Dear Colleague,

Thank you for subscribing to receive updates to the Part E Robust Details Handbook.

In this update pack, we have included a new floating floor treatment option for the generic timber separating floors E-FT-1, E-FT-2 and E-FT-3 and the steel joisted floor E-FS-2. Significantly, Cellecta’s HiDECK Structural system overcomes the thermal resistance issues of the standard FFT1 to allow underfloor heating to now be used with these floors.

Also of note is that the horizontal cavity stop used behind cladding systems on E-FC-18 RC Frame floor, has now been approved and specified in a way that aids drainage of the cavity; and E-FC-1 now has the option to include a membrane below the screed layer should this be required.

Other amendments include the options to Use Cellecta’s MICRO 15 and MICRO 50 in place of mineral wool on a number of timber and steel joisted floors; and an updating of product names on Thermal Economics’ floors.

Please update your January 2018, 4th Edition Handbook as follows:
1. Remove and replace just page 11/12 of the Introduction.
2. Remove and replace all pages of E-WS-5.
3. Remove and replace all pages of E-FC-1; E-FC-4; E-FC-12 and E-FC-14.
4. Remove and replace just page 1/2 of E-FC-18.
5. Remove and replace all pages of E-FT-1; E-FT-2 and E-FT-3.
6. Remove and replace just page 1/2 and page 5/6 of E-FT-5.
8. Remove and replace all pages of Appendix A3.

Yours sincerely

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## Changes to the fourth edition following April 2018 update

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**Key**

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Separating Wall – Steel Frame

Twin metal frames
Use with reinforced concrete frame construction only
Concrete slabs with flat soffits only - no profiled decking

Wall lining
- 2 or more layers of gypsum-based board
  (minimum total nominal mass per unit area 20 kg/m²) both sides
  - all joints staggered

Steel frame
60mm (min) studs both sides

Wall width
230mm (min) between inner faces of wall linings,
or 190mm (min) where service zones are used
(see Section 6)

Absorbent material
One layer 75mm (min) unfaced mineral wool batts
(density 10-40 kg/m³)

External (flanking) wall
See Sections 1 to 3

DO
- Keep wall linings at least 230mm apart, or 190mm (min) where service zones are used (see Section 6)
- Ensure the batts cover whole wall area and are fitted together correctly and not tightly compressed between twin frames
- Ensure that all cavity stops/closers are flexible or are fixed to one frame only
- Make sure there is no connection between the two frames except where ties are necessary for structural reasons
- Stagger joints in wall linings to avoid air paths
- Seal all joints in outer layer with tape or caulk with sealant
- Refer to Appendix A

Alternative higher-performance wall constructions (see Section 12)

Alternative external (flanking) wall construction
Storey height glazing units are an acceptable alternative to the cavity walls illustrated:
- glazing units should not be continuous between storeys
- mullion or transom supports/ framing should not be continuous between dwellings
- the sound insulation performance is improved where the junction between the separating wall and external (flanking) wall occurs at a concrete column position

Sheathing
Where required for structural or security reasons, it is permissible to apply sheathing board to one frame of the separating wall (see Section 6)
1. External (flanking) wall junction – at concrete column position

1.1 Masonry or precast external treatment

Masonry outer leaf or precast panels
75mm (min) metal stud
Cavity sheathing board
External wall cavity (min 50mm)
Inner leaf - two layers of gypsum-based board total min 20 kg/m² and 50mm (min) mineral wool (min 10 kg/m³), placed between all studs
230mm (min) or 190mm (min) where service zones are used (see Section 6)
Continuous bead of flexible or acoustic sealant
Avoid joints in outer layer at edge of column
Continuous vertical ribbon of adhesive
1 layer of gypsum-based board min 10 kg/m² on dabs across concrete column
Concrete column
Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant
Close cavity with a flexible cavity stop

1.2 Lightweight cladding external treatment

Glazing, render board or cladding system* spaced off inner leaf
Cavity sheathing board
75mm (min) metal stud
External wall cavity (min 50mm)
Inner leaf - two layers of gypsum-based board total min 20 kg/m² and 50mm (min) mineral wool (min 10 kg/m³), placed between all studs
2 layers of gypsum-based board total min 20 kg/m² to be battened off concrete column
230mm (min) or 190mm (min) where service zones are used (see Section 6)
Avoid joints in outer layer at edge of column
Concrete column
Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant
Close cavity with a flexible cavity stop

*Particular care should be taken in respect of Building Regulations Part B Fire
2. External (flanking) wall junction – at large concrete column (aligned to wall or offset) or at shear wall

2.1 Masonry or precast external treatment

- Masonry outer leaf
- 75mm (min) metal stud
- Cavity sheathing board
- 2 layers of gypsum-based board total min 20 kg/m²
- Steel or timber battens
- 230mm (min) or 190mm (min) where service zones are used (see Section 6)
- Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant
- Close cavity with a flexible cavity stop
- Inner leaf - two layers of gypsum-based board total min 20 kg/m² and 50mm (min) mineral wool (min 10 kg/m³) placed between all studs
- Column or shear wall
- External wall cavity (min 50mm)

2.2 Lightweight cladding external treatment

- Glazing, render board or cladding system* spaced off inner leaf
- 75mm (min) metal stud
- Cavity sheathing board
- 2 layers of gypsum-based board total min 20 kg/m² to be battened off concrete column
- 230mm (min) or 190mm (min) where service zones are used (see Section 6)
- Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant
- Column or shear wall
- 2 layers of gypsum-based board total min 20 kg/m²
- Close cavity with a flexible cavity stop
- Steel or timber battens
- External wall cavity (min 50mm)

*Particular care should be taken in respect of Building Regulations Part B Fire
3. External (flanking) wall junction – without concrete column

3.1 Masonry or precast external treatment

- Masonry outer leaf or precast panels
- 75mm (min) metal stud. Ensure studs, top and bottom rails or gypsum boards do not bridge between the twin frames
- Cavity sheathing board
- External wall cavity (min 50mm)
- Inner leaf - two layers of gypsum-based board total min 20 kg/m² and 50mm (min) mineral wool (min 10 kg/m³), placed between all studs
- 190mm (min) or 230mm (min) where no service zone is used (see Section 6)
- Ensure there is a break and board is not continuous between twin frames
- Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant
- Flexible cavity stop MUST close off the void

3.2 Lightweight cladding external treatment

- Glazing, render board or cladding system* spaced off inner leaf
- Cavity sheathing board
- 75mm (min) metal stud. Ensure studs, top and bottom rails or gypsum boards do not bridge between the twin frames
- External wall cavity (min 50mm)
- Inner leaf - two layers of gypsum-based board total min 20 kg/m² and 50mm (min) mineral wool (min 10 kg/m³), placed between all studs
- 190mm (min) or 230mm (min) where no service zone is used (see Section 6)
- Optional service zone
- Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant
- Ensure there is a break and board is not continuous between twin frames
- Cavity filled with insulation to comply with thermal requirements

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4. Separating wall internal junctions

4.1 Where separating wall meets separating wall

Ensure studs, top and bottom rails or gypsum boards do not bridge between the twin frames.

4.2 Where separating wall meets lift shaft wall or other such structure

Ensure studs, top and bottom rails or gypsum boards do not bridge between the twin frames.

Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant

Fully fill void with mineral wool quilt or batt (min 10 kg/m²)

Internal fixing angle (if required)

50mm (min) between studs and shear wall/lift shaft wall

Additional insulation for thermal requirements is permitted

Internal fixing angle (if required)

Fully fill void with mineral wool quilt or batt (min 10 kg/m²)

Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant

Inner leaf - two layers of gypsum-based board total min 20 kg/m² and 50mm (min) mineral wool (min 10 kg/m³), placed between all studs
5. Separating wall to separating wall junction with column/shear wall

5.1 T-junction at column or shear wall

- Ensure studs, top and bottom rails or gypsum boards do not bridge between the twin frames.
- Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant.
- Steel or timber battens.
- Continuous bead of flexible or acoustic sealant.
- 2 layers of gypsum-based board total min 20 kg/m².
- 230mm (min) or 190mm (min) where service zones are used.
- 50mm (min) mineral wool, 10 kg/m³ (min), placed between studs for first 600mm.

