



# WESTLAM CROWN 44

17.5 mm // MDO // Hi-Flow // CSA O121

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The Crown 44 brand has had proven success for over 50 years in the North American market and is our most popular MDO panel. Contractors have come to expect the high quality of Crown as their go-to Concrete Form panel.

## Features & Benefits

17.5 mm Crown 44 is a Douglas fir panel that meets or exceeds CSA O121 for MDO Concrete Form. The high resin content MDO is applied in a one-step process. All adhesives are fully waterproof phenolic resins that meet CSA exterior glue bond standards.

Available in 1220 mm x 2440 mm and 610 mm x 2440 mm in 17.5 mm thickness.

### ✓ CSA Certified Panel

All of our products are built to meet CSA O121 for Douglas Fir Plywood and undergo rigorous inspection and testing by our Quality Control team.

### ✓ Optional Hardwood Faces

Crown 44 panels are also available with hardwood faces and backs, providing a smoother pouring face and more durable panel than softwood.

### ✓ Hi-Flow MDO Paper

Crown 44 panels come standard with our high resin content Hi-Flow MDO, providing a more durable working face than our standard matte MDO options.

### ✓ Two Piece Inner Plies

Our two piece, Douglas fir inner ply construction method is engineered to provide a more solid panel that can better stand up to job site wear and tear.

### ✓ Multi-Layer Edge Protection

For additional protection against moisture, all panels are edge puttied and then coated with a silver, aluminized, resin-rich alkyd edge seal.

### ✓ Factory Applied Release Agent

Crown 44 panels come factory coated with Nox-Crete Form Coating, a high quality, water-based, chemically active release agent.

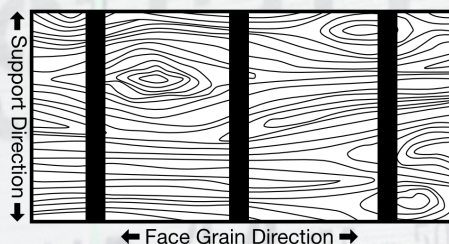
*See Care and Handling for more information*

## Load-Span Tables - Wet Conditions

Allowable pressure (kN/m<sup>2</sup>) for the indicated deflection limits - 17.5 mm thickness

Support Span Center to Center	L/270 kN/m <sup>2</sup>	L/360 kN/m <sup>2</sup>	Support Span Center to Center	L/270 kN/m <sup>2</sup>	L/360 kN/m <sup>2</sup>
203 mm	96	96	203 mm	67	67
305 mm	51	51	305 mm	32	27
406 mm	28	24	406 mm	15	11
488 mm	19	14	488 mm	10	8
610 mm	10	8	610 mm	6	-

8' Perpendicular to supports



8' Parallel to supports



**Note:** Applicable for plywood across two or more spans, and on supports at least 1.5" wide  
Load Tables developed by APA: The Engineered Wood Association





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## Care and Handling - Minimum Requirements

Crown Performance Panels are quality plywood panels designed to provide the maximum number of re-uses as possible. In order to achieve the full potential for these products, the following minimum care and handling procedures are required:

### Storage

Crown Performance Panels need to be stored flat, on a dry, well drained, level platform, under shelter and otherwise protected. Steel straps should be cut and the forming surface on the top panel covered. Avoid exposure of the panel surface to direct sunlight and rain, to minimize surface degradation. Ensure panels are properly cleaned prior to stacking or storage.

### Fabrication

Crown Performance Panels can be readily worked, with good quality hand or power tools (carbide tipped saw blades are recommended). Panels should be fixed to forming members with screws. If concrete appearance is a factor, screws should be countersunk and filled. Panel joint leakage or details can be reduced by filling joints with a suitable sealant between panel edges (please consult your sealant supplier for the proper product for your application). While panels are edged sealed at the factory, any field cuts or holes that exposed wood need to be resealed with a minimum of two coats of high quality polyurethane varnish to reduce moisture absorption. Damaged panels must always be appropriately repaired prior to re-use.

### Release Treating

Crown 43, Crown 44 and Crown 48 are factory coated with Nox-Crete water based chemically active release agent. For safety and transportation reasons, Crown HDO and Crown Alkamax are not factory coated with Nox-Crete release agent. The use of Nox-Crete or equivalent release agents is highly recommended and with high alkaline concrete mixes, your release agent supplier can suggest a proper range of release agents for improved panel life span. Before first use, and after each pour, Nox-Crete or an equivalent chemically active release agent must be applied to all Crown concrete form panels. Do not use any form release agents that contain diesel fuel, solvents or engine oil. These will degrade the overlay surface and will negatively affect performance. Special caution must be taken with Melamine HDO panels such as our Crown Alkamax series, as they become slippery when wet.

### Concrete Placement

Crown Performance Panels are resistant to abrasion and impact. However, as with any surface, it can be damaged through improper use. The rate of pour and slump factor of the concrete must be limited to that assumed in the design of the form. To minimize form damage, rubber tipped vibrators are recommended and should be used for consolidation only. Vibrators should never be used for moving concrete horizontally in the forms. Avoid aiming the concrete directly at formwork panels when pumping. This can cause abrasion and damage to the overlay surface.

### Stripping

With proper release treatment, stripping forms is easy. Do not force panels with metal pry bars, or allow panels to be dropped and mis-handled. The use of wooden wedges is recommended to loosen panels. Clean panels right after stripping prior to the hardening of residue. Use non-scratching tools such as stiff non-metallic brushes and plastic or wood scrapers. Once cleaned, remove all nails and screws, re-oil panels, and stack face to face to prevent rapid drying of the wood and overlay surface.

For further instructions please see APA's Concrete Forming Design / Construction Guide at: [www.apawood.org](http://www.apawood.org)



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