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RAUKANTEX

Technical delivery specifications



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RAUKANTEX – Technical delivery specifications

1. Scope

This technical delivery specification forms part of the contract and applies to RAUKANTEX edgebands. It defines and limits the range of REHAU's services. The material and product characteristics described in the following relate to the product as supplied. This condition has been documented by means of appropriate retained samples.

2. Range of application

RAUKANTEX edgebands are used to cover the cut edges of substrate boards in the furniture industry. They are designed for indoor use.

3. Dimensions and tolerances

You can obtain the standard tolerances for RAUKANTEX edgebands from your contact partner upon request or you can also find them online (depending on the material) under

www.rehau.com/TI-raukantex

Functional edgebands



RAUKANTEX pro – the perfectionist

Edgeband with polymer functional layer

Get perfect, seamless components with the 100% polymer functional layer. 100% colour match. 100% adhesive-free – tried and tested industrial quality. Materials: PMMA, PP, ABS, PET

■ ■ ■	Moisture resistance
■ ■ ■	UV resistance
■ ■ ■	Adhesion/hardness
■ ■ ■	Appearance

Functional layer can be seamlessly fused

RAUKANTEX plus – the entry-level edgeband

Edgeband with TPU functional layer

A polymer-based, colour-matched functional layer on the back gives the components a seamless look. 100% adhesive-free. Materials: PMMA, ABS

■ ■ □	Moisture resistance
■ ■ □	UV resistance
■ ■ □	Adhesion/hardness
■ ■ □	Appearance

Functional layer with barely perceptible joint

Adhesive edgebands



RAUKANTEX pure – the standard

Primer edgeband

Adhesive is melted before it is applied to the panel or edgeband. Materials: PMMA, PP, ABS, PET, PVC

Example: EVA adhesive:

■ □ □	Moisture resistance
■ □ □	UV resistance
■ □ □	Adhesion/hardness
■ □ □	Appearance

Adhesive bond with visible joint

Example: PUR adhesive:

■ ■ ■	Moisture resistance
■ □ □	UV resistance
■ ■ ■	Adhesion/hardness
■ □ □	Appearance



Laser technology

During laser processing, a laser activates the edgeband's functional layer.



Hot air technology

In this procedure, compressed hot air is used to melt the functional layer.



NIR technology

Near infra-red technology allows thermal energy to be transferred quickly and accurately.

4. General material properties

4.1. Edgeband materials

	RAU-PP colour, decor and natura	RAU-PP designo	RAU-ABS colour, decor and natura	RAU-ABS basic edge	RAU-PMMA colour, decor
Shore hardness D DIN ISO 48-4: 2021-02	75 ± 3	75 ± 3	70 ± 4		80 ± 3
Vicat softening temperature ISO 306, method B/50	approx. 100 °C	approx. 100 °C	approx. 90 °C		approx. 80 °C
Density as per EN ISO 1183	approx. 0.6 g/cm ³				
Ball indentation hardness DIN EN ISO 2039, part 1	≥ 80 N/mm ²				
Light fastness DIN EN ISO 4892-2 Process B Assessment according to grey scale ISO 105-A02	≥ level 6	≥ level 6	≥ level 6		≥ level 6
Shrinkage for edgeband thicknesses 0.4–4.0 mm 1 h at 90 °C in a hot cabinet, open storage	≤ 0.3%	≤ 0.3%			≤ 1.0%
Shrinkage for ≥ 1.7 mm edgeband 1 h at 90 °C in a hot cabinet, open storage			≤ 1.7%	≤ 0.3%	
Shrinkage for ≤ 1.5 mm edgeband 1 h at 60 °C in a hot cabinet, open storage			≤ 0.3%		
Water vapour resistance following DIN EN 438-2 item 14	Level 5				