5.2 Junction offset from column or shear wall

- Ensure studs, top and bottom rails or gypsum boards do not bridge between the twin frames.
- Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant.
- Steel or timber battens.
- Continuous bead of flexible or acoustic sealant.
- 2 layers of gypsum-based board total min 20 kg/m².
- Continuous bead of flexible or acoustic sealant.
- 230mm (min) or 190mm (min) where service zones are used.
- 50mm (min) mineral wool, 10 kg/m³ (min), placed between studs for full wall width as a minimum.
6. Service zone and wall options for in-line concrete columns

**Option A**
- 230mm (min) service void
- Steel or timber battens
- 2 layers of gypsum-based board total min 20 kg/m²
- 75mm (min) slab/batt insulation (10-40 kg/m²)
- 60mm (min) metal studs
- Continuous bead of flexible or acoustic sealant to all four junctions

**Option B**
- 190mm (min) service void
- 60mm (min) metal studs
- 2 layers of gypsum-based board total min 20 kg/m²
- 75mm (min) slab/batt insulation (10-40 kg/m²)
- Service void using min 25mm battens with 2 layers of gypsum-based board combined 20 kg/m²
- Service zone bay at column filled with 25mm mineral wool insulation min 10 kg/m³

**Option C**
- 230mm (min) service void
- 60mm (min) metal studs
- 2 layers of gypsum-based board total min 20 kg/m²
- 75mm (min) slab/batt insulation (10-40 kg/m²)
- 1 layer of gypsum-based board min 12 kg/m² on dabs across face of insitu column
- Continuous bead of flexible or acoustic sealant to all four junctions

**Option D**
- 230mm (min) service void
- Steel or timber battens
- 2 layers of gypsum-based board total min 20 kg/m²
- Sheathing to one leaf only
- 75mm (min) slab/batt insulation (10-40 kg/m²)
- 60mm (min) metal studs
- Continuous bead of flexible or acoustic sealant to all four junctions

Ensure studs, top and bottom rails or gypsum boards do not bridge between the twin frames
7. Separating floor junction – in-situ concrete floor E-FC-18

An alternative deflection head detail is shown below

8. Slab junction (with alternative deflection head detail)
9. Ground floor junction

Mastic sealant, ensure skirting and wall lining are isolated from screed
Perimeter insulation, isolating screed from metal frame
Below screed insulation, isolating screed from slab
DPM (if required)

Section

Alternative detail with timber floating floor finish

5mm (min) resilient flanking strip
Flexible or acoustic sealant
Insitu concrete, minimum mass per unit area 365 kg/m²

10. Internal wall junction

Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant
Separating wall lining continuous
Where required internal wall to comply with Building Regulations Requirement E2

Plan

Ensure studs, top and bottom rails or gypsum boards do not bridge between the twin frames
11. Services and sockets in the separating wall

11.1 Electrical sockets, switches etc

Stagger sockets, switches, etc. on each side of the wall such that they are not positioned in opposite bays.

Provide two or more layers of gypsum-based board (total nominal mass per unit area 20 kg/m²) to enclose electrical boxes.

Fire resistant seal where required by Part B of the Building Regulations.

11.2 Electrical sockets and switches in service void

Service void using min 25mm battens or steel studs with 2 layers of gypsum board.

Service void on surface of separating wall. This is the preferred method where more than one socket, switch, etc. are close together, e.g. in a kitchen.

Studs or battens used to create the service zone should be securely fixed back to the separating wall structure.

11.3 Piped services located within wall

Provide two or more layers of gypsum-based board (total nominal mass per unit area 20 kg/m²) to enclose pipes.

Stagger services on each side of the wall such that they are not positioned in opposite bays.

Note: this detail is not applicable for SVPs or gas pipes.

Ensure studs, top and bottom rails or gypsum boards do not bridge between the twin frames.
12. Higher performing wall constructions

The sound insulation performance can be increased by using the following:

12.1 Full-fill option

- 2 layers of gypsum-based board total min 20 kg/m²
- Wall width fully filled with unfaced mineral wool batts (density 10-40 kg/m³)
- 230mm (min) or 190mm (min) where service zones are used (see Section 8)

12.2 330mm 5-board option

- 2 layers of gypsum-based board total min 20 kg/m²
- 50mm (min) mineral wool batts (density 10-40 kg/m³)
- 50mm (min) stud
- 1 layer of gypsum board min 12 kg/m³
- 330mm (min)
- 190mm (min) stud
- 100mm (min) mineral wool batts (density 10-40 kg/m³)
- 2 layers of gypsum-based board total min 20 kg/m²
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Notes (include details of any corrective action) 

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Separating Floors – Concrete

Precast concrete plank ■
Screed with floating floor treatment ■

Floating floor  See section 4 for suitable floating floor treatment
Screed  - 40mm (min) screed directly applied to plank
- cement:sand or proprietary screed nominal 80 kg/m² mass per unit area, see Appendix A
Structural floor  Precast concrete plank of 150mm (min) thickness and 300 kg/m² (min) mass per unit area
Ceiling  See section 3 for suitable ceiling treatment

Direct applied screed
It is permissible to lay the screed over a max. 0.5mm thick membrane, if required

DO
- Butt planks tightly together
- Grout all joints between planks
- Fill all voids between walls and floor
- Ensure floating floor treatment is suitable and install in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions
- Install flanking strips around the perimeter of the flooring board to isolate floor from walls and skirtings
- Make sure ceiling treatment is installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions (where applicable)
- Ensure that only the correct blocks are used in the construction of external (flanking) walls, unless specifically referred to in the Handbook all blocks should be assumed to be solid (i.e. not hollow or cellular)
- Refer to Appendix A
1. External (flanking) wall junction

Sketch shows FFT5 type floating floor treatment and CT1 type ceiling treatment

Masonry outer leaf
External wall cavity (min 50mm)
Inner leaf (min 100mm) concrete block (1350 kg/m³ to 1600 kg/m³ or 1850 - 2300 kg/m³)
Nominal 8 kg/m² gypsum-based board or 13mm plaster
5mm (min) resilient flanking strip
Close cavity with a flexible cavity stop unless it is fully filled with built in mineral wool insulation
Concrete planks to be built into wall:
• wall must not be continuous between storeys
• planks must not abut inner leaf
• all voids between planks and blockwork filled with mortar or flexible sealant
Continuous horizontal ribbon of adhesive

2. Separating wall junction

Separating wall:
• if using robustdetails® for wall - refer to Table 3a in introduction to select an appropriate Robust Detail separating wall
• if using wall requiring pre-completion testing
  – seek specialist advice
5mm (min) resilient flanking strip
Concrete planks to be built into wall:
• wall must not be continuous between storeys
• planks must not abut separating wall
• all voids between planks and blockwork filled with mortar or flexible sealant
Continuous horizontal ribbon of adhesive

Sketch shows FFT5 type floating floor treatment and CT1 type ceiling treatment
3. Ceiling treatments for E-FC-1

All ceiling treatments must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions. All ceiling joints must be sealed with tape or caulked with sealant.

The maximum load on resilient bars shall not exceed that specified in the manufacturer’s instructions.

Note: the sound insulation performance of all ceiling treatments is increased if:
• 25mm (min) mineral wool quilt is placed in the ceiling void, and/or
• resilient hangers are used.

**Downlighters and recessed lighting**

Provided there is a minimum ceiling void of 75mm downlighters or recessed lighting may be installed in the ceiling:
• in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions
• at no more than one light per 2m² of ceiling area in each room or see Appendix F
• at centres not less than 0.75m
• into openings not exceeding 100mm diameter or 100x100mm

Particular attention should also be paid to Building Regulations Part B - Fire Safety

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**CT1 – Metal ceiling system - 100mm void**

• any metal ceiling system providing 100mm (min) ceiling void
• one layer of nominal 8 kg/m² gypsum-based board

**CT2 – Timber battens and counterbattens**

• 50 x 50mm softwood battens
• 50 x 50mm counterbattens
• one layer of 8 kg/m² gypsum-based board

**CT3 – Metal ceiling system - 75mm void**

• any metal ceiling system providing 75mm (min) ceiling void
• one layer of nominal 10 kg/m² gypsum-based board

**CT4 – Timber battens and metal resilient bars**

*Only suitable for use in conjunction with 200mm (min) precast concrete floor plank of mass per unit area 300 kg/m² (min).*

• 50 x 50mm softwood battens
• metal resilient ceiling bars mounted at right angles to the battens (bars must achieve a minimum laboratory performance of \( \text{rd} \Delta R_w + C_v = 17\text{dB} \) and \( \text{rd} \Delta L_w = 16\text{dB} \)) - see Appendix E
• one layer of minimum nominal 10 kg/m² gypsum-based board
4. Floating floor treatments for E-FC-1

All floating floor treatments:

a) Must achieve a minimum laboratory performance of \( \Delta L_{w} = 17 \text{dB} \) - see Appendix D.

b) Must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

c) Require 5mm (min) resilient flanking strips around the perimeter of the flooring board to isolate floor from walls and skirting.

d) For further guidance on floating floor treatments and flanking strips, please refer to Appendix A.

* Note - void dimensions indicated are when floor is loaded to 25 kg/m².

**FFT 1 – Resilient composite deep batten system**
- 18mm (min) t&g flooring board
- resilient layer must be continuous and pre-bonded to batten
- resilient composite deep battens
- ensure any services do not bridge the resilient layer
- battens may have the resilient layer at the top or the bottom

**FFT 2 – Resilient cradle and batten system**
- 18mm (min) t&g flooring board
- cradle and batten
- ensure any services do not bridge the resilient layer

**FFT 3 – Resilient composite standard batten system**
- 18mm (min) t&g flooring board
- resilient layer must be continuous and pre-bonded to batten
- resilient composite standard battens
- ensure any services do not bridge the resilient layer
- battens may have the resilient layer at the top or the bottom

**FFT 4 – Resilient overlay platform floor system**
- proprietary platform system inclusive of resilient layer greater than or equal to 16 kg/m² mass per unit area
- no services to be installed in floor system*

**FFT 5 – Resilient overlay shallow platform floor system**
- 9mm (min) t&g flooring board
- resilient layer pre-bonded to flooring board
- no services to be installed in floor system*

* Additional under floor heating layers may be incorporated within FFT4 and FFT5 provided the complete build-up, using all components, has been tested to give a minimum laboratory performance of \( \Delta L_{w} = 17 \text{dB} \) - see Appendix D.
5. Services – Service pipes through separating floor

- 25mm (min) mineral wool quilt (min 10 kg/m³) around pipe
- Pipe boxed in with two layers gypsum-based board, each layer nominal 8 kg/m²
- All voids around pipe sealed

