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#### **SPECIFIC PARTS**

#### 1. Technical description of the product

The subject of this European Technical Assessment (ETA) is a kit for ventilated external wall claddings (façade system GRACCO SURFACES ®) consisting of external cladding elements, their associated fixing devices and the aluminium subframe. According to the EAD 090020-00-0404 "Kits for external wall claddings made of agglomerated stone" edition October 2016.

The GRACCO SURFACES® Facade System is supplied as a kit comprised of the agglomerated stone cladding panels. The other components of the ventilated façade system are not part of the kit, but are listed in table 1. Technical information on the components can be found in the annexes to this ETA.

Components		GRACCO SURFACES®	Technical description ANNEX A
Cladding element		Agglomerated stone panels with groove	A.1
Cladding fixing		Aluminium alloy continuous profiles	A.2
	Vertical profiles	Aluminium alloy profiles "T"	A.3
		Aluminium alloy continuous profiles "L"	
Subframe	Brackets	Aluminium alloy brackets	A.4
components	Fixings between brackets and vertical profiles	Stainless steel self-drilling screws ref. S-AD 01 SS 5,5xL	A.5
	Fasteners between cladding element attachment and vertical profiles	Stainless steel self-drilling screws ref. S-MD 51 LS 5,5x25	A.6

Table 1: Façade System GRACCO SURFACES ® kit components



# 2 Specification of the intended use(s) in accordance with the applicable European Assessment Document (hereinafter EAD)

#### 2.1 Intended use

The façade system GRACCO SURFACES ® is a kit intended to be used for ventilated external wall cladding, which can be fixed to the external walls of new or existing buildings. The supporting walls are made of masonry (stone, ceramic or concrete) or concrete (cast in situ or with prefabricated panels).

The kit for ventilated external wall claddings is a non loa d-bearing construction system. It does not contribute to the stability of the wall on which it is installed, but it can contribute to its durability by providing enhanced protection from the effect of weathering. The kit is not intended to ensure the air tightness of the building structure.

The provisions made in this European Technical Assessment are based on an assumed working life of 25 years as minimum, provided that the cladding kits are subject to appropriate use and maintenance.

The indications given on the working life cannot be interpreted as a guarantee given by the producer or Assessment Body but are to be regarded only as a means for choosing the right products in relation to the expected economically reasonable working life of the works.

#### 2.2 Manufacturing

The European Technical Assessment is issued for the external wall cladding for ventilated façade on the basis of agreed data/information, deposited at Tecnalia Research & Innovation, which identifies the kit that has been assessed and judged.

Changes to the kit or production process, which could result in this deposited data/information being incorrect, shall be notified to Tecnalia Research & Innovation before the changes are introduced. Tecnalia Research & Innovation will decide whether or not such changes affect the ETA and consequently, the validity of the CE marking on the basis of the ETA; and if so, whether further assessment or alterations to the ETA shall be necessary.

#### 2.3 Design and installation

The installation instructions including special installation techniques and provisions for the qualification of the personnel are given in the manufacturer's technical documentation.

Design, installation and execution of the façade system GRACCO SURFACES ® is to be in conformity with national documents. Such documents and the level of their implementation in Member States' legislation are different. Therefore, the assessment is done taking into account the general assumptions introduced in EAD 090020-00-0404 used as EAD, which summarizes how information introduced in the ETA and related documents is intended to be used in the construction process and gives advice to all parties interested when normative documents are missing.



#### 2.4 Packaging, transport and storage

The information on packaging, transport and storage is given in the manufacturer's technical documentation. It is the responsibility of the manufacturer(s) to ensure that this information is effectively communicated to the concerned people.

#### 2.5 Use, maintenance and repair

The maintenance of the façade system GRACCO SURFACES ® includes inspections on site, taking into account the following aspects:

- Regarding the panels: Appearance of any damage such as cracking or folding due to permanent and irreversible deformation.
- Regarding metallic components: Presence of corrosion or water accumulation.
- Necessary repairs should be done rapidly, using the same kit components and following the repair instructions given by ETA holder.

The information on use, maintenance and repair is given in the manufacturer's technical documentation. It is the responsibility of the manufacturer(s) to ensure that this information is effectively communicated to the concerned people.



# 3 Performance of the product and references to the methods used for its assessment

The identification tests and the assessment for the intended use of this façade system GRACCO SURFACES ® according to the Basic Requirements (BWR) were carried out in compliance with EAD 090020-00-0404 "Kits for external wall claddings made of agglomerated stone". The characteristics of the components shall correspond to the respective values laid down in the technical documentation of this ETA, checked by Tecnalia Research & Innovation.

