

COCIS Research into Mass Timber Systems – Glued Laminated Timber

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1 GLT - Compliance criteria

GLT initial type testing – Summary

Outlined in Table below is the complete list of essential requirements, test methods and compliance criteria for GLT contained in BS EN 14080, which should carried out prior to obtaining European Technical Approval. (NOTE: all mechanical properties of GLT can also be derived from calculations).

Table - Initial type testing for glued laminated products

Characteristic	Symbol	Assessment	Test Standard	No. of	Notes/Compliance Criteria
	-	method		tests	,
	1	anical properties of	glued laminated timbe	1	
1.1 Bending Strength	f _{m,g,k}	Bending test	BS EN 408:2010	30	Bending tests in accordance with EN 408 cl. 9, 10 and 19
1.2 Modulus of Elasticity	E _{0,g,05}			30	
	E _{90,g,05}			30	
1.3 Compressive Strength	f _{c,90,g,k}	$f_{c,0,g,k}$ Compression test	BS EN 408:2010	30	Testing according to EN 408 cl. 15,16
				30 30	,
1.4 Tensile Strength	$f_{t,90,g,k}$ $f_{t,0,g,k}$	Tension test		30	Testing according to EN 408 cl. 13
4.5.Ch a a natura natib				30	
1.5 Shear strength	$f_{v,g,k}$	Sheartest	BS EN 408:2010	30	Testing according to EN 408 cl. 19
1.6 Shear stiffness	$G_{g,mean}$				400 01. 10
1.7 Rolling shear strength	$f_{r,g,k}$	Sheartest	BS EN 14080:2013	30	
1.8 Rolling shear modulus	$G_{r,g,mean}$	onear test	&/or EN 789:2004	30	
		2. Bonding s	trength		
2.1 Bonding Strength of glue lines	Delam (%)	Delaminationtest	BS EN 14080:2013	10	Declared as Pass Delam or
between laminations	f _v	or Sheartest	BS EN 14080:2013	10	Pass Shear
		3. Durability of bon	ding strength		
3.1 Species	-	Check	BS EN 14080:2013	-	Untreated boards shall be between 6% and 15 % and
3.2 Moisture of timber to be bonded	-	Test	BS EN 14080:2014	ı	preservative treated boards between 11% and 18%
3.3 Adhesive characteristic	-	Check or test	BS EN 14080:2013	1	Usually provided by adhesive/preservative
3.4 Preservative treatment	ı	Check or test	BS EN 14080:2013	ı	manufacturer
4.	Durability (of other characterist	ics against biological a	attack	
4.1 Without preservative treatment	-	Check	BS EN 14080:2013	-	The natural durability of GLT shall be taken as the natural
4.2 With preservative treatment	-	Check	BS EN 14080:2013	-	durability of the timber from which they are made.
5. Reaction to fire of nail laminated timber					
5.1 Reaction to Fire	-	Check	EN 14081-1	-	Declared based on fire class
3.1 Reaction to the	- (or Fire test	EN 13501-1	-	of layers or tests
6. Resistance to fire of nail laminated timber					
4.1 Geometrical data	L, w, d	Measurement		-	Charring rate, declared based on species and
4.2 Density of timber	ρ	Assess, check or test	BS EN 14080:2013 and/or EN 13823	-	strength class / tested if GLT does not meet the
4.3 Species	-	Check		-	requirements or a higher classification is sought
7. Release / content of dangerous substances					
7.1 Formaldehyde emission	E1, E2	Check or test	BS EN 14080:2013	-	Declared as formal dehyde release class (E1 or E2)
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• Mechanical resistance

According to BS EN14080:2013 mechanical resistance covers the following essential characteristics of the glued laminated timber:

- Bending strength,
- Compressive strength,
- Tensile strength,
- Shear strength,
- Modulus of elasticity,
- Density.

Mechanical resistance of Glulam can be determined on the basis of either geometrical data (e.g. cross-sectional sizes of laminations and layups) and baseline material properties or laboratory tests. Shown below is the diagram outlining all possible mechanical resistance verification procedures for glulam in accordance with BS EN 14080:2013.

