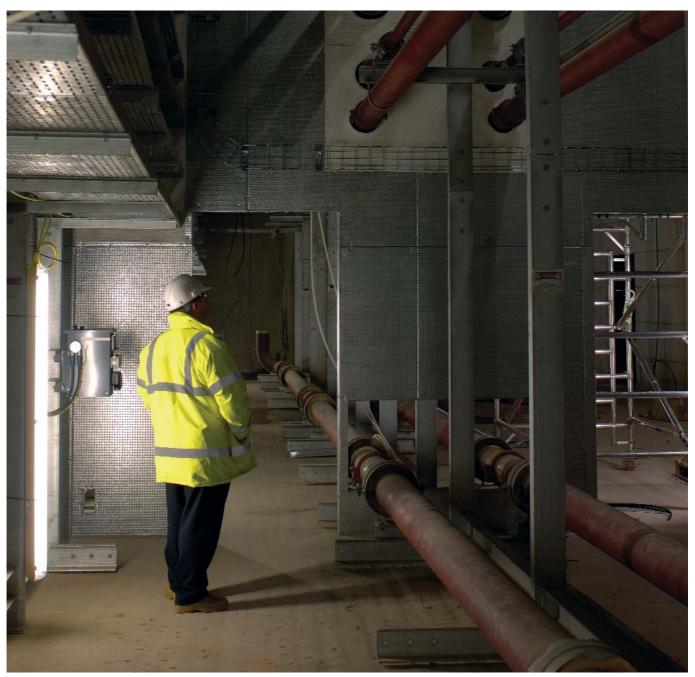


PROMATECT®-S Single Sided Steel Stud Partition



Introduction

Partitions and external walls are used to separate buildings, enclose compartments and contain fire to provide a barrier to the passage of fire from one side or the other and are able to satisfy each of the relevant fire resistant criteria (integrity, insulation and, if the wall is loadbearing, load bearing capacity) from either side for the prescribed period. The application of partition and external wall systems using Promat boards covers both non loadbearing and loadbearing in commercial, industrial, institutional, residential and high-rise constructions, or in the restoration of existing buildings. Promat's internal partition systems require less material to achieve similar fire resistant level when compared to the industry average wallboard partition systems. The single layer board application leads to simplified construction methods over other equivalents hence increased productivity and reduced overall installation cost.

These partition and external wall systems have been developed by Promat International (Asia Pacific) Ltd. to satisfy standard requirements for intended applications. Such considerations include:

Time & Cost Effectiveness

Single layer application reduces installation cost and time compared to traditional wallboard partitions.

Slim Walls

Partitions can be as thin as 40mm.

Lightweight

Lighter loads on structures compared to industry average wallboard partition systems for equivalent fire resistance.

Thermal Resistance

Excellent thermal resistance performance.

Impact Resistant

PROMATECT® 100 partition systems have been tested and assessed for impact and static loading to satisfy specification CI.8 of the Building Code of Australia (BCA 2006). PROMATECT®-H partition systems have been tested for resistance to impact, stiffness and robustness in accordance with the criteria of BS5234: Part 2.

Acoustic Performance

Tested and assessed to a range of standards, including ISO140-3 1995, ISO717-1 1996, AS1191 2002, AS/NZS 1276.1, BS5821 1984 and BS2750: Part 3: 1980, to meet the needs of industry. Please refer to pages 6 and 7 for details.

Fire Resistance Performance

Promat partitions and external wall systems have been extensively tested and assessed in accordance with BS476: Part 22 and AS1530: Part 4 to satisfy the integrity, insulation and where applicable loadbearing capacity (structural adequacy) criteria.

General Design Considerations

The following points are some of the factors which should be considered when determining the correct specification to ensure a partition or external wall will provide the required design performance under both fire and ambient conditions. Further advice can be obtained from the local Promat office.

1. Studwork Design

The design of studwork should be adequate for the height of the partition. The studwork details given in the following specifications will be suitable up to the maximum heights stated. For greater heights the dimension of the framing members could change depending on the factors such as movement and deflection and local approvals. Larger or more frequent frame sections will often improve the fire and structural performance.

