

Safe Storage of **TIMBER FRAME PANELS & LOOSE TIMBER** for Prolonged Time

Prolonged Storage

Sometimes Timber Frame Panels and Loose Timber needs to be stored for longer than usual. The following guidance will help to keep these products in the best possible condition until sites can return to work.

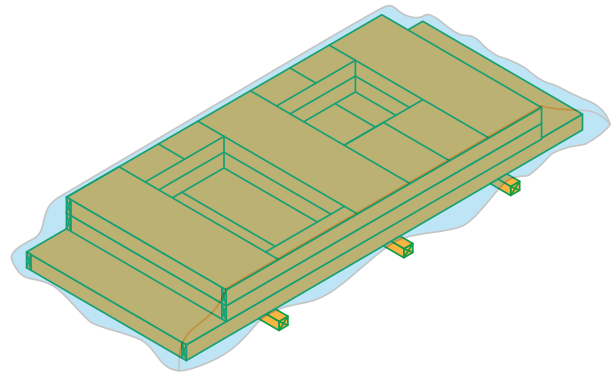
Previous experience indicates that these products, stored fully in accordance with the recommendations below for between three and six months, will typically suffer no significant reduction in performance.

Timber Frame Panels

Timber Frame Panels should be stored on firm level ground well clear of any vegetation. Timber Frame Panels, Floor Panels Sheathing and Flooring should be stacked on on their side and there should be adequate bearers below (Fig. 1).

Ensure the products are sufficiently covered with a weather-resistant covering which is fixed in such a way as to allow proper ventilation around the product.

Fig. 1 Timber Frame Panels



Loose Timber

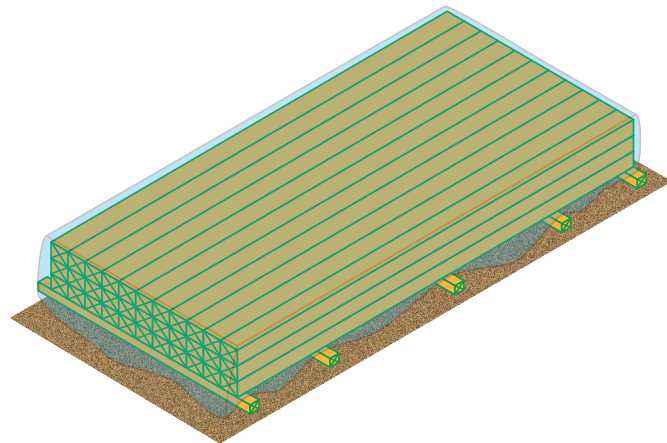
Where possible, Loose Timber should always be kept within a suitable building.

When there is no possibility of this and the Loose Timber must be kept outside, the product should be stored on a flat, firm, well drained area.

Prior to stacking the timber, a fine granular material (sand or gravel) should be spread out and bearers layed out in a suitable arrangement (Fig. 2).

Ensure the product is sufficiently covered with a weather-resistant covering which is fixed in such a way as to allow proper ventilation around the product. If the Loose Timber happens to get wet, re-stack the Loose Timber with thin sticks inline with the bearers to allow drying. Please note, even when the weather is dry, the cover is required to provide protection from the sunlight.

Fig. 2 Loose Timber



Restarting on Site

In most cases where the above recommendations have been fully followed there should be no problem in re-commencing work.

However, an initial visual inspection by yourselves should always be undertaken, and any concerns raised immediately with Harmony.