Verification of Mechanical Resistance of Glulam:

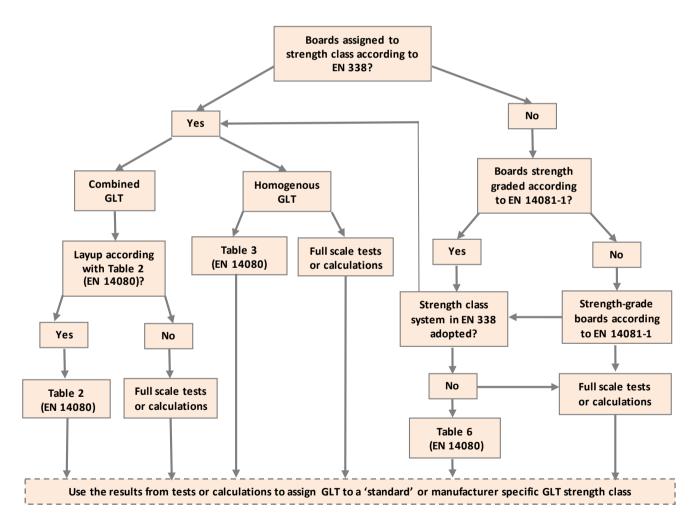


Figure - Glulam mechanical resistance procedures to BS EN 14080-2013

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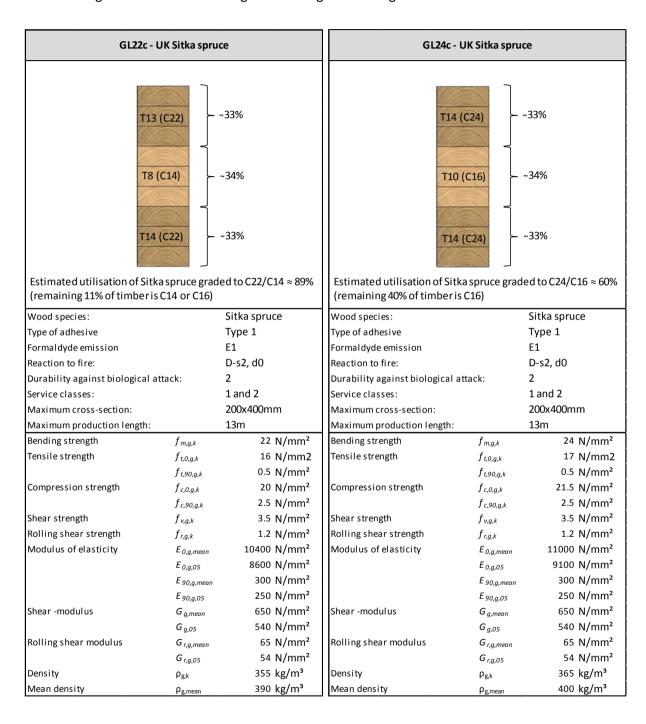




2 UK GLT - Possible configurations

Combined Glulam

Using Table 1 in BS EN 14080 and Figure 7 in BS EN 14080 it is possible to assign GLT made from UK grown timber to appropriate strength class. This can be achieved if UK grown Sitka spruce and Larches were to be graded to C22/C14 and C24/C16 combination and beam layup would fulfil the requirements set out in BS EN 14080. Some examples of combined GLT which could be manufactured from home-grown resource and assigned to recognised strength class are shown below.