The studwork shall be appropriately designed for the applied loads, e.g. wind load, and where applicable structural load in the case of load bearing systems. The framing for the partition systems must be securely fixed back to a substrate that has an equal or greater fire performance than the designed partition. All fixings must be noncombustible and must be those listed in the approval documents. The design shall be in accordance with the relevant British, Australian and/or International Standards.

2. Non Loadbearing Partitions

Non loadbearing partitions and external wall systems using Promat boards can be generally divided into framing systems consisting of steel or timber studs and solid partitions. For steel stud systems, selection of suitable stud size shall be in accordance with the maximum partition height given in the stud selection tables. The partition systems in the following pages, where stated, are designed for lateral loads of up to 0.25kPa using the composite action of the frame and boarding.

3. Loadbearing Partitions

Loadbearing capacity of featured partition systems in this handbook are calculated in accordance with BS5950-8: 2003 and AS4600: 1996 for load cases defined by AS1170: 2002. The maximum load bearing capacity is given in kN for a given partition height taking into account the reduction in steel strength at elevated temperature.

Loads considered in this manual are for axial compression only. Wind and other loads have not been taken into consideration. For further information on these loads, please contact Promat Technical Department.

4. Deflection

Where differential movement is expected between the floor or beam above the construction, and/or the floor below, it is generally advisable to incorporate a deflection head track to ensure undue stress is not placed upon the partition. This also allows for the sagging and deflection a floor or structural steel beam will suffer under fire conditions. Even concrete floors will suffer considerable deflection under fire if exposed for any considerable duration.

Some form of movement joint is also required to allow for the expansion of the studs under fire conditions. A partition will also bow in its centre. As the wall bows, it will naturally get shorter. For this reason alone, use should be made of a top track with long side legs. This will allow the stud to bow and as a result drop down, without the studs dropping out of the head track.

5. Movement Joint

Movement stress from dimensional changes due to varying temperature or moisture conditions can cause cracking and other symptoms of distress in partitions. Other external forces such as impact or vibration can directly affect the structural movement of partitions. This movement can be controlled through a variety of design techniques such as introducing perimeter relief and slip connections to reduce the transfer of stress from the structure to other building sub-elements and/or through the use of expansion joints, control joints and construction joints.

In a partition, expansion joints are needed when the partition abuts a rigid mass. A vertical movement joint should be located at maximum 10m centres in long runs of partition. However, by introducing a control joint into a fire-rated partition, it does create an opening for flame and temperature transmission and therefore has to be properly treated with approved fire-stopping material.

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6. Caulking & Service Penetrations

To maintain the fire performance, and where applicable the acoustic performance of the partition system, gaps at perimeter must be appropriately filled with suitable caulking material. PROMASEAL® AN Acrylic Sealant or other tested fire and acoustic rated material of equivalent or better performance must be used.

Care needs to be taken in detailing a suitable fire-stopping system around any penetration of the partition by services to ensure a) the fire-stopping material remains in situ and b) fire and smoke do not penetrate the partition.

Allowance should be made for thermal movement of the services in both ambient and fire conditions to ensure loads are not applied to the partition. Some examples of service penetrations include electrical cables, conduits or wires, switches and power outlets, plastic and metal pipes, air-conditioning and ventilation ductwork.

Steel Frame Components

Board Fixing

Promat boards may be installed horizontally or vertically.

For steel stud partition system, joints in the boards must be staggered between either side of the framing with all the joints located at a framing member. The boards may be fixed to the studs using No.8 Bugle head self drilling and self-tapping screws of a length appropriate for the board thickness. Needle point screws are normally used to fix boards to light gauge steel frames up to 0.8mm. Drill point screws are generally appropriate for heavy gauge steel frames from 0.8mm to 2.0mm.

