

# Frequently Asked Questions

## 1. What are the specifications of a Nørdus panel?

A Nørdus panel consists of a core of MDF which is veneered with a 0,6mm or 1,5mm wood veneer on the two sides. The front side of the panel is always an A-grade veneer. For stability reasons also the back side is veneered. The grade can be the same as the front side (double sided panel) or a lower grade (single sided panels). The dimensions of the core board are always 2790x1240x18mm. The panels are CARB 2 certified.

## 2. What is the difference between a single sided panel and a double sided panel?

A double sided panel has an A grade veneer on both sides and can be used for furniture applications. A single sided panel has a backing in wood veneer of a lower grade which is significantly different in color and texture than the top layer in A-grade. For example: a different jointing technique, limited presence of sapwood, not smoked compared to a smoked A-side. All single sided references with a top layer of 1,5mm (#15) have a backing in Pine B-grade natural of 1,5mm. Therefore it is strongly advised to use single sided panels only for applications where the backing is not visible (wall and ceiling). For all other usage double sided boards are recommended (furniture applications).

## 3. What are the specifications of a Nørdus flex?

Nørdus is available as a flex. Flex is a jointed veneer sheet that is very easy to process. The veneer sheet is pressed on a paper substrate first after which the wood fibres are broken. This gives us a flexible sheet of veneer that can be processed both as a flat and curved surface. A Nørdus flex top layer always consists of a 0.6mm A-quality jointed sheet in accordance with the chosen design. The backing consists of a paper substrate in a color tint close to the color of the chosen reference. The top layer and backing are glued with a formaldehyde-free glue. Depending on the surface treatment, the dimensions vary: Spring Larch, Autumn Larch, Winter Larch and Clean Spruce are brushed B1 and are 3000x1220mm. Vivid Spruce, Honey Pine, Snow Birch and Wild Pine are plain and are 3050x1240mm. For gluing the product, we strongly recommend to follow our instructions very closely. These can be found in every box or on our website: [www.nordusdecospan.com](http://www.nordusdecospan.com).

## 4. What do #06 or #15 mean?

Those are indications of the thickness of the veneer top layer. #06 is a 0,6mm veneer while #15 is a 1,5mm veneer. Keep in mind that this is the thickness of the veneer before we process it. The final thickness may vary.

## 5. What are the edge banding possibilities?

For each design, matching edge bands have been developed. This way, the edges of the Nørdus panels can be perfectly finished. In doing so, Nørdus offers a total solution allowing each project to lead to a successful end result. All edge bands are constructed of veneer wood with a strengthened membrane, not pre-glued and packed in rolls of 50 running meters per roll. All edge bands are available in both 26 mm and 46 mm high. Of all the brushed references also the edgings are slightly brushed. The edgings are not FSC-certified. Apart from the edge bands in the matching wood types, we also offer the possibility to choose an edge band with the appearance of a transversally sawed birch multiplex.

## 6. Can I order a Nørdus-panel with the same finishes as proposed in the brochure?

No, the Nørdus products are always delivered unfinished and should yet be treated by the processor. We have illustrated a number of possible finishes in the brochure for which we relied on the expertise and creativity of two partners who are specialists in staining and protecting wooden surfaces. For more information about the finish of Nørdus, please contact Hesse-Lignal (stains and lacquers) or Rubio Monocoat (oils).

## 7. Can I order/apply the finishing products myself?

Yes. You can contact Hesse-Lignal (stains and lacquers) or Rubio Monocoat (oils) directly to order the desired products and request a product manual. For the exact codes of the used products, check our page "Downloads".

## 8. Is a Nørdus panel always brushed?

Some references are, some are not. Here is an overview: generally speaking, all products with 1,5mm veneer (#15) are always brushed B2 on both sides. Spring Larch, Autumn Larch, Winter Larch & Clean Spruce in 0,6mm veneer are brushed type B1. Vivid Spruce, Honey Pine, Snow Birch and Wild Pine are always plain. The actual table can be found in the overview on the website.

## 9. Are other cores or dimensions possible?

For projects, other dimensions and cores are possible on request and with possibly some restrictions. However, for such orders a longer leadtime must be taken into account. Please contact us for more information about this topic.

## 10. Is Nørdus FSC-certified?

The Nørdus products are not certified FSC when ordered without prior notice. On request, FSC is possible depending on availability of the wood. However, for such orders a longer leadtime must be taken into account. Please contact us for more information about this topic.

## 11. Vivid Spruce is a knotty veneer. What are the possible risks?

Sometimes a knot pops out, which causes a hole in the surface through which the MDF becomes visible. Because we don't know how the panels will be finished, we leave it like this. The holes are not filled with wood filler. This can be done on request with an additional fee.

## 12. Why is Wild pine so expressive?

Wild pine veneer is rotary cut, causing a very irregular and varied wood grain. Wild Pine may have some cracks in the veneer surface due to the tension in the wood. Those cracks are not filled with wood filler.

## 13. Why is a Wild Pine a better alternative for a raw construction plywood panel?

A Nørdus Wild Pine is a high quality MDF board with a better processability than a raw construction plywood panel. The board is more stable and can be finished easier.

## 14. Are Autumn Larch and Winter Larch smoked?

Yes. Autumn Larch is lightly smoked, while Winter Larch is heavily smoked. The process is a combination of ammoniac and heating techniques.

## 15. What are the bright spots in Autumn Larch and Winter Larch?

The bright spots are natural resin which is present in the wood. These zones discolor less well, which can result in a bright spot.

## 16. Can I order samples?

Yes, samples are available. For each design a loose sample can be obtained. Architects can also order a complete sample binder. In addition, you can find a display in the showroom of most of the distributors with large samples in it. They also contain small samples at the back.

## 17. I've done a project with Nørdus. Where can I post my pictures?

We are curious to see what you've created. Share your pictures on Facebook, LinkedIn, Pinterest or Twitter and use the hashtags #nordus or #decospan or #nordusdecospan . Besides you can email the pictures to [info@decospan.com](mailto:info@decospan.com) .

## 18. I have another question. How can I reach you?

The easiest way to contact us is through the Nørdus website by filling in a contact form. Your question is automatically forwarded to the person responsible for your region. Alternatively you can reach us by phone: +32 56 52 88 00 .