions, tolerances and weight

Nominal thickness: 4 mm
 Tolerances: on length and width +3/-3 mm
 On thickness +1/-0.4 mm

Table 1: Dimensions

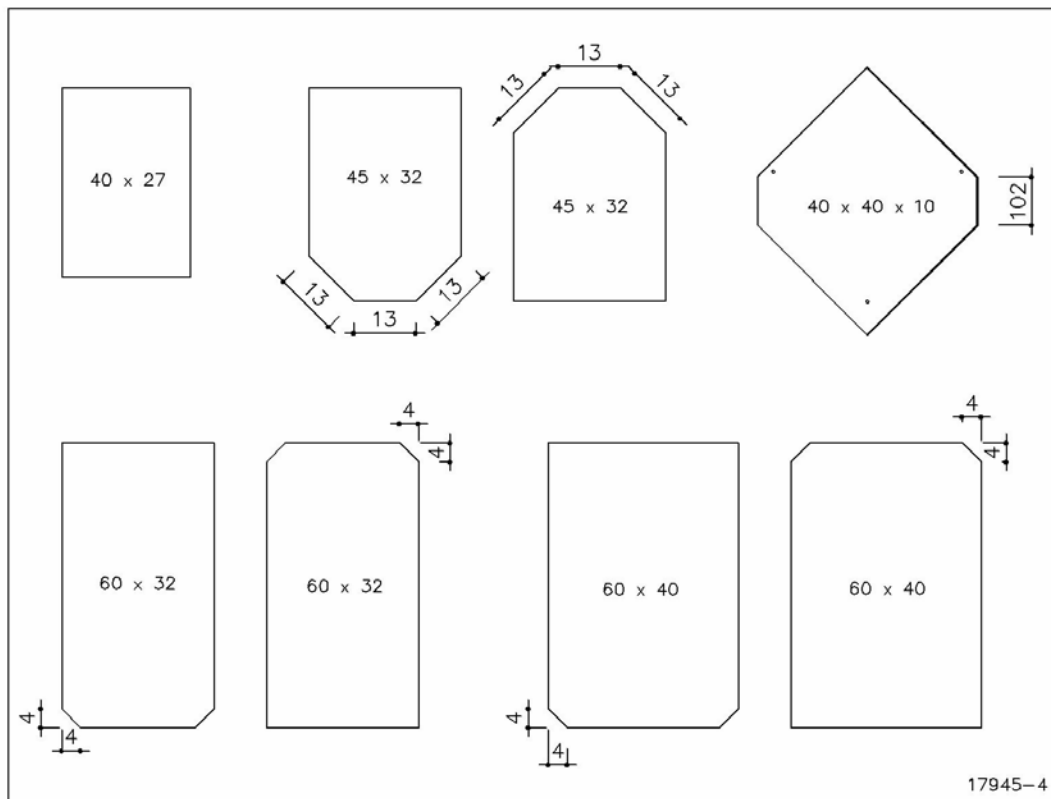
Dimension (cm)	Square ALTERNA slates				Diamond slates
	40x27	45x32	60x32	60x40	40x40
Overlap (cm)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	10
Holes	-	-	-	-	3
cut corners	-	2	2	2	2

(*) variable – see installation instructions

Table 2: Weight

Dimension (cm)	Weight (kg)
40x27	0.92 kg
45x32	1.23 kg
60x32	1.63 kg
60x40	2.05 kg
40x40	1.36 kg

Fig. 2: Dimensions



1. Colours and finishing layers²

ALTERNA slates have a triple finishing layer at the face and a double one at the back.

Face

On top of the pigmented final layer, as part of the production of the base sheet, a double protective top coat is applied. It consists of a primer and a finishing coat. The latter is a synthetic acrylic resin containing pigments that determine the final colour of the ALTERNA slates. Also the edges of the ALTERNA slates are treated with the same resin.

In relation to the slate format, the following colours are available:

Table 3: Colours

Dimension (cm)	40 x 27	45 x 32	60 x 32	60 x 40	40 x 40 x 10
Dark grey	*	*	*	*	*
Midnight purple	*	*	*		
Hainault's blue	*	*	*		
Havana brown		*	*		
Heath purple		*	*		
Zinc grey		*			

Back

To increase the dimensional stability of the slate, a protective synthetic acrylic resin is also applied on the back. The goal of this multiple coating is a better sealed surface to considerably reduce water absorbency. Finally the back of the slate is provided with a wax to avoid the slates sticking together in the stack and to prevent infiltration of moisture between the slates.

1. Mechanical and physical characteristics (average values)

Table 4: Mechanical characteristics

Bending strength (saturated)	Value
parallel to the fibers	25 N/mm ²
perpendicular to the fibers	16 N/mm ²
average bending moment	52 Nm/m

Table 5: Physical characteristics

Physical Characteristics	Value	Remark
Density	1850 kg/m ³ (min 1750)	Oven dry
Moisture expansion coefficient	3.3 mm/m	From oven dry to saturated for an unfinished slate
Thermal expansion coefficient	10*10 ⁻⁶ m/mK	Oven dry (between -20° and +80°C)
Maximum water absorption	15%	After 24 h immersed in water – starting from an oven dry, unfinished slate.
Frost resistance	- 30 °C	Continuous

² It is advised to request a sample for an illustration of the colours.

1. Advantages, properties and performances

- High mechanical strength
- Easy to work
- Insensitive to atmospheric influences
- Chemical stability
- Reaction to fire according to EN 13501-1 : A2
- Good biological resistance
- Light weight
- Compatible with other standard building materials
- High flexibility to all types of architectural design
- Attractive colour range and formats

1. Applications (not exhaustive)

- Roof covering:
- Double cover
 - Horizontal single cover
 - Diamond pattern cover

8. Normalization and approvals

The ALTERNA slates meet the requirements of the European norm EN 492 and are CE-marked.

9. Working guidelines

The most used tools for working fiber cement slates are:



Fig. 3: Guillotine shear



Fig. 4: Hand shear



Fig. 5: Slater's hammer



Fig. 6: Break iron



Fig. 7: Scoring knife

10. MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

In function of the location of the roof, it is recommended to remove fungae, mosses etc. when required. Also regular inspection of the roof is recommended to check the physical condition of the slates as well as the fixing.

For more details on cleaning procedures, please consult EURO PANELS OVERSEAS.

11. TRANSPORT AND STORAGE

ALTERNA slates are stacked on pallets and covered with corrugated cardboard. The pallet is further secured with a protective shrink-wrapping and metal straps. The slates have to be stored in a dry and well-ventilated space on a flat surface. On site, the corrugated cardboard and the shrink-wrapping need to be removed from the pallet. From then on, the stacked slates should be covered by a tarpaulin.

12. GUARANTEE

The guarantee and the guarantee conditions are available on request from EURO PANELS.



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