

All Ecodek decking products have been load tested in accordance with 'BS EN 1195:1998 (Performance of structural floor decking).'

Table 1. Point loads tested at different spans

Table 1 shows point loads against spans to ensure you choose the right product deck board for your project and also the correct bearer spacing to ensure you comply with 'BS EN 1991-1-1:2002 Actions on structures - Imposed loads for buildings'.

	Ecodek Evolution				Ecodek AT / Heritage				Ecodek HD			
SPAN (mm)	300	405	455	500	300	350	405	455	405	455	500	600
Max point load (kN)	3.8	2.6	2.4	2.1	3.5	2.8	2.4	2.0	4.5	3.6	3.0	2.4

Table 2. Point loads requirements for different flooring media (BS EN 1991-1-1:2002)

Table 2 below shows an extract from BS EN 1991 that demonstrates what point loads the flooring media should be able to support. These loads are mid-span live loads. Dead loads should be supported in a different manner whereby the load is spread over the support beams to ensure long term board deflection is prevented.

BS EN 1991-1-1:2002 Actions on structures - Imposed loads for buildings	Point Load kN (mid-span)
Balconies	2.0
Walkways – light duty	2.0
General residential	2.0
Offices for general use	2.7
Public, institutional and communal dining rooms and lounges, cafes and restaurants	3.0
Classrooms	3.0
Assembly areas with fixed seating	3.6
Walkways – general duty	3.6
Assembly areas without seating, concert halls and bars	3.6
Shopping areas – general	3.6
Stairs & landings in all buildings incl. hotels & institutional buildings subject to crowds	4.0
Corridors, hallways, aisles, in all buildings incl. hotels & institutional buildings subject to crowds or wheeled vehicles incl. trolleys	4.5
Walkways heavy duty (high density pedestrian traffic including escape routes)	4.5

It is also important to ensure you design your substructure to comply with the uniformly distributed load (UDL) values (commonly expressed in kN/m²), which are also expressed in BS EN 1991.

If in doubt, please contact our technical department for further information