For solid partition system, joints between the adjacent boards must be staggered by at least 300mm. First layer of the boards are to be fixed to the perimeter angle with 35mm long x No.8 self-drilling and self-tapping screws. The subsequent layer of the boards is to be stitched to the preceding layer with 40mm long x No.10 laminating screws, as well as fixing to the perimeter framing.

When a timber frame is used, Promat boards are fixed to the framework using No. 6 wood screws of a length appropriate for the board thickness at maximum 250mm centres, a minimum of 12mm from the board edge. Minimum edge distance to fasteners and the maximum spacing between screw must be maintained. Please refer to system detail for screws spacing requirements.

Internal and external corners may be set using a perforated metal corner bead fixed to the board linings at not more than 500mm centres.

Components Selection

Construction of Promat fire rated steel stud partitions can be achieved using Rondo stud and track components. Other steel components of equivalent performance can of course be used but it is the responsibility of the manufacturer of the component to substantiate equivalent performance with the recommended component.

Tracks At Deflection Head & Floor

The main function of the ceiling and floor tracks is to hold the studs in position until the board is fitted. They provide for a friction fit of the studs and also act as a slip joint to allow for any movement in the structure.

The track sections basically come in two profiles. A standard track has a nominal 32mm flange whilst the deflection head track has a nominal 50mm flange. However, head tracks with wider flange are available but they have to be specially designed for instances where clearance for expansion at the head track exceeds 20mm.

No clearance for expansion is applicable at the head track for a loadbearing partition.

Track sections should be fixed at maximum 600mm intervals to the supporting structure. Fixings should be located not more than 100mm from either end of the track section.



 Vertical stud

 Nogging

 Bottom track

7. Fire Doors & Glazing

Tested or assessed door and/or glazed assemblies should always be used. All and any doors or glazed elements with a fire resistant wall should be shown, by fully compliant testing to the appropriate standard, to be capable of providing at least an equal fire performance to the wall itself. This means fire doors should be tested in lightweight partition systems, not just in masonry. In most cases additional framework will be required to prevent loads being applied to the partition. Careful detailing is needed around the perimeter of any door or glazed assembly. Further guidance on the detailing at fire doors and glazing can be obtained on page 10.

8. Partition Junction

Care must be taken to ensure that partition corner junctions and intersections are stable for both fire and ambient conditions. Framing at these locations has to be mechanically fastened together.

Steel Frame Components

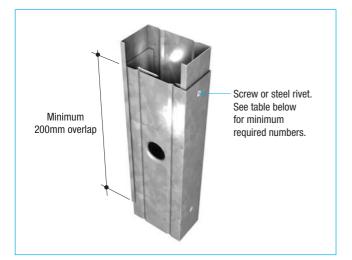
Steel Studs

The recommended Rondo studs come in 0.50mm, 0.55mm, 0.75mm and 1.15mm. The 0.50mm to 0.75mm studs have a standard 25mm bell-mouthed service holes for electrical cabling. For the 1.15mm stud, punched round holes are processed at designated centres along the stud.

Spliced extensions are possible in situations where the overall height of the partition is more than the stud length. The 0.50mm to 0.75mm studs may be boxed and the 1.15mm studs may be spliced back to back.

For greater rigidity at fire resistant glazing and door openings, and also at locations where extra load carrying capacity is required, studs of 0.50mm to 0.75mm may be boxed and studs of 1.15mm may be fixed back to back. See below guide on spliced studs and stiffening framing.

Guide to fixing spliced studs for partition heights up to 7000mm



1. 0.50/0.55/0.75mm Studs

Splice location in wall	Minimum required fasteners on both sides of studs over splice
Up to 10%	2 pieces
10% to 25%	3 pieces

NOTE: The splice location % refers to the height of the partition. For example, taking a partition 10,000mm high, a 10% splice location would be located within 1000mm of the top or bottom of the wall. A 25% splice location would be within 2000-5000mm of the top or bottom of a 10,000mm high wall.

