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Builder Sheets!

First floor addition builders sheets minimise the risk of water damage to ceilings & other property below the work area & protect the newly laid floor from staining & damage during framing, roofing & fitting out activities.

Builders sheets are NOT TARPULINS. They are a watertight welded membrane made to the size & shape specified by the builder. The sheet is dimensionally larger than the proposed floor to enable the edges to be folded over & battened down to provide a waterproof cap. THEY ARE NOT DESIGNED TO BE USED TO PROTECT PARTIALLY STRIPPED ROOF STRUCTURES OR PARTIALLY COMPLETED FLOORS, where the potential accidental damage to the sheet is high. A builders sheet should not actually be on site until the old roof has been removed and the new floor has been fixed, nailed, punched and swept down. Protection until this time should be with standard heavy duty tarpaulins. Such heavy duty tarpaulins can be hired for this purpose. Brett's have hire tarpaulins available at short notice, sizes raging from 6m x 5m to 12m x 12m.

Builders Sheet Fabric

With more than 100 years of experience in textiles at Brett's, we have found that a woven/coated poly fabric with a weight of 250g per sqm gives the best performance for this particular use. These materials are best welded to give maximum seam strength & have coatings of 50+ microns to give the maximum abrasion resistance for the price.



General Usage and Tips

1. Your builders sheet will come to you folded & rolled. Place it on the newly SWEEP floor. Prepare plenty of half nailed battens to secure the sheet after it is unfolded. Never unfold the sheet in windy or unsettled conditions. LOOSE SHEETS ARE EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. Carefully move the sheet in position, take one edge & carry it over the floor and batten into place. Tighten sheet across floor to eliminate any folds & wrinkles. Fully batten around the edge to eliminate the chance of wind getting under the sheet.

2. OUTSIDE FLOOR PLATES must be checked 150mm x 20mm approximately every 2 meters, this minimises ponding on sheets and saves a 50mm head of water in storms. It is also of great advantage to remove plates at doorways & build up wet areas ie, bathrooms, level with the rest of the floor to save ponding in these areas.

3. SWEEP SHEETS DOWN - It is most important that each afternoon the sheet is carefully checked for any holes or abrasions. When located, clean and dry area thoroughly. A suitable material for patching is FLOOR MATE GLUE. Do not forget to clean saw dust and debris from checkouts on floor plates. Obvious signs of holes in sheet after rain are dark patches in the material.

4. KEEP SHEET CLEAR - If stacking timber or roof trusses on sheet, pack under with timber to ensure minimum damage and a free flow of water. It is our advice for the best results to keep the sheet clear. The membrane is your insurance against the elements.