Sketch shows FFT5 type floating floor treatment and CT3 type ceiling treatment
## CHECKLIST (to be completed by site manager / supervisor)

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**SYSTEM INSTALLATION**

The use of this screed resilient layer system **must** incorporate the following:

1) **6mm Isorubber Base** (resilient layer to be laid over entire floor area with minimum 50mm overlaps)

2) **IsoEdge flanking strip**

3) All joints taped

**IsoEdge Flanking Strip**

- Min. 50mm overlap
- All joints taped

**Floor slab**

**DO**

- Butt planks tightly together
- Grout all joints between planks
- Fill all voids between walls and floor
- Ensure 6mm Isorubber resilient layer is laid over the entire floor surface and has overlapped joints of 50mm sealed with tape. On no account should the screed come into contact with the floor slab. (see Section 4 for 40mm proprietary screeds)
- Ensure 6mm Isorubber overlaps with IsoEdge flanking strip. On no account should screed come into contact with floor slab or perimeter walls
- Ensure the IsoEdge flanking strip isolates the skirting and wall linings. On no account should screed come into contact with the wall lining and skirting
- Ensure that only the correct blocks are used in the construction of external (flanking) walls, unless specifically referred to in the Handbook all blocks should be assumed to be solid (i.e. not hollow or cellular)
- Make sure ceiling treatment is installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions (where applicable)

From 1 January 2009, Robust Details Limited can only accept registration of this floor once the builder agrees to receive training from Thermal Economics on the installation of the screed and resilient layer. Please contact Robust Details Limited for further information.
1. External (flanking) wall junction

- Masonry outer leaf
- External wall cavity (min 50mm)
- Inner leaf (min 100mm) aggregate concrete block (1350 kg/m³ to 1600 kg/m³ or 1850 - 2300 kg/m³) or Plasmor Agile Ultima (1050 kg/m³) or aircrete block (450-800 kg/m³)
- IsoEdge flanking strip must overlap with Isorubber resilient layer and isolate screed from perimeter walls and skirtings
- Isorubber resilient layer must have 50mm (min) overlapped joints and be sealed with tape
- Close cavity with a flexible cavity stop unless it is fully filled with mineral wool insulation
- Concrete planks must be built into walls:
  - walls must not be continuous between storeys
  - planks must not abut inner leaf
  - all voids between planks and blockwork filled with mortar or flexible sealant
- Continuous horizontal ribbon of adhesive or IsoEdge ceiling strip
- Nominal 8 kg/m² gypsum-based board or 13mm plaster

Sketch shows CT0 type ceiling treatment

2. Separating wall junction

- Separating wall:
  - if using robustdetails® for wall - refer to Table 3a in introduction to select an appropriate Robust Detail separating wall
  - if using wall requiring pre-completion testing – seek specialist advice
- IsoEdge flanking strip
- Isorubber resilient layer to overlap IsoEdge flanking strip
- Concrete planks to be built into wall:
  - wall must not be continuous between storeys
  - planks must not abut separating wall
  - all voids between planks and blockwork filled with mortar or flexible sealant
- Continuous horizontal ribbon of adhesive or IsoEdge ceiling strip

Sketch shows CT0 type ceiling treatment
3. Ceiling treatments for E-FC-4

All ceiling treatments must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. All ceiling joints must be sealed with tape or caulked with sealant.

Note: the sound insulation performance of all ceiling treatments is increased if:

- 25mm (min.) mineral fibre quilt is placed in the ceiling void, and/or
- resilient hangers are used.

**Downlighters and recessed lighting**

Provided there is a minimum ceiling void as stated below for CT0, CT1 or CT2, downlighters or recessed lighting may be installed in the ceiling:

- in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions
- at no more than one light per 2m² of ceiling area in each room or see Appendix F
- at centres not less than 0.75m
- into openings not exceeding 100mm diameter or 100x100mm

Particular attention should also be paid to Building Regulations Part B - Fire Safety

**CT0 – Metal ceiling system - 150mm void**

To be used for 150mm (min) depth concrete planks

- any metal ceiling system providing 150mm (min) ceiling void
- one layer of nominal 8 kg/m² gypsum-based board

**CT1 – Metal ceiling system - 100mm void**

Only to be used for 200mm (min) depth concrete planks

- any metal ceiling system providing 100mm (min) ceiling void
- one layer of nominal 8 kg/m² gypsum-based board

**CT2 – Timber battens and counterbattens with IsoSonic Hangers Type C. Only to be used for 200mm (min) depth concrete planks**

- 50x50mm softwood battens
- 50x50mm counterbattens
- IsoSonic Hangers Type C
- one layer of nominal 8 kg/m² gypsum-based board
4. Resilient layer installation for different screed types

**SCREED TYPE**
65mm (min) cement:sand screed
- Isorubber joints to be overlapped by 50mm (min)
- Upper Isorubber edge joints to be sealed by tape

**SCREED TYPE**
40mm (min) proprietary screed
- Isorubber joints to be butt jointed
- Isorubber joints to be sealed by tape
- Polythene layer to be laid over whole floor overlapping joints

5. Underfloor heating systems within screeds

Underfloor heating systems (including connectors and fixings) installed within the screed must not penetrate the resilient layer or bridge the screed to the slab.

Underfloor heating systems which have a supporting layer/board may be laid on top of the Isorubber.

Appropriate screed depth cover to the heating system must be designed for – contact underfloor heating manufacturer for guidance.
6. Services – Service pipes through separating floor

- 25mm (min) mineral wool quilt (min 10 kg/m$^3$) around pipe
- Pipe boxed in with two layers gypsum-based board, each layer nominal 8 kg/m$^2$
- All voids around pipe sealed

Sketch shows CT0 type ceiling treatment
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Contact details for technical assistance from Thermal Economics, manufacturer of Isorubber resilient layer system:

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**Fax:** 01582 429305  
**E-mail:** technical@thermal-economics.co.uk

**Notes** (include details of any corrective action)

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**SYSTEM INSTALLATION**

The use of this screed resilient layer system **must** incorporate the following:

1) **3mm Isorubber HP3** (resilient layer to be laid over entire floor area with minimum 50mm overlaps)

2) **IsoEdge** flanking strip

3) All joints taped

**IsoEdge Flanking Strip**

- IsoEdge flanking strip to be installed at all room perimeters. See manufacturer’s guidance.
- See Section 4 for acceptable installation alternatives for 40mm proprietary screeds

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**DO**

- Butt planks tightly together
- Grout all joints between planks
- Fill all voids between walls and floor
- Ensure 3mm Isorubber HP3 resilient layer is laid over the entire floor surface and has overlapped joints of 50mm sealed with tape. On no account should the screed come into contact with the floor slab. (see Section 4 for 40mm proprietary screeds)
- Ensure 3mm Isorubber HP3 overlaps with IsoEdge flanking strip. On no account should screed come into contact with floor slab or perimeter walls
- Ensure the IsoEdge flanking strip isolates the skirting and wall linings. On no account should screed come into contact with the wall lining and skirting
- Ensure that only the correct blocks are used in the construction of external (flanking) walls, unless specifically referred to in the Handbook all blocks should be assumed to be solid (i.e. not hollow or cellular)
- Make sure ceiling treatment is installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions (where applicable)

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**Resilient layer**

- 3mm Isorubber HP3 layer with IsoEdge flanking strip

**Structural floor**

- Precast concrete plank of 150mm (min) thickness and 300 kg/m² (min) mass per unit area

**Ceiling**

- See section 3 for suitable ceiling treatment

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Sketch shows CT1 type ceiling treatment

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1. External (flanking) wall junction

- Masonry outer leaf
- External wall cavity (min 50mm)
- Inner leaf (min 100mm) aggregate concrete block (1350-1600 kg/m³ or 1850-2300 kg/m³) or aircrrete block (450-800 kg/m³)
- IsoEdge flanking strip must overlap with Isorubber resilient layer and isolate screed from perimeter walls and skirtings
- Isorubber resilient layer must have 50mm (min) overlapped joints and be sealed with tape
- Close cavity with a flexible cavity stop unless it is fully filled with mineral wool insulation
- Concrete planks must be built into walls:
  - walls must not be continuous between storeys
  - planks must not abut inner leaf
  - all voids between planks and blockwork filled with mortar or flexible sealant
- Continuous horizontal ribbon of adhesive or IsoEdge ceiling strip
- Nominal 8 kg/m² gypsum-based board or 13mm plaster

2. Separating wall junction

- Separating wall:
  - if using robustdetails® for wall - refer to Table 3a in introduction to select an appropriate Robust Detail separating wall
  - if using wall requiring pre-completion testing – seek specialist advice
- IsoEdge flanking strip
- Isorubber resilient layer to overlap IsoEdge flanking strip
- Concrete planks to be built into wall:
  - wall must not be continuous between storeys
  - planks must not abut separating wall
  - all voids between planks and blockwork filled with mortar or flexible sealant
- Continuous horizontal ribbon of adhesive or IsoEdge ceiling strip
3. Ceiling treatments for E-FC-12

All ceiling treatments must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions. All ceiling joints must be sealed with tape or caulked with sealant.

Note: the sound insulation performance of all ceiling treatments is increased if:

- 25mm (min.) mineral fibre quilt is placed in the ceiling void, and/or
- resilient hangers are used.

