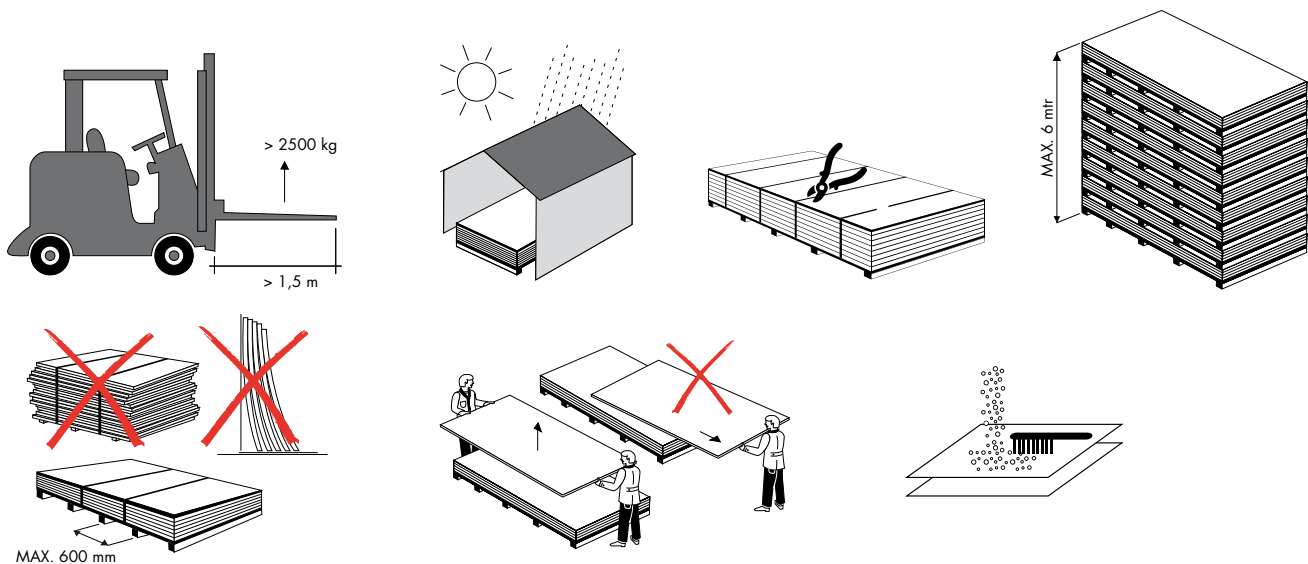


# TRANSPORT, HANDLING AND STORAGE OF TRESPA® PANELS

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## General

Handling and moving panels should only be undertaken by trained personnel using the correct equipment. Trespa® panels are decorative high-pressure compact laminates consisting of layers of wood-based fibers, impregnated with thermosetting resins. Panels should be handled with care to prevent damage to the decorative surface. Furthermore, treat the panels similar to treating hardwood.



## Transport

- Use a proper forklift with a load capacity of at least 2500 kg ( $\approx 5512$  lbs) and forks with a minimum length of 1.5 meters ( $\approx 59$  in).
- Secure the panels with steel straps during transit.
- Fit protective corner sections under the straps.

## Handling

- Treat panels with care.
- Do not slide panels. Lift panels when moving.
- Prevent dirt on and between the panels.
- Use adhesive stickers for marking / coding and remove immediately after installation.

## Storing

- Store panels in a dry, clean, frost-free room.
- Maximum stack height = 6 m (≈ 20 ft).
- Place pallets and panels on a level surface which provides full support.
- Keep panels in the original packaging.
- Remove steel straps if the panels are to be stored for a long time.
- Prevent a film of moisture from forming between the panels.
- Do not place any moisture-sensitive (paper) layers between the panels.
- Prevent unbalanced (one side only) moisture or temperature exposure by:
  1. Removing any protective foil within 24 hours when panels are no longer stacked as a package.
  2. Leaving panels lying flat on top of each other.
  3. Avoiding cavities between the panels e.g. due to panels having been machined.

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