~33%

~34%

~33%

Rolling shear strength

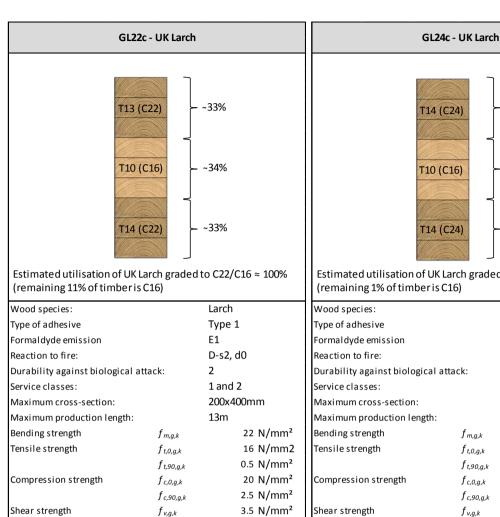
Modulus of elasticity

Rolling shear modulus

Shear -modulus

Density

Mean density



Estimated utilisation of UK Larch graded to C24/C16 ≈ 99% (remaining 1% of timber is C16)				
Wood species:		Larch		
Type of adhesive		Type 1		
Formaldyde emission		E1		
Reaction to fire:		D-s2, d0		
Durability against biological atta	ck:	2		
Service classes:		1 and 2		
Maximum cross-section:		200x400mm		
Maximum production length:		13m		
Bending strength	$f_{m,g,k}$	24 N/mm²		
Tensile strength	$f_{t,0,g,k}$	17 N/mm2		
	$f_{t,90,g,k}$	0.5 N/mm²		
Compression strength	$f_{c,0,g,k}$	21.5 N/mm²		
	$f_{c,90,g,k}$	2.5 N/mm²		
Shear strength	$f_{v,g,k}$	3.5 N/mm²		
Rolling shear strength	$f_{r,g,k}$	1.2 N/mm ²		
Modulus of elasticity	$E_{0,g,mean}$	11000 N/mm²		
	$E_{0,g,05}$	9100 N/mm²		
	$E_{90,g,mean}$	300 N/mm²		
	$E_{90,g,05}$	250 N/mm²		
Shear -modulus	$G_{g,mean}$	650 N/mm²		
	$G_{g,05}$	540 N/mm²		
Rolling shear modulus	$G_{r,g,mean}$	65 N/mm²		
	$G_{r,g,05}$	54 N/mm²		
Density	$\rho_{\text{g,k}}$	365 kg/m³		
Mean density	$\rho_{\text{g,mean}}$	400 kg/m³		

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 $f_{r,g,k}$

 $E_{0,g,mean}$

 $E_{0,g,05}$ E 90,g,mean

 $E_{90,g,05}$

 $G_{g,mean}$

 $G_{r,g,mean}$

 $G_{r,g,05}$

 $\rho_{\text{g,mean}}$

 $\rho_{g,k}$

 $G_{g,05}$

1.2 N/mm²

300 N/mm² 250 N/mm²

650 N/mm² 540 N/mm²

65 N/mm²

54 N/mm²

355 kg/m³

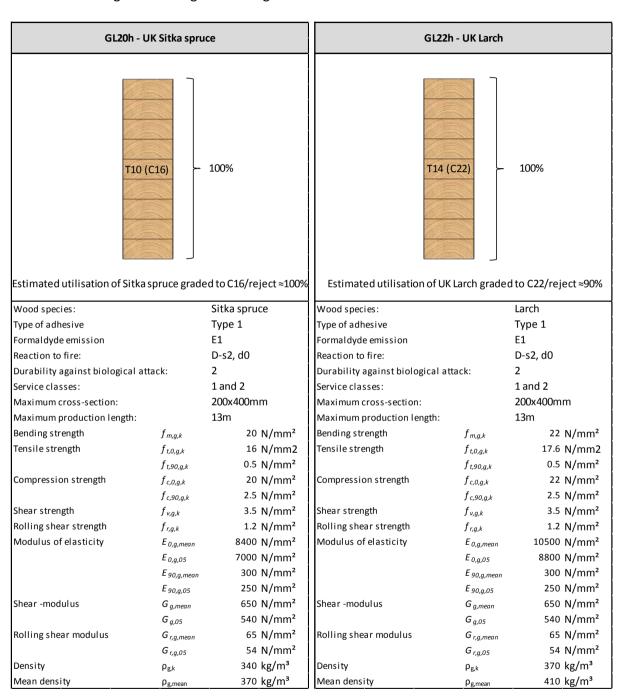
390 kg/m³

10400 N/mm² 8600 N/mm²



Homogeneous Glulam

Similarly as in case combined GLT, it is possible to assign homogenous glulam, consisting of UK grown timber, to one of the standard strength class using Tables 2 and 3 (in BSEN 14080) in conjunction with Table 13. This can be achieved if UK grown Sitka spruce and Larches were to be graded to C16 and C22 respectively. Some examples of combined GLT which could be manufactured from home-grown resource and assigned to recognised strength class are shown below.