### Downlighters and recessed lighting

Provided there is a minimum ceiling void as stated below for CT0, CT1 or CT2, downlighters or recessed lighting may be installed in the ceiling:

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- at centres not less than 0.75m
- into openings not exceeding 100mm diameter or 100x100mm

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#### CT0 – Metal ceiling system - 150mm void

To be used for 150mm (min) depth concrete planks

- any metal ceiling system providing 150mm (min) ceiling void
- one layer of nominal 8 kg/m² gypsum-based board

#### CT1 – Metal ceiling system - 100mm void

Only to be used for 200mm (min) depth concrete planks

- any metal ceiling system providing 100mm (min) ceiling void
- one layer of nominal 8 kg/m² gypsum-based board

#### CT2 – Timber battens and counterbattens with IsoSonic Hangers Type C. Only to be used for 200mm (min) depth concrete planks

- 50 x 50mm softwood battens
- 50x50mm counterbattens
- IsoSonic Hangers Type C
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4. Resilient layer installation for different screed types

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65mm (min) cement:sand screed
- Isorubber joints to be overlapped by 50mm (min)
- Upper Isorubber edge joints to be sealed by tape

SCREED TYPE
40mm (min) proprietary screed
- Isorubber joints to be butt jointed
- Isorubber joints to be sealed by tape
- Polythene layer to be laid over whole floor overlapping joints

5. Underfloor heating systems within screeds

Underfloor heating systems (including connectors and fixings) installed within the screed must not penetrate the resilient layer or bridge the screed to the slab.

Underfloor heating systems which have a supporting layer/board may be laid on top of the Isorubber.

Appropriate screed depth cover to the heating system must be designed for – contact underfloor heating manufacturer for guidance.
6. Services – Service pipes through separating floor

- 25mm (min) mineral wool quilt (min 10 kg/m²) around pipe
- Pipe boxed in with two layers gypsum-based board, each layer nominal 8 kg/m²
- All voids around pipe sealed

Sketch shows CT1 type ceiling treatment
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**SYSTEM INSTALLATION**

The use of this screed resilient layer system must incorporate the following:

1) **6mm Isorubber Base layer**
   (resilient layer to be laid over entire floor area with minimum 50mm overlaps)

2) **IsoEdge flanking strip**

3) All joints taped

**DO**

- Butt planks tightly together
- Grout all joints between planks
- Fill all voids between walls and floor
- Ensure 6mm Isorubber resilient layer is laid over the entire floor surface and has overlapped joints of 50mm sealed with tape. On no account should the screed come into contact with the floor slab. (see Section 4 for 40mm proprietary screeds)
- Ensure 6mm Isorubber overlaps with IsoEdge flanking strip. On no account should screed come into contact with floor slab or perimeter walls
- Ensure the IsoEdge flanking strip isolates the skirting and wall linings. On no account should screed come into contact with the wall lining and skirting
- Ensure that only the correct blocks are used in the construction of external (flanking) walls, unless specifically referred to in the Handbook all blocks should be assumed to be solid (i.e. not hollow or cellular)
- Make sure ceiling treatment is installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions

Robust Details Limited can only accept registration of this floor once the builder agrees to receive training from Thermal Economics on the installation of the screed and resilient layer. Please contact Robust Details Limited for further information.
1. External (flanking) wall junction

- Masonry outer leaf
- External wall cavity (min 50mm)
- Inner leaf (min 100mm) aggregate concrete block (1350 kg/m³ to 1600 kg/m³ or 1850 - 2300 kg/m³) or aircrete block (450-800 kg/m³)
- IsoEdge flanking strip must overlap with Isorubber resilient layer and isolate screed from perimeter walls and skirtings
- Isorubber layer must have 50mm (min) overlapped joints and be sealed with tape
- Close cavity with a flexible cavity stop unless it is fully filled with mineral wool insulation
- Concrete planks must be built into walls:
  - walls must not be continuous between storeys
  - planks must not abut inner leaf
  - all voids between planks and blockwork filled with mortar or flexible sealant
- Isosonic ceiling strip
- Continuous horizontal ribbon of adhesive
- Nominal 8 kg/m² gypsum-based board or 13mm plaster

Sketch shows CT0 type ceiling treatment

2. Separating wall junction

- Separating wall:
  - if using robustdetails® for wall - refer to Table 3a in introduction to select an appropriate Robust Detail separating wall
  - if using wall requiring pre-completion testing – seek specialist advice
- IsoEdge flanking strip
- Isorubber layer to overlap IsoEdge flanking strip
- Concrete planks to be built into wall:
  - wall must not be continuous between storeys
  - planks must not abut separating wall
  - all voids between planks and blockwork filled with mortar or flexible sealant
- Isosonic ceiling strip
- Continuous horizontal ribbon of adhesive

Sketch shows CT0 type ceiling treatment
3. Ceiling treatments for E-FC-14

All ceiling treatments must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions. All ceiling joints must be sealed with tape or caulked with sealant.

**Downlighters and recessed lighting**

Provided there is a minimum ceiling void as stated below for CT0, CT1 or CT2, downlighters or recessed lighting may be installed in the ceiling:

- in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions
- at no more than one light per 2m² of ceiling area in each room or see Appendix F
- at centres not less than 0.75m
- into openings not exceeding 100mm diameter or 100x100mm

Particular attention should also be paid to Building Regulations Part B - Fire Safety

**CT0 – Metal ceiling system - 150mm void**

To be used for 150mm (min) depth concrete planks

- any metal ceiling frame, suspended from Isosonic cleats
- 50mm (min) mineral wool quilt insulation 10 kg/m³ (min)
- one layer 15mm (nominal 10 kg/m²) gypsum-based board

**CT1 – Metal ceiling system - 100mm void**

Only to be used for 200mm (min) depth concrete planks

- any metal ceiling frame, suspended from Isosonic cleats
- 50mm (min) mineral wool quilt insulation 10 kg/m³ (min)
- one layer 15mm (nominal 10 kg/m²) gypsum-based board

**CT2 – Timber battens and counterbattens with IsoSonic Hangers Type C. Only to be used for 200mm (min) depth concrete planks**

- 50 x 50mm softwood battens
- 50x50mm counterbattens
- IsoSonic Hangers Type C
- 50mm (min) mineral wool quilt insulation 10 kg/m³ (min)
- one layer 15mm (nominal 10 kg/m²) gypsum-based board

Ensure Isosonic cleats are fitted with the pads against the concrete planks.
4. Resilient layer installation for different screed types

**SCREED TYPE**

65mm (min) cement:sand screed
- Isorubber layer joints to be overlapped by 50mm (min)
- Upper Isorubber layer edge joints to be sealed by tape

**SCREED TYPE**

40mm (min) proprietary screed
- Isorubber layer joints to be butt jointed
- Isorubber layer joints to be sealed by tape
- Polythene layer to be laid over whole floor overlapping joints

5. Underfloor heating systems within screeds

Underfloor heating systems (including connectors and fixings) installed within the screed must not penetrate the resilient layer or bridge the screed to the slab.

Underfloor heating systems which have a supporting layer/board may be laid on top of the Isorubber.

Appropriate screed depth cover to the heating system must be designed for – contact underfloor heating manufacturer for guidance.
6. Services – Service pipes through separating floor

- 25mm (min) mineral wool quilt (min 10 kg/m²) around pipe
- Pipe boxed in with two layers gypsum-based board, each layer nominal 8 kg/m²
- All voids around pipe sealed
- Isosonic ceiling strip

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Insitu concrete slab with flat soffit
For use in reinforced concrete frame construction
Bonded resilient floor covering, or screed laid on resilient layer system

### Screed
- 65mm (min) cement:sand screed or 40mm (min) proprietary screed of nominal 80 kg/m² mass per unit area

### Resilient layer
- See list below and section 7, or see section 8 for bonded resilient floor coverings

### Structural floor
- 225mm (min) insitu concrete floor slab, 2400 kg/m³ (min) density without screed

### Ceiling
- See section 9 for suitable ceiling treatment

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**Reinforced concrete frame construction - alternative external (flanking) wall construction**

Storey height glazing units and external insulated cladding panels are an acceptable alternative to the cavity walls illustrated provided:

- Glazing units should not be continuous between storeys
- Mullion or transom supports/framing should not be continuous between dwellings
- Refer to Appendix A

**Under-screed Resilient Layer systems**

Only the following under-screed Resilient Layer systems may be used on E-FC-18 (see also Section 7):

- Thermal Economics Isorubber Base and IsoEdge Flanking Strip
- Collecta® YELOfon® HD10+ and E-strip
- Icopal-MONARFLOOR® TRANQUILT® system
- Thermal Economics Isorubber HP3 and IsoEdge Flanking Strip
- InstaCoustic InstaLay 65
- Regupol Quietlay

**When using under-screed resilient layer systems:**

- Ensure resilient layer is laid over the entire floor surface and has overlapped joints appropriately sealed with tape
- Ensure resilient layer overlaps with flanking strip and is taped and sealed at joints. On no account should the screed come into contact with the floor slab or perimeter walls
- Ensure the flanking strip isolates the skirting and wall linings. On no account should the screed come into contact with the wall lining and skirting
- Refer to Section 7 for details of installation, and requirements for proprietary screeds
- Refer to Appendix A

**Bonded Resilient floor coverings**

Refer to Section 8 for bonded resilient floor covering requirements
1. External (flanking) wall junction – lightweight external

- Glazing, render board or cladding system* spaced off inner leaf
- Cavity sheathing board
- Inner leaf – 75mm (min) metal stud with min 50mm mineral wool min 10 kg/m³
- 2 or more layers of gypsum-based board combined nominal mass per unit area 20 kg/m² all joints staggered
- Flanking strip must overlap with resilient layer and isolate screed from perimeter walls and skirtings
- Resilient layer must have appropriately overlapped joints and be sealed with tape (see Section 7)
- For the purposes of limiting flanking sound transmission, cavity closers whether full or partial are acceptable
- Ceiling lining minimum 1 layer nominal 10 kg/m² gypsum-based board
- All voids between slab and inner leaf filled with flexible closer or sealant
- Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant

*Particular care should be taken in respect of Building Regulations Part B Fire

2. External (flanking) wall junction – masonry outer leaf

- Masonry outer leaf or precast panels
- Inner leaf – 75mm (min) metal stud with min 50mm mineral wool min 10 kg/m³
- 2 or more layers of gypsum-based board combined nominal mass per unit area 20 kg/m² all joints staggered
- Flanking strip must overlap with resilient layer and isolate screed from perimeter walls and skirtings
- Resilient layer must have appropriately overlapped joints and be sealed with tape (see Section 7)
- Cavity barrier MUST close off the void
- All voids between slab and inner leaf filled with flexible closer or sealant
- Ceiling lining minimum 1 layer nominal 10 kg/m² gypsum-based board
- Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant
- Optional steel ‘feature channel’
Separating Floor – Timber I-Joists

Note: Structural framing details may vary slightly between different manufacturers and this is permitted, however, all dimension specifications within this Robust Detail must be adhered to.

