



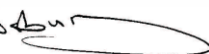
# TEST REPORT

**LMF 36-60 Stepped Composite Trench Panel**  
**BS EN124 B125 Test**  
**Span - 817mm**

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1. The results reported have been performed in accordance with the test requirements agreed by the customer (Fibrelite Ltd.) and laid down in the new draft FprEN 124-1 2014 standard along with the composite section FprEN 124-5.
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## **Panel**

The composite trench panel supplied is an LMF- 36-60 stepped (Photo.1)

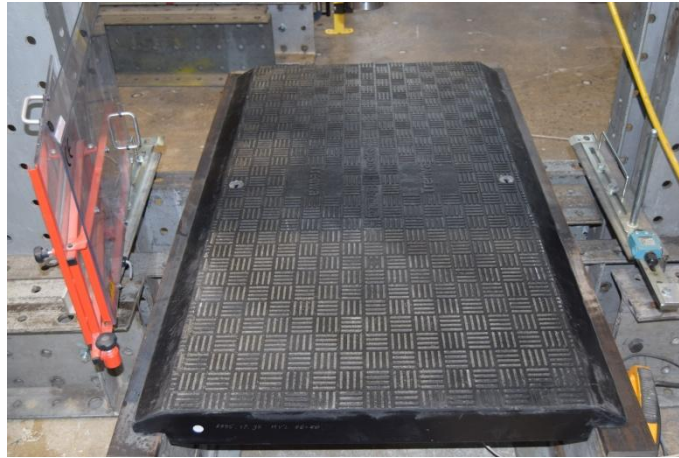


Photo.1

## **Test Rig**

The test rig consists of a 'giant mecano' frame bolted to the floor and supporting the Enerpac 50 ton hydraulic cylinder.

The panel was supported along its longest sides on two sets of steel I sections with 100mm x 20mm steel bars on top giving a clear span of 817mmmm. (Photo.1)

In accordance with the draft FprEN124-1:2014 standard the load cell and test rig complies with EN ISO 7500-1:2004 minimum Class 3.

Test Rig ID: EG100TF

Load Cell ID: N.C.B./M.R.E.-400/3243

Instron Calibration Certificate No. E225112816155035

System Class: 1



Photo.2

## **Test**

The tests were carried out in accordance with the Draft FprEN 124:2014 standard for:

- Permanent Set – Clause 8.2
- Load Bearing Capacity – Clause 8.3

The load was applied to the panel through a 250mm diameter by 45mm thick steel block with a 250mm diameter by 10mm rubber pad between the block and panel.

### **Permanent Set Test**

Measurement of permanent set shall be made on the upper-side of the panel in the same place as the applied load at the longest dimension which can be inscribed within the panel through the centre point of the load application. The measurement device shall be positioned as close as possible to the centre point of the load application and the seating of the measuring device support as close as possible to the edge of the panel but not exceeding 10mm from the edge.

An initial reading is to be taken at the geometric centre of the panel before the first load or any preloading has taken place.

The load is then to be applied at a rate of 1kN/s to 5kN/s up to 2/3 of the test load. This procedure is to be carried out five times without significant disruption.

A final deflection reading shall then be taken and the permanent set determined as the difference of the measured readings between the first and fifth readings.

### **Load Bearing Capacity**

Immediately after the permanent set test the panel shall be loaded up to the test load at a rate of 1kN/s to 5kN/s.

The test load shall then be maintained for  $30_{-0}^{+2}$  seconds.

## Results

### Permanent set test

Photograph 3 below shows the initial reading being taken for the permanent set test.

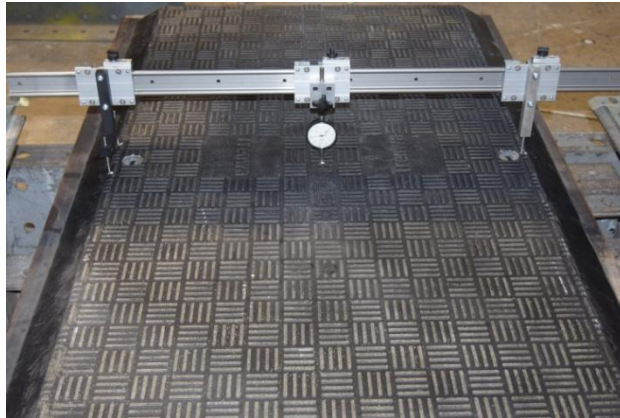


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|                        |               |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Initial Reading        | 1.00mm        |
| Reading after 5 cycles | 1.85mm        |
| <b>Permanent Set</b>   | <b>0.85mm</b> |

Permissible permanent set for a B125 test is  $\frac{CO}{100} = \frac{817}{100} = 8.17\text{mm}$