Basic Works Requirement	Essential cha	aracteristic	ETA section	Performance
BWR 2 Safety in case of fire	Reaction to fire		3.1	A1
BWR 3 Hygiene,	Watertightness of joints driving rain)	(protection against	3.2	Not watertight (open joints)
health and the environment	Drainability		3.3	See § 3.3 y figures B.1 to B.9
	Wind load resistance		3.4	3.600 Pa
	Resistance to vertical loa	ad	3.5	0,32 mm after 254 minutes
	Impact resistance		3.6	See table 3
	Bending strength of cladding element		3.7	9,3 MPa
BWR 4 Safety and	Resistance of grooved	Mean	3.8	1.607 N
accessibility in use	cladding element	Characteristic	3.8	1.334 N
	Cladding fixing resistance	Cladding fixing resistance		Not relevant
	Resistance of the profiles		3.10	Not relevant
	Pull-through resistance of fixing from profile		3.11	Not relevant
	Pull-out resistance of fix	ing from profile	3.12	Not relevant
	Bracket resistance		3.13	Not relevant



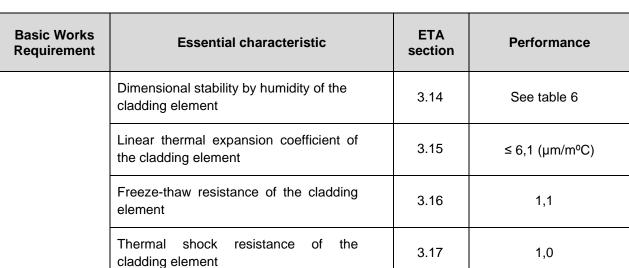


Table 2: GRACCO SURFACES ® façade kit performance summary (see also the performance details in the relevant sections of the ETA).

3.18

Not relevant

Corrosion of metal components



#### 3.1 Reaction to fire

Reaction to fire of GRACCO SURFACES ® kit is A1 according to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/364 and EN 13501-1.

If an insulation layer placed in the ventilated air space is made of a non-combustible material (mineral wool) or if the layer behind the cladding elements is a mineral substrate like masonry or concrete (A1 or A2-s1, d0).

In other cases, not assessed.

Note: A European reference fire scenario has not been laid down for façades. In some Member States, the classification of external wall cladding kits according to EN 13501-1 might not be sufficient for the use in façades. An additional assessment of external wall cladding kits according to national provisions (e.g. on the basis of a large-scale test) might be necessary to comply with Member State regulations, until the existing European classification system has been completed.

#### 3.2 Watertightness of joints (protection against driving rain)

Joints between the cladding elements in the external wall cladding for ventilated façades are open, therefore GRACCO SURFACES ® kit is not watertight.

#### 3.3 Drainability

On the basis of the construction details (see figures from B.1 to B.9), the installation criterio and the available knowledge and experience, it is considered that the water which penetrates into the air space or the condensation water can be drained out from the cladding without accumulation or moisture damage or leakage into the substrate.

#### 3.4 Wind load resistance

Wind load resistance has been assessed according to § 2.2.4 and Annex D of EAD 090020-00-0404.

The performance of the kit exposed to wind pressure is more favourable than when exposed to wind suction. Therefore, the wind suction resistance has been tested in its most unfavourable arrangement: maximum width of the cladding element and maximum distance between vertical profiles and between horizontal profiles.

Maximum load, Q = 3.600 Pa

#### 3.5 Resistance to vertical load

Resistance to vertical load has been assessed according to § 2.2.5 and Annex E of EAD 090020-00-0404.

An additional load of 650 N is applied to a cladding panel, producing a stable displacement of 0,32 mm after 254 minutes with the load applied.



#### 3.6 Impact resistance

Impact resistance has been assessed according to § 2.2.6 and Annex F of EAD 090020-00-0404.