DO

- Lay quilt between all joists, including doubled up I-joists, ensuring no gaps remain
- Ensure floating floor treatment is suitable and is installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions
- Ensure quilt is laid between and not under flooring battens
- Install flanking strips around the perimeter of the flooring board to isolate floor from walls and skirtings
- Ensure resilient ceiling bars are fixed at right angles to the joists
- Ensure timber floor ceiling treatment is either CT1, CT2 or CT3 and is fixed correctly (see page 4)
- Stagger joints in ceiling layers
- Refer to Appendix A

Floating floor
See section 6 for suitable floating floor treatment

Floor decking
15mm thick (min) wood based board, density 600 kg/m³ (min)

Joists
235mm (min) timber I-Joists

Absorbent material
100mm (min) mineral wool quilt insulation (10–36 kg/m³) or Collecta MICRO 50 between joists

Ceiling
See section 5 for suitable ceiling treatment

Note: Structural framing details may vary slightly between different manufacturers and this is permitted, however, all dimension specifications within this Robust Detail must be adhered to.
1. External (flanking) wall junction

- Masonry outer leaf
- External wall cavity (min 50mm)
- Mineral wool insulation 10 kg/m³ (min); 70mm (min) EPS or foil faced PIR with no gaps
- Two layers gypsum-based board nominal 8 kg/m² each layer
- 5mm (min) resilient flanking strip
- Close cavity with a cavity stop (see Appendix A)
- Joists may span in either direction
- Close spaces between floor joists with full depth timber blocking or continuous header joist where joists are at right angles to the wall
- Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant

2. Separating wall junction

If using robustdetails® for wall - refer to Table 3b in introduction to select an appropriate robustdetails® separating wall

- If using wall requiring pre-completion testing - seek specialist advice
- Two layers gypsum-based board total nominal mass per unit area 22 kg/m² both sides
- 5mm (min) resilient flanking strip
- Close spaces between floor joists with full depth timber blocking or continuous header joist where joists are at right angles to the wall
- Joists may span in either direction
- Close cavity with a cavity stop (see Appendix A)
- Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant
3. **Internal wall junction (non loadbearing)**

   - Resilient bar nogging
   - Headplate fixed to resilient bar nogging
   - Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant
   - Where required internal wall to comply with Building Regulations Requirement E2

4. **Internal wall junction (loadbearing)**

   - Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant
   - Where required internal wall to comply with Building Regulations Requirement E2
   - 5mm (min) resilient flanking strip
   - Rip liner
   - Alternative detail

   Additional support to partition (see Appendix A)
5. Ceiling treatment for E-FT-1

Timber floor ceiling treatment must be either CT1, CT2 or CT3 (see below). All joints to outer layers of ceiling must be sealed with tape or caulked with sealant.

The maximum load on resilient bars should not exceed that specified in the manufacturer’s instructions.

Ensure ceiling layers have staggered joints. Services must not puncture ceiling linings (except cables, which should be sealed around with flexible sealant).

**Downlighters and recessed lighting**
Downlighters or recessed lighting may be installed in the ceiling:
- in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions
- at no more than one light per 2m² of ceiling area in each room unless the use of a greater density of light fittings is supported by testing undertaken in accordance with Appendix F
- at centres not less than 0.75m
- into openings not exceeding 100mm diameter or 100x100mm

Particular attention should also be paid to Building Regulations Part B - Fire Safety

**Note:** Only downlighters which have been satisfactorily assessed in accordance with the procedure described in Appendix F “Determination of the acoustic performance of downlighters and recessed lighting in timber separating floors” are acceptable.

**CEILING BOARD FIXINGS MUST NOT PENETRATE OR TOUCH JOISTS**

16mm (min) resilient bars with CT1 and CT2
16mm (min) metal resilient ceiling bars mounted at right angles to the joists at 400mm centres (bars must achieve a minimum laboratory performance of $\text{rd} \Delta R_w + \text{Ctr} = 17\text{dB}$ and $\text{rd} \Delta L_w = 16\text{dB}$) – see Appendix E

**Ceiling treatment CT1**
Two layers of gypsum-based board, composed of 19mm (nominal 13.5 kg/m²) fixed with 32mm screws, and 12.5mm (nominal 10 kg/m²) fixed with 42mm screws

**Ceiling treatment CT2**
Two layers of gypsum-based boards composed of 15mm (nominal 12.5 kg/m²) fixed with 25mm screws and second layer of 15mm gypsum-based board (nominal 12.5 kg/m²) fixed with 42mm screws

25mm (min) resilient bars with CT3
25mm (min) metal resilient ceiling bars mounted at right angles to the joists at 400mm centres (bars must achieve a minimum laboratory performance of $\text{rd} \Delta R_w + \text{Ctr} = 17\text{dB}$ and $\text{rd} \Delta L_w = 16\text{dB}$) - see Appendix E

**Ceiling treatment CT3**
Two layers of gypsum-based board, composed of 10mm (nominal 12kg/m²) fixed with 30mm screws and second layer of 10mm (nominal 12kg/m²) fixed with 30mm screws
6. Floating floor treatment for E-FT-1

Floating floor treatment:

a) Must achieve a minimum laboratory performance of $rd\Delta R_w + C_{tr} = 13\,\text{dB}$ and $rd\Delta L_w = 15\,\text{dB}$ - see Appendix C.

b) Must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions.

c) Require 5mm (min) resilient flanking strips around the perimeter of the flooring board to isolate floor from walls and skirting.

d) For further guidance on floating floor treatments and flanking strips, please refer to Appendix A.

* Note - void dimension indicated is when floor is loaded to 25 kg/m².

FFT1 – Resilient composite deep batten system for E-FT-1

- 18 mm (min) t&g flooring board
- gypsum-based board nominal 13.5 kg/m²
- FFT1 resilient composite deep battens
- resilient layer must be continuous and pre-bonded to batten
- battens may have the resilient layer at the top or the bottom
- mineral wool quilt laid between battens
  - 13mm (min) 33-36 kg/m³, or
  - 25mm (min) 10-36 kg/m³
  - or Collecta MICRO 15
- ensure any services do not bridge the resilient layer

Collecta HiDECK Structural system

- refer to Appendix A3

7. Services – pipes through separating floor

- 25mm (min) mineral wool quilt (10-36 kg/m³) around pipe
- Pipe boxed in with two layers of gypsum-based board combined nominal 16 kg/m²
- 5mm (min) resilient flanking strip
- All voids around pipe sealed

- 5mm (min) polyethylene foam flanking strip

Alternative detail
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Separating Floor – Timber Solid Joists

For wider joist centres

Joist spacings may be increased to maximum 600mm centres provided:

- joist depth is 240mm (min) and
- floor decking is minimum 15mm thick

Note: Structural framing details may vary slightly between different manufacturers and this is permitted, however, all dimension specifications within this Robust Detail must be adhered to.