	RAU-PVC colour, decor and natura	RAU-PVC soft	RAU-PVC 1195 floor	RAU-PVC 1293 floor	RAU-PVC 1699 floor	RAU-PET magic 1	RAU-PP/SRT soft
Shore hardness D or A DIN EN ISO 7619-1	79 ± 4 (D)	59 to 75 (A) as specified in formulation			75 ± 4 (D)		70 to 90 (A) as specified in formulation
Vicat softening temperature ISO 306, method B/50	approx. 67 °C		approx. 73 °C	approx. 75 °C	approx. 65 °C	approx. 76 °C with aluminium insert	
Tensile strength DIN EN ISO 527-2	≥ 30 N/mm ²						
Elongation at break DIN EN ISO 527-2	0–5%						
Surface resistance, measurement with special electrode at 10 V			5x10 ⁴ < R < 5x10 ⁶ Ohm	<5x10 ¹¹ Ohm			
Volume resistance (related to 0.8 mm edgeband thickness) 100 mm edgeband on tin underlay Mount 50 mm brass electrode, at 10 V			5x10 ⁴ < R < 5x10 ⁶ Ohm				
Light fastness EN ISO 4892-2 Process B Assessment according to grey scale ISO 105-A02	≥ level 6	≥ level 6		≥ level 6		≥ level 6	≥ level 6
Shrinkage for ≥ 1.7 mm edgeband 1 h at 90 °C in a hot cabinet, open storage	≤ 1.7%					< 0.3%	
Shrinkage for ≤ 1.5 mm edgeband 1 h at 60 °C in a hot cabinet, open storage	≤ 0.3%		≤ 0.3%	< 0.3%	≤ 0.3%	< 0.1%	
Fire behaviour DIN 4102 worksheet 4	self- extinguishing	self- extinguishing	self- extinguishing	self- extinguishing	extinguishes after the acting flame has been withdrawn		

4.2. Functional layer materials

	RAUKANTEX		
	pro	plus	OFL
Shore hardness D or A DIN EN ISO 7619-1	58 ± 3 (D)	approx. 92 (A) approx. 35 (D)	90 (A) 35(D)
Melting point (DSC) DIN EN ISO 11 357-1 (heating rate 10 K/min.)	150 ± 15 °C	115 ± 20 °C	135 ± 15 °C
Density according to EN ISO 1183	0.85–0.93 g/cm ³	1.2–1.3 g/cm ³	0.95 g/cm ³
Tensile strength to ISO 527	> 14 MPa	–	–

4.3. Gloss level

The gloss level is an important product feature for surfaces and is achieved using UV lacquers. Depending on the surface quality and perspective, light is reflected differently, meaning the surface appears more or less glossy – what is known as the “shine effect”.

REHAU measures the gloss level at an angle of 60 degrees in accordance with DIN 67530, generally on smooth surfaces.

In exceptional cases the gloss level can also be measured directly on an embossed surface, but then the gloss level measured does not equate to the actual gloss level.

Tolerances for lacquered edgebands:

Gloss level	Tolerance in gloss units
6 to 100	± 3

Special lacquers can have a different tolerance. Special tolerances upon request.

Tolerances for unlacquered edgebands:

The tolerance range for unlacquered edgebands is considerably larger. This concerns what is known as machine gloss, which empirically speaking lies between 0-40 gloss units, depending on which production technique (calender/extrusion), which surface design (embossed/unembossed) or which edgeband material (ABS/PP/PPMA) is used.

5. Special notes for RAUKANTEX edgebands

5.1. ABS edgebands

It is recommended to clean edgebands made from RAU-ABS with special plastic cleaners. Substances with a high solvent or alcohol content should not be used for cleaning, as this might cause the edgeband material to become brittle or dissolve.

If strong pressure is applied while rubbing, intensive or dark colours may come off at the routed radius. For further information on cleaning, please refer to point 8. For more information on processing, please refer to the corresponding sales documentation.

5.2. Transparent PET and PMMA edgebands

When using release or cleaning agents, check carefully that they do not contain alcohol and solvents, as these must not come into contact with transparent edgeband materials.

This especially applies to antistatic agents and/or coolants. Cracks may form if agents containing alcohol or solvents are used, even after an extended period of time.

For further information, please refer to the corresponding sales documentation.