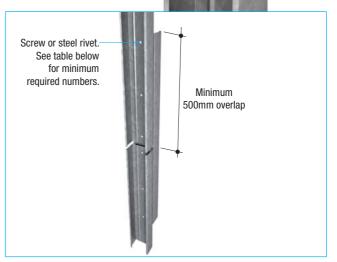
- Splices should be alternated top & bottom of wall.
- Do not splice studs between 25% and 75% of wall height.
- Splicing of studs is recommended for non-loadbearing partitions only.
- Where splicing is not possible due to the height, use fully boxed sections.

Nogging Track

Noggings are necessary to provide bracing to the partition studs and preventing the studs from twisting when fitting the lining boards. The noggings are to be screwed, rivetted or crimped to both flanges of the studs. Continuous nogging tracks 0.55mm and 0.75mm are available from Rondo. This nogging track can be fitted to the stud framing in one length. Alternatively, individual noggings may be cut from the track. Noggings of 0.75mm can be used with 1.15mm studs.

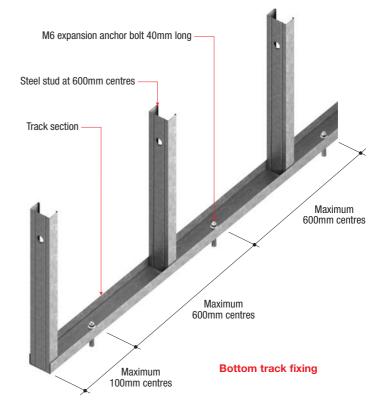
Nogging track framing

Track to be fastened to substrate floor and ceiling with M6 anchor bolts 40mm long at maximum 600mm centres. Studs can be installed vertically at 600-610mm centres (distance depends on the size of the boards use). See details of **Bottom track fixing** at right and **Top track fixing** on following page.



2. 1.15mm Studs

Splice location in wall	Minimum required fasteners on both sides of studs over splice
Up to 10%	3 pieces
10% to 25%	5 pieces





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Steel Frame Components

Nogging track framing

Below are the options for different methods of providing noggings.

Steel stud as the horizontal track

- Studs to be cut to a short length and screwed in between each of the vertical studs.
- Cut the base of the track leaving two short studs either side. Insert between the vertical steel studs and fix through the studs into the vertical studs either side, using steel (not aluminium) rivets or screws.
- All horizontal joints of the boards will be fixed to the noggings.

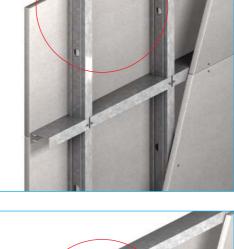


- Steel channel to be cut in length and screw fixed to the both sides of the vertical studs.
- All horizontal joints of the boards will be fixed to the nogging.

Board strips at the horizontal joints

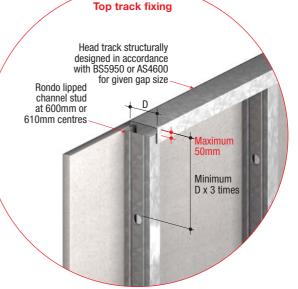
- Cover fillets minimum 75mm wide cut from main lining boards. Fix board to board using stitching screws of a length appropriate to the board thickness, at nominal 200mm maximum centres.
- All horizontal joints of to the board strips.

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Acoustics In Building

Sound is an energy generated by a source, transmitted through a medium and collected by a receiver. It can be pleasant to be heard, such as music and speeches etc, while some, such as scratching a glass surface with a sharp object, are irritating. This offensive sound is commonly termed noise. The acoustic design of buildings can be divided into two basic requirements, noise control and room acoustics.

Noise control relates to the quantity of sound with an objective to ensure the sound level does not adversely affect the comfort of building occupants. This involves control of sound produced in a room, such as telephones ringing, as well as limiting the noise entering from other rooms or outside the building. A common solution targeting this problem is the introduction of sound absorption systems.

Room acoustics relate to the quality of sound with an objective to enhance the quality of desired sound within a room. This involves factors such as speech intelligibility and perception of musical clarity. The most widely applied solution employed by building designers is the use of a sound insulating system.

