



OVERVIEW FINISHING OPTIONS

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AIREX[®] structural foam core material

- / AIREX® SealX (SX)
- / FlexiCut (FC)
- / ContourKore SealX (CK SX)
- / ContourKore with Scrim cloth (CK)

- / Grooved (G)
- / Perforated (P)
- / Micro-sandwich (M)
- / Precision Thickness (PT)

BALTEK[®] structural balsa core material

- / ContourKore (CK)
- / Adaptive ContourKore (ACK)
- / Perforated (P)
- / Grooved (G)

- / Grooved & Perforated (GP)
- / Grooved, Perforated & Semi-ContourKore (GPS)
- / Precision Thickness (PRE)
- / Surface Finish (LP, AL)

Rating of Finishing Options regarding specific requirements

most suitable

suitable

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AIREX[®] SealX surface treatment (SX)



/ surface sealing for AIREX® T90 and T92

/ considerable reduction of resin uptake in infusion processes

	Sheet flexibility	Resin uptake	Promotes resin flow in infusion	Laminate surface quality
SX		•••		

FlexiCut (FC)





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- / 30 x 30 mm cross-grooves 0.7 mm both sides (max thickness 30 mm and 130 kg/m³)
- $^{/}$ 40 x 40 mm cross-grooves 1.2 mm both sides
- (max thickness 50 mm, all densities)
- / kerf depth 85% / 20% of thickness

/	2'200	holes/m ²	

	Sheet flexibility	Resin uptake	Promotes resin flow in infusion	Laminate surface quality
FC	••	••	••	•••

ContourKore SealX (CK SX)



 $^{/}$ 30 x 30 mm pattern with 0.7 mm kerf width

- $^\prime$ 40 x 40 mm pattern with 1.2 mm kerf width
- / SealX surface treatment on both sides/ no scrim cloth



	Sheet flexibility	Resin uptake	Promotes resin flow in infusion	Laminate surface quality
CK SX	•••	•••	••	•••

Notes: - Limitations of availability may apply for specific products, densities or thicknesses.

- Values are in nominal format. Please reach out to us for detailed tolerances, available and alternative options.

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ContourKore with Scrim cloth (CK)



/ 30 x 30 mm pattern with 0.7 mm kerf width
/ 40 x 40 mm pattern with 1.2 mm kerf width
/ blocks are cut almost down to cloth





	Sheet flexibility	Resin uptake	Promotes resin flow in infusion	Laminate surface quality
СК	•••	•••	••	•••



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Perforated (P30)



/ holes (diameter 2.5 mm)/ hole distance 32 x 32 mm pattern



	Sheet flexibility	Resin uptake	Promotes resin flow in infusion	Laminate surface quality
Р		•••	••	•••

Micro-sandwich (M)



- / superior surface quality
- / lower resin uptake
- $\prime\,$ precission thickness range up to +/- 0.3 mm
- / thicknesses from 2 mm
- \checkmark available for AIREX® PET and AIREX® TegraCore

Precision Thickness (PT)



- / improved thickness tolerance of sheet:
- / PT02: +0.2 / -0.4 mm (0.6 mm range)





ContourKore (CK)



- / 25.4 mm x 50.8 mm block pattern (/ x w)
- / kerf width 0.4 mm
- / glass fiber cloth on bottom side of sheet
- / blocks are cut almost down to cloth
- / SB.50/100: sheets up to 57.2 mm thickness
- / SB.150: sheets up to 38.1 mm thickness

	Sheet flexibility	Resin uptake	Promotes resin flow in infusion	Laminate surface quality
СК	•••	••	••	••

Adapative ContourKore (ACK)



/ CK cut with alternative block size

	BLOCK	BLOCK	AVAILABLE		
FORMAT	SPACING	SPACING	THICKNESS	SHEET	RESIN
	(across length)	(across width)	RANGE *	FLEXIBILITY	UPTAKE
	mm	mm	mm		
ACK 1x1	25.4	25.4	6.4 - 31.8	••••	•
ACK 2x6	50.8	152.4	6.4 - 57.2	••••	••
ACK 3x6	76.2	152.4	19.1 - 57.2	•••	•••
ACK 2x0 (semi-CK)	50.8	-	6.4 - 57.2	••	••••
ACK 6x0 (semi-CK)	152.4	-	19.1 - 57.2	•	••••

* max. thickness 38.1 mm for SB.150

Perforated (P)



P50 (standard)

- / distance between holes: 50.8 mm
- across width; 101.6 mm across length / square pattern
- / staggered pattern
- / max. thickness 57.2 mm
- / max. thickness 44.5 mm for SB.150

other option available by CnC only

P20

- / punched holes (dia. approx. 3.2 mm) / punched holes (dia. approx. 3.2 mm)
 - / hole distance 20 mm

 - / max. thickness 50.8 mm
 - / max. thickness 44.5 mm for SB.150

	Sheet flexibility	Resin uptake	Promotes resin flow in infusion	Laminate surface quality
P50		•••	•	•••
P20		••	••	•••

Grooved (G)



- / one or two directions
- / single side or both sides
- / groove width 0.6 mm, depth approx. 1.6 mm
- / groove distance 19.1 mm (offset < 12.7 mm thick)
- / max. thickness 57.2 mm (44.5 mm for SB.150)

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G		•••	•••	•••

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Grooved & Perforated (GP)



/ Grooved (G) in two directions

/ Option 1

oved (G) in two directions

/ Option 2

grooved both sides, perforation pattern P50 (GP)

grooved one side only, perforation pattern P20 (G1SP)

	Sheet flexibility	Resin uptake	Promotes resin flow in infusion	Laminate surface quality
GP		••	•••	•••
G1SP		•••	•••	•••

Grooved, Perforated & semi-ContourKore, (GPS)



 $^{/}$ Adaptive CK in one direction; 50.8 mm block (ACK 2x0)

/ Option 1

- grooved both sides, perforation pattern P50 (GPS)
- / Option 2 grooved one side only, perforation pattern P20 (G1PS)

	Sheet flexibility	Resin uptake	Promotes resin flow in infusion	Laminate surface quality
GPS	•	••	•••	•••
G1PS	•	•••	•••	•••

Precision Thickness (PRE)



- / -0.25 mm / +0.25 mm *
- * standard thickness tolerance is -0.75 mm / +0.25 mm)

Surface Finish

- / LamPrep (LP) [uncoated] specialized sanding for all types of lamination processes
- / AL600 (AL) [surface coated] reduced porosity for vacuum bagging & lower moisture uptake