Tips on cleaning and reducing stress cracking:

Essentially, all transparent hard plastics are susceptible to stress cracking if they are over stretched and are cleaned with even mildly aggressive cleaning agents. Depending on the extent to which the material is over stretched, stress cracking can be seen as a deep material crack, as a hairline crack, or as cloudiness on the transparent material. For this reason, it is crucial that the edgeband is applied around the external radius of the board free from tension. This is achieved by sufficiently heating the edgeband material with UV lamps or hot air.

5.3. Edgebands with protective foils

The print on the protective foils of edgebands is only partially resistant to solvents.

The protective film must be removed from the edgeband directly after final assembly.

The standard protective film (transparent print) is not UV resistant (e.g. for painting). We recommend our UV-resistant black and white protective film for special applications of this kind.

5.4. RAUKANTEX pro and plus in PVC

RAUKANTEX pro or plus can also be processed in PVC material using the hot-air process.



Using laser technology to process RAUKANTEX pro or plus in PVC material is not authorised, as harmful gases may be emitted.

6. RAUKANTEX classification

6.1. RAUKANTEX pure (primer edgebands)

RAUKANTEX pure edgebands are designed for processing on standard edgebanding machines using the hot-melt adhesive process. For this purpose, the edgebands are coated on the back with a universal primer suitable for use with hot-melt adhesives. The adhesion promoter systems used are tested with products from reputable adhesive suppliers (Henkel, Jowat, Fuller, Kleiberit). Customers should carry out their own processing trials to check the suitability of all adhesives they use (EVA/PO/APAO/PUR, etc.). The processing instructions of the adhesive supplier should be observed.

6.2. RAUKANTEX plus/pro (zero-joint edgebands)

RAUKANTEX plus/pro zero-joint edgebands are designed for processing with edgebanding machines using the CO₂ or diode laser, hot air, or NIR method. For this purpose, the edgebands are provided with a functional layer. The suitability of the RAUKANTEX zero-joint edgebands must be determined by the customer by means of processing trials.

Surface smoothness:

Due to the high energy input using the zero-joint procedure, processing RAUKANTEX laser edge on chipboards can lead to a rough edgeband surface. The energy input into the functional layer conducts into the chipboard edge and, depending on the edgeband thickness (< 1.5 mm) and surface finish, (where the glossier = the more critical) the chipboard structure can telegraph itself onto the surface of the narrow edge. In these cases, we recommend the use of special functional layers after consulting the REHAU Application Engineering Department. This effect is not critical for application on MDF boards.

The functional layer of RAUKANTEX zero-joint edgebands is unacquered and therefore classified as machine gloss surface quality. This can vary with regard to gloss level and surface smoothness as a result of manufacturing dependencies. This has no effect whatsoever on the function and melting behaviour of the functional layer in processing.

RAUKANTEX pro functional layers based on PP have a high level of light fastness. Functional layers OFL 323 and 373 may change colour over time due to their material properties.

REHAU recommends use of extraction when processing the edgeband, as melting the functional layer materials can cause harmful substances to form. The extracted air can be released into the environment if the technical instruction on air quality control is

complied with – check the local regulations in each case. If cleaned air is returned, dust particles and gaseous components must be filtered in compliance with the machine and filter manufacturer's specifications.

6.3. RAUKANTEX edgeband range

6.3.1 RAUKANTEX colour and decor

RAUKANTEX colour and decor edgebands are intended for use with furniture components without special water vapour resistance requirements. The formulations PP1341/PP1541 have additional stability and an enhanced level of light fastness (1500 h to DIN EN 513 – method 2 – S).

6.3.2 RAUKANTEX designo

RAUKANTEX designo edgebands made of RAU-PP are intended for use on pieces of furniture that have special water vapour resistance requirements.

6.3.3 RAUKANTEX eco

RAUKANTEX eco edgebands made of RAU-PP embody our sustainability concept, as 50% of the polymer base material is replaced with recycled material.

6.3.4 RAUKANTEX evo

RAUKANTEX evo edgebands made of RAU-PP embody our sustainability concept, as a part of the polymer base material is replaced with non-fossil recycled material.

6.3.5 RAUKANTEX magic 1

RAUKANTEX magic 1 edgebands made of RAU-PET with aluminium insert are characterized by a realistic metal effect.