A point worth noting is that although both noise control and room acoustics have independent objectives, they are however interrelated in practice. As this manual covers partition and ceiling systems, the following concentrates only on issues related to sound insulation which involves transmission loss (TL) of airborne sound.

Sound Transmission & Classification

The sound transmission loss of a building element, such as a partition, is a measure of how much sound is reduced as it passes through the barrier, expressed in dB or decibels, the unit used to quantify sound. The generally accepted term for the single number ratings for sound transmission loss is the Sound Transmission Class or STC (ASTM E413). This is determined by comparing the TL value to the reference curve in ASTM E413. Generally the higher the STC value, the better the performance of the system. The following table provide a rough idea of what various STC levels mean in terms of privacy afforded.

STC	Privacy afforded	
25	Normal speech easily understood	
30	Normal speech audible, but unintelligible	
35	Loud speech understood	
40	Loud speech audible, but unintelligible	
45	Loud speech barely audible	
50	Shouting barely audible	
55	Shouting not audible	

Source: U.S. Dept of Commerce/National Bureau of Standards Handbook. "Quieting: A Practical Guide to Noise Control".

Another widely accepted equivalent term is the Weighted Sound Reduction Index or Rw (ISO 717: Part 1 or BS 5821: Part 1). It is determined in a similar manner but instead of TL values, an equivalent Sound Reduction Index (R or Rw), is used.

Note should be taken that results obtained in STC and Rw may have a ± 3 dB deviation from one another.

Most building structures are not built like laboratories and it is very common that the sound insulation rating measured in ideal test conditions will not be achieved in a building. In order to meet the desired level of performance, building designers should therefore carefully consider the compatibility of the selected system with the supporting structure. Note that field performance is typically lower than laboratory performance by approximately 10%.

General Design Considerations

With modern design concepts and technology in building construction, acoustic performance within buildings has become an important element for consideration by building designers. There are many factors involved in establishing an ideal noise level for any particular building space, part of which are as follows:

- To avoid fatigue induced by noise;
- To prevent distraction or disturbance;
- To maintain a good communication & listening environment.

Heavy walls such as concrete have good transmission loss. However, there are some drawbacks which limit its performance. Mass law dictates that a wall will increase its transmission loss by only 5dB for every doubling of mass. Therefore, a single 100mm thick concrete wall of 2300kg/m³ density might have an STC 45 rating whereas a 200mm thick concrete wall would only achieve STC 50 for a doubling in mass. For most owners and builders, a wall of this size and weight is not desirable. Cost may more than double and the decibel-per-dollar achieved is clearly not acceptable. This limitation can be easily overcome by using a lightweight system, i.e. the partition system, where it is more practical to utilise principals such as air cavity, resilient mountings, sound-absorbing core materials or a combination of these principals without the large increase in mass required for solid walls.

Following are some common practices that are effective for noise control and room acoustics.

1. Double-studding & Air Cavity

With typical drywall partitions, sound striking at the wall surface is transmitted through the first surface material into the wall cavity. It then strikes the opposite wall surface, causing it to vibrate and transmit the sound into the air of the adjoining room. This is termed airborne sound. When the sound strikes the wall at the stud, sound is transmitted direct through the stud and is termed structure borne sound.

The principal of double studding basically means separation of two panels of a drywall partition into a double-leaf wall, integrated with appropriate air spacing (cavity) between the leaves. The introduction of an air-space provides some form of separation or discontinuity between the two wall faces in a double-leaves wall.



As an example, a double stud partition creating an air cavity eliminates direct mechanical connection between the surfaces. The sound transmission is reduced by breaking the sound path. In addition, the air cavity provides vibration isolation between the two sides. Sound in one room striking the one side of the wall causes it to vibrate but because of the mechanical separation and the cushioning effect of the cavity, the vibration of the other side is greatly reduced.

2. Sound-absorbing Core Material

Sound absorption is the effectiveness of a material at preventing the reflection of sound. Generally, the more sound absorption, the fewer echoes will exist. The sound-absorbing core used in the Promat partition designs can be mineral or rock wool, glass wool or polyester, depending upon fire resistance requirements.