3 UK GLT - Pilot manufacture

• Panel manufacture

Fabrication of the Douglas Fir, Sitka Spruce and Scots Pine GluLam beams was carried out at Norbuild in controlled conditions and the adhesive used was Purbond HB S309. A total of five 250x86x4800mm beams for each species type were fabricated.

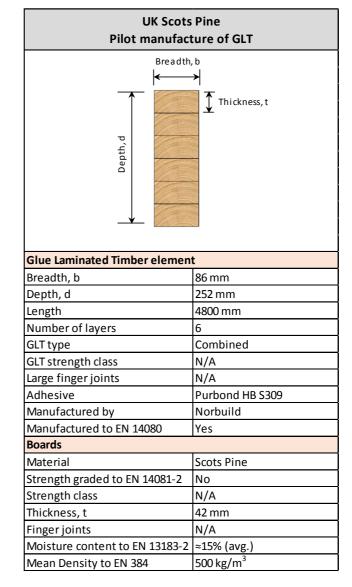
The manufacture of Larch GLT was undertaken by Buckland Timber (2 beams) and Wood Knowledge Wales (6 beams). Glulam beams manufactured by Buckland Timber were bonded with Melamine Urea Formaldehyde (MUF) adhesive (BASF KAURAMIN Glue 683 liquid and Hardener 688 liquid). The beams were manufactured as one single element from which smaller subsequent test samples were cut and prepared. The test specimens were representative of the beams manufactured commercially by Buckland. The nominal beam dimensions were 85mm wide x 270mm deep by 6m long comprising 9 of 30mm thick by 85mm wide lamellae. See tables below for specification of all GLT beams pilot manufactured from using home grown resource.

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Sitka Spruce Pilot manufacture of GLT Breadth, b ↑ Thickness, t Depth, d Glue Laminated Timber element Breadth, b 86 mm 252 mm Depth, d Length 4800 mm Number of layers GLT type Combined GLT strength class N/A N/A Large finger joints Adhesive Purbond HB S309 Manufactured by Norbuild Manufactured to EN 14080 Yes Boards Material Sitka Spruce Strength graded to EN 14081-2 No Strength class N/A Thickness, t 42 mm N/A Finger joints Moisture content to EN 13183-2 ≈15% (avg.) 397 kg/m³ Mean Density to EN 384

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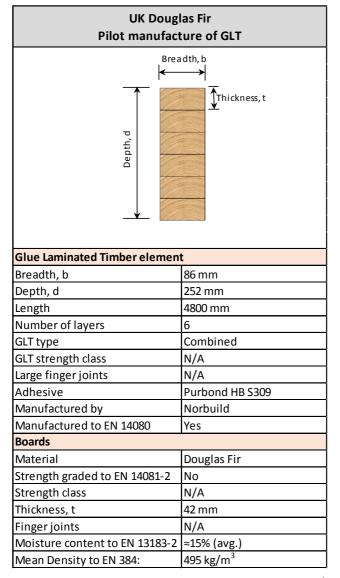
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UK Larch Pilot manufacture of GLT			
Depth, d	→ Thickness, t		
Glue Laminated Timber elemen			
Breadth, b	85 mm		
Depth, d	270 mm		
Length	6000 mm		
Number of layers	9		
GLT type	Homogenious		
GLT strength class	N/A		
Large finger joints	N/A		
Adhesive	BASF KAURAMIN 683 (MUF)		
Manufactured by	Buckland Timber		
Manufactured to EN 14080	Yes		
Boards	LUZ La colo		
Material	UK Larch		
Strength graded to EN 14081-2	No		
Strength class	N/A		
Thickness, t	30 mm		
Finger joints	According to EN 14080		
Moisture content to EN 13183-2			
Mean Density to EN 384	585 kg/m ³		

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4 UK GLT – Verified properties

• Tests on full scale panels

Outlined in the table below is summarised test programme carried out on glulam manufactured from home grown material, including: Larch, Sitka Spruce, Douglas Fir and Scots Pine.