Flooting floor
See section 6 for suitable floating floor treatment

Floor decking
11mm thick (min) wood based board, density 600 kg/m³ (min) or Walker Timber perforated deck system

Joists
220mm (min) solid timber joists at maximum 400mm centres

Absorbent material
100mm (min) mineral wool quilt insulation (10–36 kg/m³) or Collecta MICRO 50 between joists

Ceiling
See section 5 for suitable ceiling treatment

DO

- Lay quilt between joists ensuring no gaps remain
- Ensure floating floor treatment is suitable and is installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions
- Ensure sub-deck quilt is laid between and not under flooring battens
- Install flanking strips around the perimeter of the flooring board to isolate floor from walls and skirtings
- Ensure resilient ceiling bars are fixed at right angles to the joists
- Ensure timber floor ceiling treatment is either CT1, CT2 or CT3 and is fixed correctly (see page 4)
- Stagger joints in ceiling layers
- Refer to Appendix A
Separating Floor – Timber Solid Joists

1. External (flanking) wall junction

- Masonry outer leaf
- External wall cavity (min 50mm)
- Mineral wool insulation 10 kg/m³ (min)
- Two layers gypsum-based board nominal 8 kg/m² each layer
- 5mm (min) resilient flanking strip
- Close cavity with a cavity stop (see Appendix A)
- Joists may span in either direction
- Close spaces between floor joists with full depth timber blocking or continuous header joist where joists are at right angles to the wall
- Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant

2. Separating wall junction

- If using robustdetails® for wall - refer to Table 3b in introduction to select an appropriate robustdetails® separating wall
- If using wall requiring pre-completion testing - seek specialist advice
- Two layers gypsum-based board total nominal mass per unit area 22 kg/m² both sides
- 5mm (min) resilient flanking strip
- Close spaces between floor joists with full depth timber blocking or continuous header joist where joists are at right angles to the wall
- Joists may span in either direction
- Close cavity with a cavity stop (see Appendix A)
- Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant
3. Internal wall junction (non loadbearing)

- Resilient bar nogging
- Headplate fixed to resilient bar nogging
- Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant
- Where required internal wall to comply with Building Regulations Requirement E2

4. Internal wall junction (loadbearing)

- Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant
- Where required internal wall to comply with Building Regulations Requirement E2
- 5mm (min) resilient flanking strip

Alternative detail
5. Ceiling treatment for E-FT-2

Timber floor ceiling treatment must be either CT1, CT2 or CT3 (see below). All joints to outer layers of ceiling must be sealed with tape or caulked with sealant.

The maximum load on resilient bars should not exceed that specified in the manufacturer’s instructions.

Ensure ceiling layers have staggered joints.

Services must not puncture ceiling linings (except cables, which should be sealed around with flexible sealant)

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**Downlighters and recessed lighting**

Downlighters or recessed lighting may be installed in the ceiling:

- in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions
- at no more than one light per 2m² of ceiling area in each room unless the use of a greater density of light fittings is supported by testing undertaken in accordance with Appendix F
- at centres not less than 0.75m
- into openings not exceeding 100mm diameter or 100x100mm

Particular attention should also be paid to Building Regulations Part B - Fire Safety

Note: Only downlighters which have been satisfactorily assessed in accordance with the procedure described in Appendix F “Determination of the acoustic performance of downlighters and recessed lighting in timber separating floors” are acceptable.

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**CEILING BOARD FIXINGS MUST NOT PENETRATE OR TOUCH JOISTS**

16mm (min) resilient bars with CT1 and CT2

16mm (min) metal resilient ceiling bars mounted at right angles to the joists at 400mm centres (bars must achieve a minimum laboratory performance of $r_d \Delta R_w + C_{tr} = 17\text{dB}$ and $r_d \Delta L_w = 16\text{dB}$) – see Appendix E

**Ceiling treatment CT1**

Two layers of gypsum-based board, composed of 19mm (nominal 13.5 kg/m²) fixed with 32mm screws, and 12.5mm (nominal 8 kg/m²) fixed with 42 mm screws

**Ceiling treatment CT2**

Two layers of gypsum-based boards composed of 15mm (nominal 12.5 kg/m²) fixed with 25mm screws and second layer of 15mm gypsum-based board (nominal 12.5 kg/m²) fixed with 42mm screws

25mm (min) resilient bars with CT3

25mm (min) metal resilient ceiling bars mounted at right angles to the joists at 400mm centres (bars must achieve a minimum laboratory performance of $r_d \Delta R_w + C_{tr} = 17\text{dB}$ and $r_d \Delta L_w = 16\text{dB}$) - see Appendix E

**Ceiling treatment CT3**

Two layers of gypsum-based board, composed of 10mm (nominal 12 kg/m²) fixed with 30mm screws and second layer of 10mm (nominal 12 kg/m²) fixed with 30mm screws
Separating Floor – Timber Solid Joists

6. Floating floor treatment for E-FT-2

Floating floor treatment:

a) Must achieve a minimum laboratory performance of \(r_d\Delta R_w + C_{tr} = 13\text{ dB}\) and \(r_d\Delta L_{w} = 15\text{ dB}\) - see Appendix C.
b) Must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions.
c) Require 5mm (min) resilient flanking strips around the perimeter of the flooring board to isolate floor from walls and skirting.

d) For further guidance on floating floor treatments and flanking strips, please refer to Appendix A.

FFT1 – Resilient composite deep batten system for E-FT-2

- 18 mm (min) t&g flooring board
- gypsum-based board nominal 13.5 kg/m²
- FFT-1 resilient composite deep battens
- resilient layer must be continuous and pre-bonded to batten
- battens may have the resilient layer at the top or the bottom
- 60mm (min) 10-36 kg/m³ mineral wool quilt laid between battens
- ensure any services do not bridge the resilient layer

Collecta HiDECK Structural system
- refer to Appendix A3

7. Services – pipes through separating floor

- 25mm (min) mineral wool quilt (10-36 kg/m³) around pipe
- Pipe boxed in with two layers of gypsum-based board combined nominal 16 kg/m²
- 5mm (min) resilient flanking strip
- All voids around pipe sealed

Alternative detail

- 5mm (min) polyethylene foam flanking strip

* Note - void dimension indicated is when floor is loaded to 25 kg/m².
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Separating Floor – Metal Web Joists

**Joist type**

**IMPORTANT**

Only the following metal web joists may be used in E-FT-3:

- MiTek Posi-Joist
- Prestoplan PresWeb
- WOLF easi-joist
- ITW Gang-Nail Ecojoist
- ITW Alpine SpaceJoist

**Notes:**

Although single header and sole plates are indicated, increasing the number of header and sole plates would be acceptable, however, all dimension specifications within this Robust Detail must be adhered to.

Metal web joists can be **top chord/flange** supported or **fully built-in** and supported on the panel and this is permitted, however, all dimension specifications within this Robust Detail must be adhered to.

**DO**

- Ensure correct metal web joists are being used (see joist type)
- Lay quilt between joists ensuring no gaps remain
- Ensure floating floor treatment is suitable and is installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions (See page 7)
- Ensure quilt within floating floor is laid between and not under flooring battens
- Install resilient flanking strips around the perimeter of the flooring board to isolate floor from walls and skirtings
- Ensure resilient ceiling bars are fixed at right angles to the joists
- Ensure timber floor ceiling treatment is fixed correctly (see page 6)
- Stagger joints in ceiling layers
- Refer to Appendix A

**Floating floor**

See section 10 for suitable floating floor treatment

**Floor decking**

18mm thick (min) wood based board, density min 600 kg/m³

**Joists**

253mm (min) metal web joists (see joist type below)

**Absorbent material**

100mm (min) mineral wool quilt insulation (10–36 kg/m³) or Collecta MICRO 50 between joists

**Ceiling**

See section 9 for suitable ceiling treatment
1. External (flanking) wall junction (top chord supported)

- Masonry outer leaf
- External wall cavity (min 50mm)
- Mineral wool insulation 10 kg/m³ (min)
- Two layers gypsum-based board nominal 8 kg/m² each layer
- 5mm (min) resilient flanking strip
- Close cavity with a cavity stop (see Appendix A)
- Joists may span in either direction
- Softwood timber infill between supporting top chords/flanges of joists built into frame to support floor (Bottom chord not built into frame)
- Ring beams packed to stud width
- Site fixed sheathing board for depth of floor
- Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant

Alternative detail

Section

2. External (flanking) wall junction (fully built-in)

- Masonry outer leaf
- External wall cavity (min 50mm)
- Mineral wool insulation 10 kg/m³ (min)
- Two layers gypsum-based board nominal 8 kg/m² each layer
- 5mm (min) resilient flanking strip
- Close cavity with a cavity stop (see Appendix A)
- Joists may span in either direction
- Trimmable blocking to end of joist
- Close spaces between floor joists with full depth timber blocking or continuous header joist where joists are at right angles to the wall
- Site fixed sheathing board for depth of floor
- Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant

Alternative detail

Section
3. Separating wall junction (top chord supported)

If using robust details® for wall - refer to Table 3b in introduction to select an appropriate robust details® separating wall.

- If using wall requiring pre-completion testing
  - seek specialist advice
- Two layers gypsum-based board total nominal mass per unit area 22 kg/m² both sides
- 5mm (min) resilient flanking strip
- Softwood timber infill between supporting top chords/flanges of joists
- Joists may span in either direction
- Ring beams packed to stud width
- Close cavity with a cavity stop (see Appendix A)
- Softwood timber nogging for resilient bar support (leave a small gap at end of resilient bar)
- Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant

Alternative detail

Rip liner

4. Separating wall junction (fully built-in)

If using robust details® for wall - refer to Table 3b in introduction to select an appropriate robust details® separating wall.

