



naturally neutral

The New Zealand landscape always conspires to astound. Once again it has inspired the creation of our new colour range.

a palette of understated sophistication

When you think neutral, imagine balance, independence and authenticity.

And the ability to occupy the middle ground with subtle progressions of colour.

The new Melamine colour range not only demonstrates our willingness to explore, but also illustrates the fine judgement we apply to our colour selection.

This palette appeals as much to aesthetics as it does to function; a creative tool that can be practically applied.

The Melamine Neutrals Range has been developed with intrinsic New Zealand attributes and international references to enhance your design choices.

practical, versatile and hard-wearing

Bestwood Melamine is a tough, scratch-resistant surface, which can be used on cupboards, shelves, pantries and cabinets, storage units, bathroom cabinetry, laundry cabinets, wardrobes, general shelving, and much more. Our technology ensures that the colours, won't streak or craze.





bestwood melamine substrate sizes

substrate	sheet size – mm	normal finished thickness – mm						
		6*	9	12	16	18	25	30
medium density fibreboard (MDF)	2440 x 1220	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
particleboard	2440 x 1220		*	*	*	*	*	*
MDF HMR (high moisture resistance)	2440 x 1220				*	*		
PBD HMR (high moisture resistance)	2440 x 1220				*	*		
MDF EO (low formaldehyde emissions)	2440 x 1220			*	*	*	*	*

Note: Bestwood Melamine is a pre-finished panel that requires no additional surface finishing. Some distortion may occur, we therefore recommend that thin panels less than 9mm thick are not suitable for wall linings.

*All thicknesses are available in both double and single-sided, with the exception of 6mm, which is available in single-sided MDF only.



restrictions on use

Bestwood Melamine should not be used in areas where it will be exposed to high moisture levels, for example, as wall linings for exteriors, for wet areas in regular contact with water, or for benchtops in kitchens and bathrooms.

edge finishing

Bestwood Melamine board can be finished with Melamine, PVC edgetape or by postforming.

surface finishes available

gloss a smooth, shiny finish
(not recommended on dark colours)

velvet a delicate eggshell surface

embossed a lightly textured, orange-peel-like surface

woodgrain simulates the quarter-cut pattern of natural timber

supermatte a fine, smooth flat surface
(not recommended on dark colours)

cleaning and care instructions

Keeping your Bestwood Melamine surfaces clean is easy. Regular cleaning simply involves wiping with a clean, damp cloth.

stubborn grease and grime

To clean off grimy film, use diluted vinegar and water or Selley's Sugar Soap.

spills and stains

The most important thing is to catch the stain early. Wiping it with hot soapy water is the first thing to try. However, for tougher stains we recommend trying:

wine hot soapy water

rust diluted vinegar or lemon juice

shoe polish diluted vinegar or lemon juice

oven cleaner hot soapy water

tea all-purpose surface cleaner

foodstuffs all-purpose surface cleaner

fabric dye cold water, wipe dry, then use methylated spirits

felt pen methylated spirits or acetone

paint/glue acetone

heavy wax and grease xylene

hair/leather dye methylated spirits

- After using the solutions recommended above, always wipe with a damp cloth, then a dry cloth.
- Never use abrasive cleaners, wire wool scourer pads, copper cleaner pads or sandpaper on your Bestwood Melamine surfaces.
- We also recommend caution in using bleach and alcohol-based cleaners. Dilute bleach (1 part bleach/3 parts water).

safe work practices

As a reconstituted panel product made from wood, resin and wax, users should be aware that as with all wood and timber products, exposure to wood dust and/or formaldehyde from Customwood MDF may irritate the eyes, respiratory system and skin. Inhalation may result in asthma and skin contact may cause dermatitis. As a known carcinogen, repeated inhalation of wood dust over many years may cause nasal cancer. Formaldehyde is also classified as a known carcinogen. Work and storage areas should be well ventilated, and cleaned regularly. Wood dust should be removed by vacuum cleaning or by the wet sweeping method – not by compressed air systems. All sawing, sanding and machining equipment should be fitted with efficient dust extraction systems. Hand power tools should be fitted with dust bags. If skin irritations occur, long-sleeved shirts, trousers and comfortable work gloves should be worn. For respiratory protection, respirators/dust masks should be worn. These should comply with AS/NZS 1716. Safety glasses should be worn when machining Customwood MDF. Eye protection must conform to AS/NZS 1337.

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