Table - GLT test programme carried out at ENU

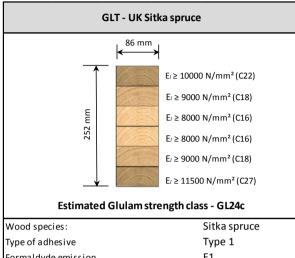
Test type	Test standard	No. of samples tested			
Larch GLT (homog	enous)				
Glue line bond test	BS EN 14080:2013	61			
Bending test of finger joints	BS EN 14080:2013 BS EN 408:2010	21			
GLT Bending test	BS EN 14080:2013 BS EN 408:2010	8			
GLT Tension test (perpendicular to grain)	BS EN 408:2010	9			
GLT Compression test (perpendicular to the grain)	BS EN 408:2010	16			
Sitka Spruce GLT (combined)					
Glue line bond test	Bespoke	6			
GLT Bending test	BS EN 14080:2013 BS EN 408:2010	4			
Douglas Fir GLT (combined)					
Glue line bond test	Bespoke	5			
GLT Bending test	BS EN 14080:2013 BS EN 408:2010	4			
Scots Pine GLT (combined)					
Glue line bond test	Bespoke	5			
GLT Bending test	BS EN 14080:2013 BS EN 408:2010	4			

• Analysis and verification of the results

Presented in this section are the spec sheets for Glulam manufactured from UK resource based on the structural test work carried out on various beams configurations and species. The properties for each home grown GLT beams indicated in the tables below are based on results from lab based test work as well as on estimated GLT strength class that could be achieved for each beam type. The properties derived from tests for each of the home grown GLT beams are summarised in the table below.

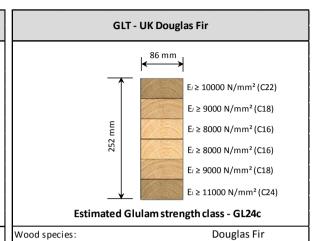
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Wood species.		Sitita sprace	
Type of adhesive		Type 1	
Formaldyde emission		E1	
Reaction to fire:		D-s2, d0	
Durability against biological attac	ck:	2	
Service classes:		1 and 2	
Coss-section:		86x252 mm	
Length:		4800 mm	
Bending strength	$f_{m,g,k}$	33 N/mm²	
Tensile strength	$f_{t,0,g,k}$	17 N/mm²	
	$f_{t,90,g,k}$	0.5 N/mm²	
Compression strength	$f_{c,0,g,k}$	21.5 N/mm²	
	$f_{c,90,g,k}$	2.5 N/mm²	
Shear strength	$f_{v,g,k}$	3.5 N/mm²	
Rolling shear strength	$f_{r,g,k}$	1.2 N/mm²	
Modulus of elasticity	E _{0,g,mean}	11050 N/mm²	
	$E_{0,g,05}$	9770 N/mm²	
	$E_{90,g,mean}$	300 N/mm²	
	$E_{90,g,05}$	250 N/mm²	
Shear -modulus	$G_{g,mean}$	650 N/mm²	
	$G_{g,05}$	540 N/mm²	
Rolling shear modulus	$G_{r,g,mean}$	65 N/mm²	
	$G_{r,g,05}$	54 N/mm²	
Density	$\rho_{g,k}$	405 kg/m³	
Mean density	$\rho_{\text{g,mean}}$	475 kg/m³	

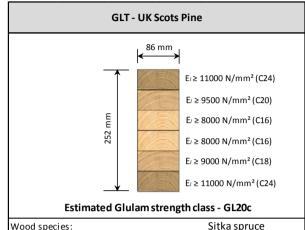
Values obtained from tests
Values based on estimated GLT strength class