- If using wall requiring pre-completion testing
  - seek specialist advice
- Two layers gypsum-based board total nominal mass per unit area 22 kg/m² both sides
- 5mm (min) resilient flanking strip
- Close spaces between floor joists with full depth timber blocking or continuous header joist where joists are at right angles to the wall
- Joists may span in either direction
- Close cavity with a cavity stop (see Appendix A)
- Softwood timber nogging for resilient bar support (leave a small gap at end of resilient bar)
- Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant

Alternative detail

Rip liner
5. Non loadbearing internal wall perpendicular to joists

- Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant
- Where required internal wall to comply with Building Regulations Requirement E2
- 5mm (min) resilient flanking strip
- Floating floor
- Metal web joist (see joist type, page 1)
  *Note - non loadbearing partitions may also be taken directly off the floating floor treatment, check with manufacturer's instructions for installation (see Appendix A)

6. Non loadbearing internal wall parallel to joists

- 5mm (min) resilient flanking strip
- Extra metal web joist (see joist type, page 1) under internal wall
- Floor decking
- Softwood timber noggings for resilient bar support (leave a small gap at end of resilient bar)
- Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant
- 89 x 38mm (min) noggings hung on Z Clips at each end at 600mm c/c (max)
- Partition head noggings at 400mm c/c to support resilient bar

*Note - non loadbearing partitions may also be taken directly off the floating floor treatment, check with manufacturer's instructions for installation (see Appendix A)
7. Loadbearing internal wall perpendicular to joists

- Internal loadbearing wall
- 5mm (min) resilient flanking strip
- Softwood timber infill between supporting top chords/flanges where required
- Floor decking
- Internal wall beams
- Headplate fixed to internal wall beams
- Metal web joist (see joist type, page 1)
- Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant
- Note: Detail shows top chord/flange supported

Alternative detail:
- Metal web joist (see joist type, page 1)
- Timber blocking to joist
- Internal wall beam
- Headplate fixed to internal wall beams

8. Loadbearing internal wall parallel to joists

- Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant
- Headplate fixed to internal wall beams

- Internal loadbearing wall
- 5mm (min) resilient flanking strip
- Softwood timber infill between supporting top chords/flanges where required
- Floor decking
- Internal wall beams
- Headplate fixed to internal wall beams
- Softwood timber noggings for resilient bar support (leave a small gap at end of resilient bar)
- Metal web joist (see joist type, page 1)
- Note: Detail shows top chord/flange supported
9. Ceiling treatment for E-FT-3

Timber floor ceiling treatment must be either CT1, CT2 or CT3 (see below). All joints to outer layers of ceiling must be sealed with tape or caulked with sealant.

The maximum load on resilient bars should not exceed that specified in the manufacturer’s instructions.

Ensure ceiling layers have staggered joints.

Services must not puncture ceiling linings (except cables, which should be sealed around with flexible sealant)

### Downlighters and recessed lighting

Downlighters or recessed lighting may be installed in the ceiling:
- in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions
- at no more than one light per 2m² of ceiling area in each room unless the use of a greater density of light fittings is supported by testing undertaken in accordance with Appendix F
- at centres not less than 0.75m
- into openings not exceeding 100mm diameter or 100x100mm

Particular attention should also be paid to Building Regulations Part B - Fire Safety

**Note:** Only downlighters which have been satisfactorily assessed in accordance with the procedure described in Appendix F “Determination of the acoustic performance of downlighters and recessed lighting in timber separating floors” are acceptable.

### CEILING BOARD FIXINGS MUST NOT PENETRATE OR TOUCH JOISTS

#### 16mm (min) resilient bars with CT1 and CT2

16mm (min) metal resilient ceiling bars mounted at right angles to the joists at 400mm centres (bars must achieve a minimum laboratory performance of $r_d\Delta R_{w+Ct}=17dB$ and $r_d\Delta L_{w}=16dB$) – see Appendix E

#### Ceiling treatment CT1

Two layers of gypsum-based board, composed of 19mm (nominal 13.5 kg/m²) fixed with 32mm screws, and 12.5mm (nominal 10 kg/m²) fixed with 42mm screws

#### Ceiling treatment CT2

Two layers of gypsum-based boards composed of 15mm (nominal 11.7 kg/m²) fixed with 25mm screws and second layer of 15mm gypsum-based board (nominal 11.7 kg/m²) fixed with 42mm screws

#### 25mm (min) resilient bars with CT3

25mm (min) metal resilient ceiling bars mounted at right angles to the joists at 400mm centres (bars must achieve a minimum laboratory performance of $r_d\Delta R_{w+Ct}=17dB$ and $r_d\Delta L_{w}=16dB$) - see Appendix E

#### Ceiling treatment CT3

Two layers of gypsum-based board, composed of 10mm (nominal 12kg/m²) fixed with 30mm screws and second layer of 10mm (nominal 12kg/m²) fixed with 30mm screws
10. Floating floor treatment for E-FT-3

Floating floor treatment:

a) Must achieve a minimum laboratory performance of $\Delta R_w + C_{tr} = 13$ dB and $\Delta L_{w} = 15$ dB - see Appendix C.

b) Must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions.

c) Require 5mm (min) resilient flanking strips around the perimeter of the flooring board to isolate floor from walls and skirting.

d) For further guidance on floating floor treatments and flanking strips, please refer to Appendix A.

* Note - void dimension indicated is when floor is loaded to 25 kg/m².

FFT1 – Resilient composite deep batten system for E-FT-3

• 18 mm (min) t&g flooring board
• gypsum-based board nominal 13.5 kg/m²
• FFT1 resilient composite deep battens
• battens may have the resilient layer at the top or the bottom
• mineral wool quilt laid between battens – 13mm (min) 33-36 kg/m³, or
  – 25mm (min) 10-36 kg/m³
  or Collecta MICRO 15
• ensure any services do not bridge the resilient layer

* Note - Services may run within the floor zone (see Appendix A)

Collecta HiDECK Structural system

• refer to Appendix A3

11. Services – pipes through separating floor

Services, where required, may be located above or below quilt

Sketch shows top chord supported external (flanking) wall junction detail, for fully built-in arrangement see section 2

- 25mm (min) mineral wool quilt (10-36 kg/m³) around pipe
- Pipe boxed in with two layers of gypsum-based board, combined nominal 16 kg/m²
- 5mm (min) resilient flanking strip
- All voids around pipe sealed
- 5mm (min) polyethylene foam flanking strip

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**Separating Floor – Timber I-Joists**

**Cellecta® ScreedBoard® 28 on timber sub-floor**

**Timber I-Joists**

**Use with timber frame walls only**

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**DO**

- Lay quilt (min 100mm thick) between all joists, including doubled up timber I-joists, ensuring no gaps remain
- Apply *Cellecta® SB* adhesive to all ScreedBoard® 28 decking joints
- Install *Cellecta® YELOfon® FS50* flanking angle around the perimeter of the ScreedBoard® 28 to isolate floor from walls and skirtings
- Ensure resilient ceiling bars are fixed at right angles to the joists
- Ensure ceiling treatment is fixed correctly (see section 5)
- Stagger joints in ceiling layers
- Refer to Appendix A

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**Note:** Structural framing details may vary slightly between different manufacturers and this is permitted, however, all dimension specifications within this Robust Detail must be adhered to.
1. **External (flanking) wall junction**

- Masonry outer leaf
- External wall cavity (min 50mm)
- Mineral wool insulation 10 kg/m³ (min)
- Two layers gypsum-based board nominal 8 kg/m² each layer
- YELOfon® FS50 flanking angle
- ScreedBoard® 28
- Close cavity with a cavity stop (see Appendix A)
- Joists may span in either direction
- Close spaces between floor joists with full depth timber blocking or continuous header joist where joists are at right angles to the wall
- Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant

2. **Separating wall junction**

- If using robustdetails® for wall - refer to Table 3b in introduction to select an appropriate robustdetails® separating wall
- If using wall requiring pre-completion testing - seek specialist advice
- Two layers gypsum-based board total nominal mass per unit area 22 kg/m² both sides
- YELOfon® FS50 flanking angle
- Close spaces between floor joists with full depth timber blocking or continuous header joist where joists are at right angles to the wall
- Joists may span in either direction
- Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant
- Close cavity with a cavity stop (see Appendix A)
- Two layers gypsum-based board nominal 8 kg/m² each layer
- YELOfon® FS50 flanking angle
6. Undefloor heating systems below ScreedBoard®

- YELOfor® FS50 flanking angle
- 20mm ScreedBoard® 20
- 25mm (min) extruded or expanded polystyrene panel with underfloor heating pipes
- 8mm Collecta® FIBRefor® 8 resilient layer

7. Services – pipes through separating floor

- 25mm (min) mineral wool quilt (10-36 kg/m³) around pipe
- Pipe boxed in with two layers of gypsum-based board combined nominal 16 kg/m²
- YELOfor® FS50 flanking angle
- ScreedBoard® 28
- All voids around pipe sealed
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**Notes** (include details of any corrective action)

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Floating floor: See section 6 for suitable floating floor treatment

Floor decking: 22mm thick (min) wood based board, density 600 kg/m³ (min)

Joists: 225mm (min) deep UltraBEAM metal joists

Absorbent material: 100mm (min) mineral wool quilt insulation (10–36 kg/m³) or Collecta MICRO 50 between joists

Ceiling: See section 5 for suitable ceiling treatment

DO

- Lay quilt between all joists, including doubled up joists, ensuring no gaps remain
- Ensure floating floor treatment is suitable and is installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions
- Ensure quilt is laid between and not under flooring battens
- Install flanking strips around the perimeter of the flooring board to isolate floor from walls and skirtings
- Ensure resilient ceiling bars are fixed at right angles to the joists
- Ensure ceiling treatment is fixed correctly (see page 4)
- Stagger joints in ceiling layers
- Refer to Appendix A
1. External (flanking) wall junction – masonry outer leaf

- Masonry outer leaf (min 100mm thick)
- 25mm (min) cavity
- 55mm (min) rigid insulation board
- Mineral wool insulation batts, 33-60 kg/m³, between studs to 600mm (min) above bottom rail of steel frame
- 5mm (min) resilient flanking strip installed at perimeter and turned under skirting board
- Joists may span in either direction
- Close cavity with a cavity stop (see Appendix A)
- Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant
- Mineral wool insulation batts, 33-60 kg/m³, between studs to 600mm (min) below ceiling level
- Two layers gypsum-based board fixed to external steel frame nominal 20 kg/m² combined