These cores will further improve the sound isolation performance of the wall by absorbing sound energy in the cavity before the sound can set the opposite wall surface in motion. They will also provide some damping of the vibrating wall surface.

Promat Partitions Acoustic Design

General Design Considerations

3. Treatment To Flanking Paths

When working with acoustically rated systems, it is critical that strict attention be paid to construction and detailing. The acoustic integrity of a system can be influenced by the combination of elements that make up the system. Single leaf and uninsulated systems are especially more dependent on high quality of installation. For example, if there is a gap of 5mm wide around the perimeter of an STC 45 rated wall of 3m x 3m, the actual performance would degrade to some, STC 30. Therefore to make acoustically rated partitions effective, they must be airtight. Any path for air also means there is a path for sound. In order to achieve the designed STC rating closely, the following factors must also be taken into account:

- Sound paths, e.g. windows, doors, floors and ceilings;
- Penetrations through walls, even above ceilings or below floorings, must be sealed;
- Stagger the joints between multiple layers of wall boards or ceiling linings;
- Do not use power points back to back on either side of a wall;
- Openings for return air in ceiling plenum systems must be strictly controlled.

4. Wall & Floor Intersections

A good acoustical partition is only as good as its joint or intersection at wall and floor, like a chain and its weakest link. If this joint or intersection is not treated properly, the acoustical value may be lost. Many joint defects from flanking paths allow sound to travel via air gaps through the structure.

Acoustical sealants are the simplest means to provide a permanent air-tight seal. They are made from materials that are permanently elastic which will allow floor or wall materials to move, as they are prone to do because of expansion and contraction or outside forces such as structural movement. A permanent air-tight seal is the most effective way to maintain the acoustical integrity of the wall. Regardless of which system is employed, all openings, cracks and material joints should be made air-tight with a permanently elastic acoustical sealant.

System Selection Guide

As sound insulation requirements may vary from country to country, the table below suggests acoustic values for some typical partition installations, unless otherwise specified by the architects. Please consult Promat for more information.

STC rating			Applications for concerting
Minimum	Average	Luxury	Applications for separating
45dB	50dB	55dB	Bedroom to bedroom
50dB	55dB	60dB	Bedroom to living room
50dB	55dB	60dB	Bedroom to lobby
45dB	50dB	55dB	Office to office
40dB	45dB	50dB	Office to general area
45dB	50dB	55dB	Office to conference room
45dB	50dB	55dB	Office to washroom
40dB	45dB	50dB	Conference room to general area
40dB	45dB	50dB	Conference room to conference room
45dB	-	-	Classroom to classroom
55dB	-	-	Classroom to shop
45dB	-	-	Classroom to recreation area
60dB	_	_	Classroom to music room



Some sources of sound leakage

- **1** Air leaks through gaps or cracks
- 2 Doors
- 3 Light weight panels above doors
- 4 Electrical outlets and service pipes
- 5 Partition performance
- Sound transmission via suspended ceilings or partitions
- 7 Common floor heating duct