6.3.6 RAUKANTEX magic 2

RAUKANTEX edgebands with an aluminium or stainless steel surface. The aluminium or stainless steel surface is provided with UV protection lacquer and a protective foil.

6.3.7 RAUKANTEX magic 3

RAUKANTEX edgebands made of RAU-PP have a polymer aluminium or chromium surface and a protective film. They are intended for use with furniture components without special water vapour resistance requirements.

6.3.8 RAUKANTEX soft

RAUKANTEX soft edgebands with a seal/buffer element are intended for use as a dust seal or compression seal.

6.3.9 RAUKANTEX basic edge

RAUKANTEX basic edge made of foamed RAU-ABS is used as a supporting edgeband in lightweight boards or as a bottom edge of low-density chipboards for thin edge fabrication. Its surface is lightly structured and almost entirely homogeneous.

6.3.10 RAUKANTEX paintable

RAUKANTEX paintable edgebands made of RAU-ABS come in either a translucent or through-coloured design. It should be noted that translucent edgebands must be coated with an opaque paint, as they have limited light fastness. Various paint systems are suitable for coating (e.g. DD or hydro lacquer).

As the suitability of a paint is greatly dependent on its type, application technique and coat thickness, paint adhesion results (immediate adhesion and long-term properties) should be checked individually by the customer. For edgebands which have been stored for a long time, another processing trial (including painting) should be carried out before use. With the paintable edgebands, there are no particular edgeband surface requirements in terms of colour, homogeneity or gloss.

Store the edgebands away from light.

In addition to RAUKANTEX, paintable edgebands, it is also possible to use coloured ABS series edgebands for over painting. However, these ABS edgebands must be used in uni version, unlacquered and unembossed. Lacquered ABS edgebands are not suitable for top-coating.

6.3.11 RAUKANTEX floor

RAUKANTEX edgebands made of electrically conductive RAU-PVC 1195 (thickness ≥ 0.5 mm) with primer are self-extinguishing and are used to discharge static electricity on raised floor elements.

Please note that, due to the ingredients used, colour may come off if it is not handled correctly.

The formulation of RAUKANTEX edgebands made of RAU-PVC 1699 with primer reduces creaking noises and makes them self-extinguishing. These edgebands are used to cover the cut edges of raised floor elements.

RAUKANTEX edgebands made of RAU-PVC 1293 with primer have a defined brittleness and are self-extinguishing. They are used to cover the cut edges of raised floor elements made of mineral material.

If printed with text the print will have only limited resistance to abrasion and solvents.

6.3.12 RAUKANTEX door

RAUKANTEX door edgebands made of RAU-PP are specially intended for use with door rebates. These edgebands are only available in RAU-PP in variants pro and pure.

It should be noted that certain functional layers have only limited UV resistance (depending on storage conditions). Functional layers OFL 323 and 373 may change colour. In the processed state, however, this plays an insignificant role, as the joint line is very thin.

Please bear the separate tolerances for this product range in mind.

6.3.13 RAUKANTEX health.protect

RAUKANTEX edgebands can also be manufactured to be antibacterial. If this is something you require, please get in touch with your REHAU contact partner. You can find information on the active ingredient (silver phosphate glass) and its effects in our Technical Information MO1678, "RAUKANTEX health.protect".

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6.3.14 RAUKANTEX wood (solid wood veneer edgebands)

Solid wood veneer edgebands come in different thicknesses and are sometimes glue-laminated in multiple layers for edge banding substrate boards in the furniture industry. The shelf life in the unopened packaging and under normal temperatures (20 °C/65% rel. humidity) is at least 12 months.

After expiry of this period, you should first carry out processing tests prior to use. Incorrect storage might cause the veneer edgebands to become brittle.

7. Usage instructions

RAUKANTEX edgebands are suitable for continuous production lines and machining centres. The exact processing parameters required depend on the glues and additives used, environmental conditions, and the machines and tools used. The customer must ensure edgeband adhesion after fabrication using suitable methods and tests.