**The panel therefore passes the Permanent Set test.**

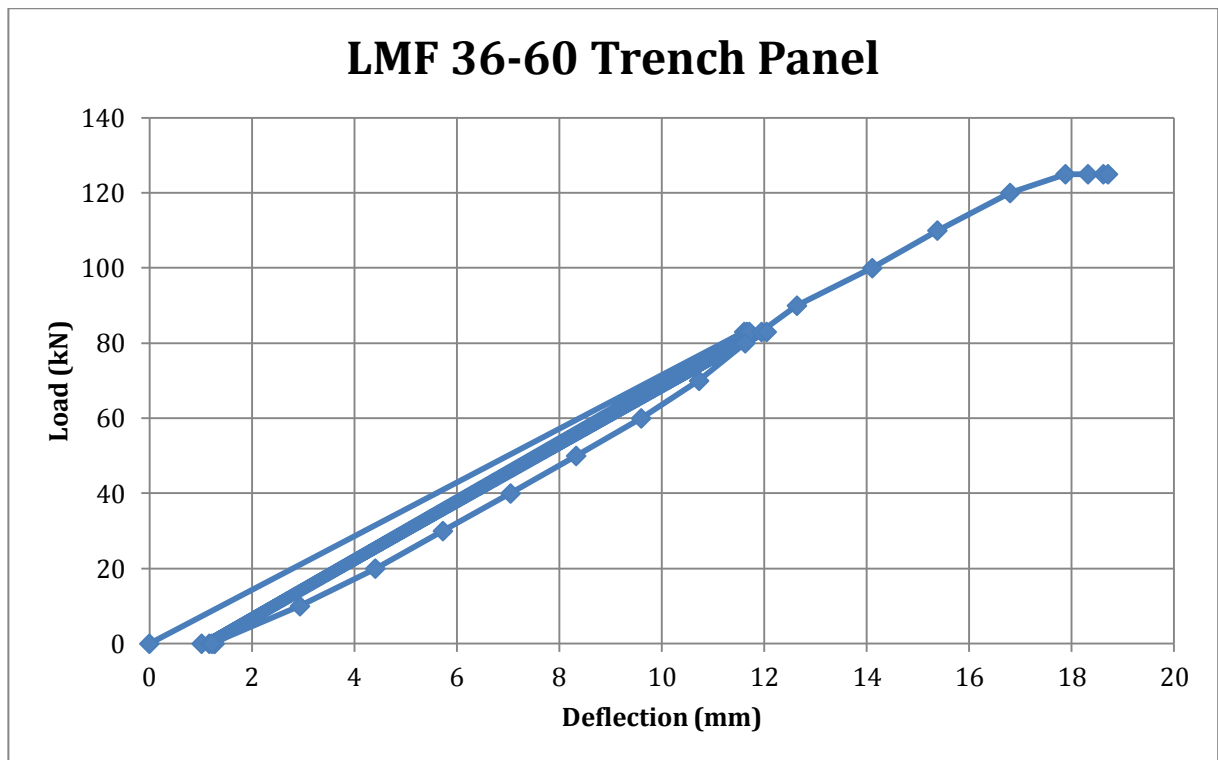
## Load Bearing Capacity Test

Load applied immediately after the permanent set test.

Although the standard does not require it for the load bearing test, a measuring device (linear potentiometer) was placed on the underside of the panel directly under the loading point and deflection readings taken every 83kN for the five cycles and 10kN intervals after that.

| LOAD (kN)        | DEFLECTION (mm) | REMARKS   |
|------------------|-----------------|---|
| 0                | 0.00            |   |
| 83               | 11.61           |   |
| 0                | 1.02            |   |
| 83               | 11.66           |   |
| 0                | 1.27            |   |
| 83               | 11.71           |   |
| 0                | 1.27            |   |
| 83               | 11.95           |   |
| 0                | 1.17            |   |
| 83               | 12.05           |   |
| 0                | 1.22            |   |
| 10               | 2.94            |   |
| 20               | 4.41            |   |
| 30               | 5.73            |   |
| 40               | 7.05            |   |
| 50               | 8.33            |   |
| 60               | 9.60            |   |
| 70               | 10.73           |   |
| 80               | 11.63           |   |
| 90               | 12.64           |   |
| 100              | 14.11           |   |
| 110              | 15.38           |   |
| 120              | 16.80           |   |
| 125              | 17.88           |   |
| 125 (10 seconds) | 18.32           |   |
| 125 (20 seconds) | 18.62           |   |
| 125 (30 seconds) | 18.71           |   |
| 0                | 1.86            | <b>PASS</b>   |
| 134              | -               | Ultimate failure – loud cracking and banging and load dropping off. |
|                  |                 |   |

**The panel held the test load of 125kN for the required 30 seconds so therefore passed the Load Bearing test.**



Photograph 4 below shows the panel still in the test rig and holding the test load of 125kN.

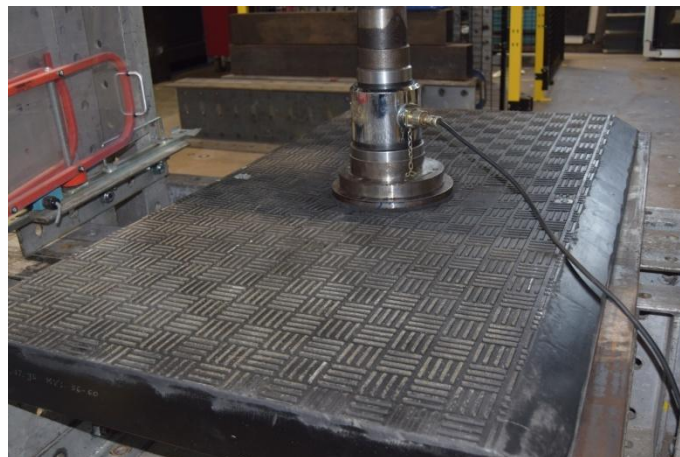


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