

ULTRA ACCESS Official Company Endorsement

Endorsement of Forefront Scaffolding Hire and Sales' "Composite Sole Board"

Sole Boards in scaffolding are short wooden boards sat on the deck, that are used to disperse the weight of a scaffold over a wider area. Especially when the foundations that the scaffold is placed upon could be potentially weakened over time, due to weather, rain, water logging, etc - and when the foundation is primarily made up of dirt, mud and grass, and so on.

Typically, these **Sole Boards** would be offcuts of unusable, damaged, split, etc regular wooden scaffolding boards.

A way for the scaffolding contractor to save money, whilst being as economic and environmentally friendly as possible.

However: this could lead to serious safety issues, where boards that might be deemed as unsafe for tradespeople to work on due to the loads implied on them, end up bearing the full weight (sometimes orders of magnitude more) of a scaffold structure instead.

They are not always cut down to the current **NASC TG guidance** of; 450mm / 18in long, despite what some scaffolding contractors might state, and could be already rotted through, making them unsuitable to carry such weight loadings.



This is where Advanced Composite Sole Boards come into their own.

They are designed to take more weight than a typical wooden Sole Board, whilst being lighter, easier to stack / transport and are incredibly durable, being less likely to split, crack and become deformed / weakened under the considerable force loadings that scaffold structures generally impose.

Forefront Scaffolding Hire and Sales produce and sell these fantastic innovations in the scaffolding industry.

But wooden offcuts are more cost effective, right?

No... not necessarily. They may seem cost effective, but how much would it cost in labour, transportation and in ones reputation to have to replace wooden boards, (already under a fully built scaffold) when they become split, cracked and unsafe to bear such increased weight? And wooden Sole Boards do indeed crack and split under pressure regularly...

Advanced Composite Sole Boards are not only resistant to UV (ultra violet) exposure, are safe from frost / weather damage, but are recyclable as well - giving them comparable economic properties.

They are also highly visible to the eye, making them a visually safer alternative when in use, and have a sloped edge (unlike wooden boards) making them less likely to become trip hazards.

A MUCH better bit of kit than what "we've always used in the past", and Ultra Access is here to fully endorse this extremely well designed and innovative scaffolding product that helps improve compliance and safety.

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