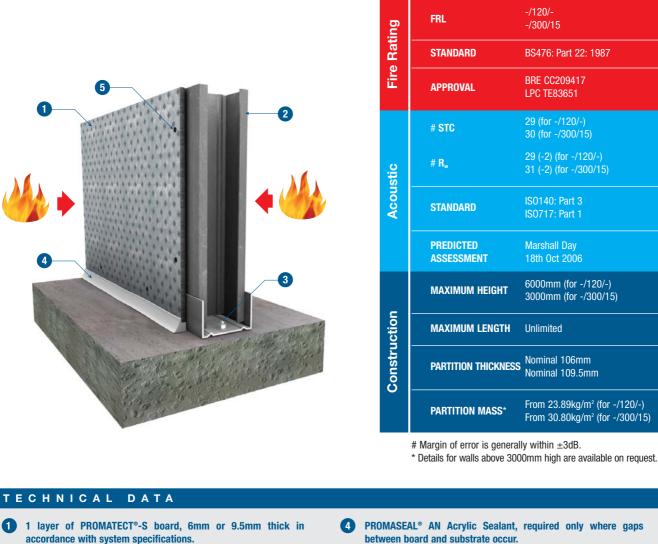


- 9 Lightweight mullion or partition closer
- 10 Appliances





Fire attack from either side / Non loadbearing



Steel channels at nominal 1200mm centres 2

3 Top and bottom steel channels fixed to substrate using 40mm x M6 masonry anchors at 600mm centres

PROMASEAL® AN Acrylic Sealant, required only where gaps between board and substrate occur.

35mm x M5.5 Teks screws at nominal 200mm centres 5

NOTE: PROMATECT®-S partitions are generally designed to meet specific project performance requirements including resistance to fire, impact, explosion etc. Please consult Promat Technical Department for details on framing elements etc.

System Specification

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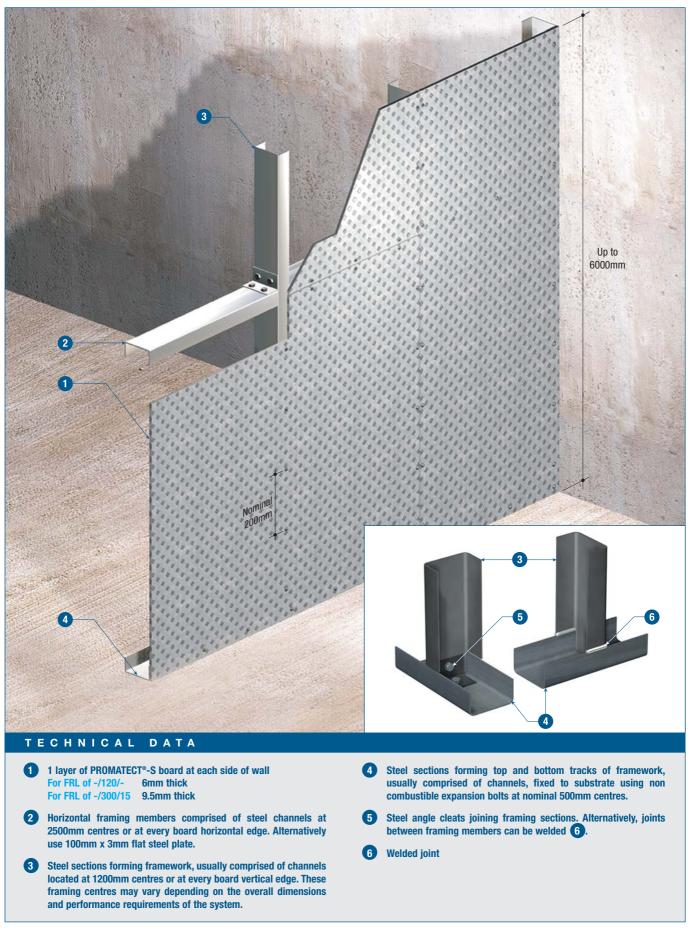
Walls are to be constructed using PROMATECT®-S cement/steel composite boards all in accordance with the Architectural Specification in the manufacturer's handbook. Relevant constructions are to be selected according to the required FRL of (.../..). All printed installation details are to be followed to ensure approval to BS476: Part 22. All work to be certified by installer in an approved manner.