		6	
Type of adhesive		Type 1	
Formaldyde emission		E1	
Reaction to fire:	D-s2, d0		
Durability against biological attac	ck:	2	
Service classes:		1 and 2	
Coss-section:		86x252 mm	
Length:		4800 mm	
Bending strength	$f_{m,g,k}$	25 N/mm²	
Tensile strength	$f_{t,0,g,k}$	17 N/mm²	
	$f_{t,90,g,k}$	0.5 N/mm ²	
Compression strength	$f_{c,0,g,k}$	21.5 N/mm ²	
	$f_{c,90,g,k}$	2.5 N/mm ²	
Shear strength	$f_{v,g,k}$	3.5 N/mm²	
Rolling shear strength	$f_{r,g,k}$	1.2 N/mm ²	
Modulus of elasticity	E _{0,g,mean}	10920 N/mm²	
	E _{0,g,05}	9390 N/mm²	
	E 90,g,mean	300 N/mm ²	
	E _{90,g,05}	250 N/mm²	
Shear -modulus	$G_{g,mean}$	650 N/mm²	
	$G_{g,05}$	540 N/mm ²	
Rolling shear modulus	$G_{r,g,mean}$	65 N/mm²	
	G _{r,g,05}	54 N/mm²	
Density	$\rho_{g,k}$	420 kg/m³	
Mean density	$\rho_{\text{g,mean}}$	495 kg/m³	

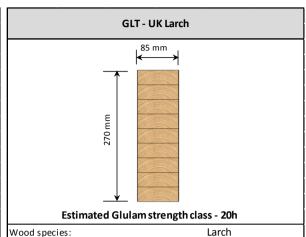
Values obtained from tests
Values based on estimated GLT strength class





	3itka spruce
	Type 1
	E1
	D-s2, d0
ck:	2
	1 and 2
	86x252 mm
	4800 mm
$f_{m,g,k}$	22 N/mm²
$f_{t,0,g,k}$	16 N/mm²
$f_{t,90,g,k}$	0.5 N/mm ²
$f_{c,0,g,k}$	20 N/mm²
$f_{c,90,g,k}$	2.5 N/mm ²
$f_{v,g,k}$	3.5 N/mm ²
$f_{r,g,k}$	1.2 N/mm²
$E_{0,g,mean}$	9780 N/mm²
$E_{0,g,05}$	8030 N/mm²
E 90,g,mean	300 N/mm ²
$E_{90,g,05}$	250 N/mm²
$G_{g,mean}$	650 N/mm²
$G_{g,05}$	540 N/mm ²
$G_{r,g,mean}$	65 N/mm²
G _{r,g,05}	54 N/mm²
$\rho_{g,k} \\$	475 kg/m³
$\rho_{\text{g,mean}}$	555 kg/m³
	f t,0,g,k f t,90,g,k f c,90,g,k f c,90,g,k f v,g,k f r,g,k E 0,g,mean E 09,g,05 G g,mean G g,05 G r,g,mean G r,g,05 Pg,k

Values obtained from tests
Values based on estimated GLT strength class



Wood species:		Larch
Type of adhesive	Type 1	
Formaldyde emission	E1	
Reaction to fire:		D-s2, d0
Durability against biological atta	ck:	2
Service classes:		1 and 2
Coss-section:		85x270 mm
Length:		6000 mm
Bending strength	$f_{m,g,k}$	20 N/mm²
Tensile strength	$f_{t,0,g,k}$	16 N/mm²
	$f_{t,90,g,k}$	0.6 N/mm²
Compression strength	$f_{c,0,g,k}$	20 N/mm²
	$f_{c,90,g,k}$	2.5 N/mm²
Shear strength	$f_{v,g,k}$	3.5 N/mm ²
Rolling shear strength	$f_{r,g,k}$	1.2 N/mm²
Modulus of elasticity	$E_{0,g,mean}$	9420 N/mm²
	$E_{0,g,05}$	7000 N/mm²
	$E_{90,g,mean}$	300 N/mm ²
	$E_{90,g,05}$	250 N/mm²
Shear -modulus	$G_{g,mean}$	650 N/mm²
	$G_{g,05}$	540 N/mm ²
Rolling shear modulus	$G_{r,g,mean}$	65 N/mm²
	G _{r,g,05}	54 N/mm²
Density	$\rho_{\text{g},k}$	455 kg/m³
Mean density	$\rho_{\text{g,mean}}$	585 kg/m³

Values obtained from tests
Values based on estimated GLT strength class