The edgebands to be processed must be conditioned at normal room temperature (approx. 18 °C to 25 °C). It is recommended to open the packaging.

Due to their material properties (formulation and pigmentation), edgebands of certain colours may be subject to stress whitening if the selected board radius is too small.

The following serves as a basic guide for radius compatibility:

- Edge thickness 0.40–1.3 mm > minimum external radius approx. 20 mm
- Edge thickness 1.5–2.0 mm > minimum external radius approx. 30 mm
- Edge thickness 2.1–3.0 mm > minimum external radius approx. 50 mm

Smaller radii are certainly possible, but these must be verified individually based on the influencing parameters (machine, adhesive, programming, edgeband material).

You will find more usage instructions in the relevant sales documentation and technical information.

8. Cleaning/disinfection

8.1. Cleaning

Below, you will find an overview of the resistance of edgeband materials to chemicals that are/may be an ingredient in commercially available cleaning agents.

This overview only refers to the pure base material of the edgeband.

Other influencing factors are the composition of the cleaning agent and the exposure time and volume. The listed resistance always refers to the basic substance or the base of the cleaning agent used.

	PP	ABS	PMMA	PVC
Acetone	+	–	–	–
Benzine	+	0	+	+
Cyclohexanone	+	–	–	0
Acetic acid, concentrated	+	–	+	0
Ethanol, 96% (alcohol)	+	+	–	0
Ethyl acetate, vinegar	+	–	–	–
Heptane, hexane	+	0	+	+
Isopropanol	+	0	–	+
Methyl ethyl ketone	+	–	–	–
Sodium hypochlorite, 2% active chlorine	+	+	+	+
Hydrogen peroxide, 30% aqueous	+	+	+	+
Hydrogen peroxide, 10% aqueous	+	+	+	+

+ resistant 0 limited resistance – not resistant

Cleaner-specific additives (oils, fragrances, etc.) may also have a harmful effect on the polymers. For this reason, the suitability of each cleaning agent must be checked individually (it is recommended to test the cleaner on a less-visible spot).

8.2. Disinfection

Various disinfection agents have been tested on different edgeband materials. When used as intended in line with the specifications of the manufacturer, no changes to the edgeband could be determined. For more information, please contact your Applications Engineering Department. We recommend testing disinfection agents on a less-visible spot first and following the manufacturer's specifications.

9. Surface design

Surfaces are specified in accordance with the REHAU embossing and gloss level collection. Deviations caused by processing or material should not impact on the appearance when viewed from 0.5 m.

10. Storage

If stored properly, RAUKANTEX edgebands can be stored for min. 12 months. For edgebands older than 12 months, however, a processing trial should always be carried out prior to series processing.

Recommended storage conditions:

- room temperature (approx. 18 °C to 25 °C)
- dry
- clean
- no solvent vapours
- protected from light

RAUKANTEX soft PVC must not be stored longer than 6 months after delivery.

RAUKANTEX plus (with a pre-coating of thermoplastic glue on the back) must not be stored for longer than six months after delivery. The storage temperature must not exceed 25 °C to prevent the individual layers from sticking together.

11. Scope of supply and packaging

Coil packaging/packaging of RAUKANTEX edgebands is carried out as specified in the order. For the standard stock range, the units are packaged according to standard specifications.

A length tolerance of +/- 2% (at room temperature – approx. 18–25 °C) applies for production orders.

A length tolerance of +/- 5% (at room temperature approx. 18–25 °C) applies to zero-joint edgebands PRO from the standard stock range due to production-technical dependencies.

12. Function

It is the responsibility of the customer to establish the suitability of our product for the specific application as part of their own meaningful functional tests for series delivery.

13. Modifications

As the responsible supplier, REHAU reserves the right to make modifications or variations for the purpose of improvement and further development of the described products; changes to the specifications agreed herein being excluded. The latest edition of the Technical Delivery Specifications applies in this case.

14. Compliance with standards

Changes to requirements resulting from modification of the standards listed in this Technical Delivery Specification must be reported and requested by the customer. If no other agreement is in place, the status of standards valid when this TDS was issued shall apply.

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