2. External (flanking) wall junction – timber cladding outer leaf

- 8mm (min) weatherboard
- 50x50mm timber battens
- 25x50mm timber counterbattens
- 55mm (min) rigid insulation board
- Mineral wool insulation batts, 33-60 kg/m³, between studs to 600mm (min) above bottom rail of steel frame
- 5mm (min) resilient flanking strip installed at perimeter and turned under skirting board
- Joists may span in either direction
- Close cavity with a cavity stop (see Appendix A)
- Seal all perimeter joints with tape or caulk with sealant
- Mineral wool insulation batts, 33-60 kg/m³, between studs to 600mm (min) below ceiling level
- Two layers gypsum-based board fixed to steel frame nominal 20 kg/m² combined, joints to be staggered and taped
3. Separating wall junction

- If using robust details® for wall - refer to Table 3c in Introduction to select an appropriate robust details® separating wall
- If using wall requiring pre-completion testing - seek specialist advice
- Mineral wool insulation batts, 33-60 kg/m³, between studs to 600mm (min) above bottom rail of steel frame
- Floating floor treatment (see section 6)
- 5mm (min) resilient flanking strips installed at perimeter and turned under skirting board
- Flexible acoustic sealant below plasterboard
- 225mm (min) deep UltraBEAM metal joists with 22mm water resistant t&g floor decking
- 100mm mineral wool insulation quilt - 10-36 kg/m³ (min) or Cellecta MICRO 50
- Ceiling treatment (see section 5)
- Fixing angle
- Resilient bar below joists at 450mm centres fixed through joist flange to manufacturer’s detail
- Mineral wool insulation batts, 33-60 kg/m³, between studs to 600mm (min) below decking level

4. Internal wall junction

- 2 layers of gypsum-based board nominal 20 kg/m² combined, joints to be staggered and taped
- 5mm (min) resilient flanking strip
- Lipped ‘Zed’ floor support by Hadley Group
- Mineral wool insulation batts, 33-60 kg/m³, between studs to 600mm (min) below decking level
5. Ceiling treatment for E-FS-2

Metal floor ceiling treatment must be as shown below. All joints to outer layers of ceiling must be sealed with tape or caulked with sealant.

The maximum load on resilient bars should not exceed that specified in the manufacturer’s instructions.

Ensure ceiling layers have staggered joints.

Services must not puncture ceiling linings (except cables, which should be sealed around with flexible sealant)

**Downlighters and recessed lighting**
Downlighters or recessed lighting may be installed in the ceiling:
- in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions
- at no more than one light per 2m$^2$ of ceiling area in each room unless the use of a greater density of light fittings is supported by testing undertaken in accordance with Appendix F
- at centres not less than 0.75m
- into openings not exceeding 100mm diameter or 100x100mm

Particular attention should also be paid to Building Regulations Part B - Fire Safety

**Note:** Only downlighters which have been satisfactorily assessed in accordance with the procedure described in Appendix F “Determination of the acoustic performance of downlighters and recessed lighting in lightweight separating floors” are acceptable.

**CEILING BOARD FIXINGS MUST NOT PENETRATE OR TOUCH JOISTS**

**16mm (min) resilient bars with CT1 and CT2**
16mm (min) metal resilient ceiling bars mounted at right angles to the joists at 450mm centres (bars must achieve a minimum laboratory performance of $\Delta R_{w} + C_{tr} = 17$ dB and $\Delta L_{w} = 16$ dB) – see Appendix E

**Ceiling treatment CT1**
Two layers of gypsum-based board, composed of 19mm (nominal 13.5 kg/m$^2$) fixed with 32mm screws, and 12.5mm (nominal 10 kg/m$^2$) fixed with 42mm screws

**Ceiling treatment CT2**
Two layers of gypsum-based boards composed of 15mm (nominal 12.5 kg/m$^2$) fixed with 25mm screws and second layer of 15mm gypsum-based board (nominal 12.5 kg/m$^2$) fixed with 42mm screws

**25mm (min) resilient bars with CT3**
25mm (min) metal resilient ceiling bars mounted at right angles to the joists at 450mm centres (bars must achieve a minimum laboratory performance of $\Delta R_{w} + C_{tr} = 17$ dB and $\Delta L_{w} = 16$ dB) - see Appendix E

**Ceiling treatment CT3**
Two layers of gypsum-based board, composed of 10mm (nominal 12kg/m$^2$) fixed with 30mm screws and second layer of 10mm (nominal 12kg/m$^2$) fixed with 30mm screws
6. Floating floor treatment for E-FS-2

Floating floor treatment:

a) Must achieve a minimum laboratory performance of $r_d \Delta R_{w} + C_{w} = 13$ dB and $r_d \Delta L_{w} = 15$ dB - see Appendix C.

b) Must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

c) Require 5mm (min) resilient flanking strips around the perimeter of the flooring board to isolate floor from walls and skirting.

d) For further guidance on floating floor treatments and flanking strips, please refer to Appendix A.

* Note - void dimension indicated is when floor is loaded to 25 kg/m².

6.1 FFT1 – Resilient composite deep batten system

- 22 mm (min) t&g flooring board
- gypsum-based board nominal 13.5 kg/m²
- FFT1 resilient composite deep battens
- resilient layer must be continuous and pre-bonded to batten
- battens may have the resilient layer at the top or the bottom
- mineral wool quilt laid between battens
  - 13mm (min) 33-36 kg/m³, or
  - 25mm (min) 10-36 kg/m³
  or Collecta MICRO 15
- ensure any services do not bridge the resilient layer

6.2 Collecta HiDECK Structural system

- refer to Appendix A3

7. Services – pipes through separating floor

- Service pipe
- Mineral wool insulation batts, 33-60 kg/m³, between studs of steel frame
- 25mm mineral fibre quilt insulation (10-36kg/m³) installed around the complete perimeter of the service pipe. Where the service pipe penetrates the separating floor, all voids are to be packed with insulation quilt
- 5mm (min) resilient flanking strips installed at perimeter and turned under skirting board
- Close cavity with a cavity stop (see Appendix A)
- Proprietary fire collar fitted around pipe and fixed to underside of steel joists
- 2 layers of gypsum-based board nominal 20 kg/m² combined fixed to 45mm metal frame stud forming duct. Joints to be staggered and taped
- Mineral wool insulation batts, 33-60 kg/m³, between studs to 600mm (min) below ceiling level

* Note - void dimension indicated is when floor is loaded to 25 kg/m².
## CHECKLIST (to be completed by site manager/supervisor)

### Ref. Item

1. Are UltraBEAM metal joists at least 225mm deep?  
2. Has the specified quilt been fitted between the joists?  
3. Are resilient ceiling bars fitted at right angles to the joists?  
4. Has ceiling system been fitted in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions?  
5. Has floating floor treatment been fitted in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions?  
6. Has the specified quilt been fitted between the floor battens?  
7. Is ceiling treatment fixed to the resilient bars with correct screws?  
8. Are all joints sealed with tape or caulked with sealant?  
9. Are vertical service pipes wrapped in quilt and boxed in with two layers of gypsum-based board combined nominal mass per unit area of 20 kg/m²?  
10. Have all resilient flanking strips been fitted?  
11. Is separating floor satisfactorily complete?

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British Gypsum GypFloor SB floating floor treatment for robustdetails® concrete separating floors. Refer to Table 7 in Introduction.

Floating floor treatment 1 – 70mm

Floating floor treatment 2 – 50mm

Key
1 British Gypsum 70 SB 65 steel batten.
2 British Gypsum 50 SB 65 steel batten.
a robustdetails® concrete separating floor.
b 18mm (min) t&g flooring board.

Note: The robustdetails® separating floor may require a levelling screed. Please refer to the relevant floor details in the Handbook.

This system must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions.

Gypframe GypFloor SB flanking strip SB3 must be applied around the perimeter of the flooring board to isolate floor from walls and skirting.

For further guidance on floating floor treatments and flanking strips, please refer to Appendix A1.

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Insumate insulation support tray for robustdetails® timber joist separating floors. Refer to Table 7 in Introduction and the relevant Robust Details for acceptable joist types.

Key
1  Insumate insulation support tray.
a  Floating floor treatment.
b  Floor sub-deck.
c  Absorbent material.
d  Floor joist – Refer also to Table 7 in Introduction.
e  Ceiling treatment.
(For specification of items a to e, refer to the relevant Robust Detail)

Note
Ensure absorbent material ‘c’ is fitted between all joists, and also between the final joist and the perimeter blocking.
Insumate must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions.

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Cellecta HiDECK Structural floor board floating floor treatment for robustdetails® timber and steel joist separating floors. Refer to Table 7 in Introduction and the relevant Robust Details for acceptable joist types.

Key
1 25, 28 or 30mm tongue & groove Cellecta HiDECK Structural floor board.
2 Cellecta DECKfon Batten 70.
3 5mm Cellecta YELOfon ES5 edging strip to the whole flooring perimeter.

a 15mm Cellecta FIBREfon Micro 15, or mineral wool - as relevant Robust Detail.
b 50mm Cellecta FIBREfon Micro 50, or mineral wool - as relevant Robust Detail.
c Steel or timber joist - as relevant Robust Detail.
d Timber subdeck - as relevant Robust Detail.
e Ceiling treatment - as relevant Robust Detail.
f Optional underfloor heating.

HiDECK Structural floor board and related components must be fitted in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

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