

Standing Water on AdvanTech® Subflooring Panels

AdvanTech and AdvanTech X-Factor subflooring panels are water resistant, dimensionally stable engineered oriented strand boards (OSB) that are designed to withstand exposure to moisture during normal construction. Frequent and lengthy rain storms are common and result in standing water on the subflooring of buildings under construction. Although AdvanTech subflooring panels will remain dimensionally stable in these conditions, it is best to remove standing water from the subfloor deck to expedite the drying process. The subfloor deck should be dry prior to installation of finish floor coverings.

Standing Water Removal Options:

1. Sweeping and wet vacuuming are the preferred options for removing standing water on floor decks. Sweeping may be difficult if wall framing has been installed.
2. Drilling well spaced weep holes no greater than ½" is a common approach but is the least effective method for removing standing water. If the floor deck is relatively flat, the weep hole will only drain water in the immediate vicinity of the hole.

Installing tarps over AdvanTech or AdvanTech X-Factor subflooring panels is **not** recommended, as this can potentially trap moisture in the panel and prevent its escape.

Water repellent coatings are **not** recommended with AdvanTech or AdvanTech X-Factor subflooring panels since they may interfere with the performance of finish floor coverings and will void the limited lifetime warranty.

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