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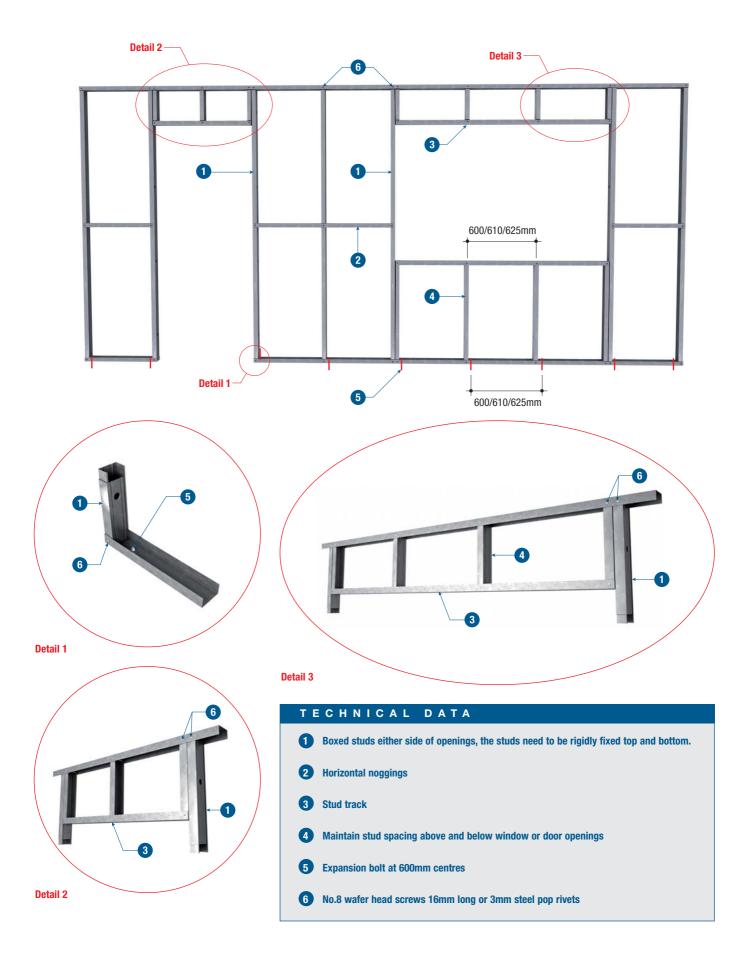


Vertical sheeting / Non loadbearing









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Architectural Specification

The following are standard Architectural Specifications for internal partition systems using PROMATECT[®]-S. The designer must determine the suitability of the design to the application and requirements before undertaking or constructing any works relating to the specifications and where in doubt should obtain the advice of a suitably qualified engineer.

Fire Attack From Either Side / Non Loadbearing

Up to ______ ⁽¹⁾ minutes of fire rating, integrity and insulation in accordance with the criteria of BS476: Part 22: 1987.

Acoustic Performance

The partition system shall have a Weighted Sound Reduction Index of R_w_____.

Supporting Structure

Care should be taken that any structural element that the partition system is supported from, e.g. concrete/brick wall or slab, has equivalent fire resistance of ______ ⁽⁸⁾ minutes.

Lining Boards

Single layer of 6mm or 9.5mm PROMATECT[®]-S cement/steel composite boards as manufactured by Promat International (Asia Pacific) Ltd. Cover strips or fillets are not required if each lining is secured to separated framing.

Fixing

Galvanised or painted frame made of ceiling and floor tracks will be secured to the floor, ceiling and walls with 60mm x M6 masonry anchors at 500mm centres. Vertical steel studs are then welded or bolted into the tracks at 1200mm maximum centres or at every board horizontal edge.

6mm or 9.5mm thick of PROMATECT®-S boards will be screw fixed to the frame with 38mm x 5.5mm Teks screw at 200mm nominal centres.

Tests & Standards

The complete system along with the material and framing is tested in accordance with BS476: Part 22: 1987. The partition system should meet the requirements as specified under Clause 5. The construction also has been tested to impact resistance in accordance to EN1363: Part 2: 1998.

Follow-on Trades

Surface of boards to be prepared for painting/tiling⁽ⁱ⁾ in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.

NOTES:

- (1) insert required fire rating, integrity and insulation durations.
- (2) insert acoustic values by reference to Marshall Day assessment.
- (3) insert required fire resistance level (not exceeding 240 minutes).
- ⁽⁴⁾ delete as appropriate.
- Perimeter gaps will be filled with fire resistant PROMASEAL® AN Acrylic Sealant.



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