Cladding element			Cladding fixing and subframe	Impacts	Degree of exposure in use (*)	
Cladding element	Length (mm)	≤ 1.200	The	- Hard body (0,5 kg) impacts of 1 J	CATEGORY IV	
e= 20 mm	Width (mm)	≤ 600	mechanically weakest case	- Soft body (3 kg) impacts of 10 J		
Cladding element e= 30 mm	Length (mm)	≤ 2.000	The mechanically weakest case	mechanically	- Hard body (0,5 kg) impacts of 3 J	CATEGORY
	Width (mm)	≤ 1.200			wookest case	- Soft body (3 kg) impacts of 10 J
Perforated cladding	Length (mm)	≤ 2.000	The mechanically	- Hard body (0,5 kg) impacts of 3 J	CATEGORY	
element e= 30 mm	Width (mm)	≤ 1.200	weakest case	- Soft body (3 kg) impacts of 10 J	III	

- (\*) Category I: This category means that the degree of exposure in use should be a zone at ground level readily accessible to the public and vulnerable to hard body impacts but not subjected to abnormally rough use.
  - Category II: This category means that the degree of exposure in use should be a zone liable to impacts from thrown objects, but in public locations where the height of the kit will limit the size of the impact; or at lower levels where access to the building is primarily to those with some incentive to exercise care.
  - Category III: This category means that the degree of exposure in use should be a zone not likely to be damaged by normal impacts caused by people or by thrown or kicked objects.
  - Category IV: This category means that the degree of exposure in use should be a zone out of reach from ground level.

Note: Performance not assessed for 20 mm thick cladding elements with length > 1200 mm and width > 600 mm.

Table 3: Impact resistance.



### 3.7 Mechanical resistance of cladding element. Bending strength

Bending strength has been assessed according to §2.2.7

Initial bending strength values and after ageing (freeze-thaw cycles, see clause 3.16, and after thermal shock cycles, see clause 3.17) are listed in Table 4.

Cladding element	Bending strength (MPa)		
	Mean value	Mean ratio	
Without ageing	9,3		
After freeze-thaw cycles	9,9	1,1	
After thermal shock cycles	9,7	1,0	

Table 4: Bending strength of the cladding element.

Note: Performance not assessed for 30 mm thick perforated cladding elements.

#### 3.8 Resistance of the grooved cladding element.

Groove resistance has been assessed according to § 2.2.8 Annex G of EAD 090020-00-0404.

Mean and characteristics values are listed in Table 5.

Cladding element	Ultimate resistance (N)		
	$R_{m,u}$	R <sub>c,u</sub> <sup>(*)</sup>	
	1.607	1.334	

<sup>(\*)</sup> Characteristics values giving 75% confidence that the 95% of test results will be higher than this value.

Table 5: Resistance of the grooved cladding element.

### 3.9 Resistance of cladding fixing.

Not relevant.

#### 3.10 Resistance of profiles

Not relevant.

#### 3.11 Pull-through resistance of fixing from profile

Not relevant.

#### 3.12 Pull-out resistance of fixing from profile

Not relevant.



#### 3.13 Bracket resistance

Not relevant.

### 3.14 Dimensional stability by humidity of the cladding element

Dimensional stability by humidity of the cladding element has been assessed according to § 2.2.14 of EAD 090020-00-0404.

Cladding element e= 20 mm				
Characteristic		Relative Humidity (RH)	Mean value	
		30%	3,18	
Moisture content (%)		65%	3,21	
		85%	3,34	
	Relative	from 65% to 85%	0,02	
Length variation (mm/m)	Relative	from 65% to 30%	-0,16	
	Total	from 30% to 85%	0,18	
Cladding element e= 30 r	nm			
Characteristic		Relative Humidity (RH)	Mean value	
		30%	3,08	
Moisture content (%) (%)		65%	3,12	
		85%	3,22	
	Relative	from 65% to 85%	0,02	
Length variation (mm/m)	ixciative	from 65% to 30%	-0,09	
	Total	from 30% to 85%	0,11	

Table 6: Dimensional stability by humidity of the cladding element.

#### 3.15 Linear thermal expansion coefficient of the cladding element.

Linear thermal expansion coefficient of the cladding element has been assessed according to §2.2.15 of EAD 090020-00-0404.

Mean value of linear thermal expansion coefficient is  $\leq 6,1 \, \mu \text{m/m}^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

T <sup>a</sup> range	Linear thermal expansion coefficient – mean value (μm/mºC)
30-50 °C	6,1
50-80 °C	5,3
80-100 °C	4,4

Table 7: Linear thermal expansion coefficient of the cladding element.









### 3.16 Freeze-thaw resistance of the cladding element.

Freeze-thaw resistance of the cladding elements has been assessed according to § 2.2.16 of EAD 090020-00-0404.

Mean values of the bending strength resistance after freeze-thaw cycles are listed in table 4.

#### 3.17 Thermal shock resistance of the cladding element.

Thermal shock resistance of the cladding element has been assessed according to § 2.2.17 of EAD 090020-00-0404.

Mean values of the bending strength resistance after thermal shock cycles are listed in table 4.

#### 3.18 Corrosion of metal components

Not relevant.



# 4 Assessment and verification of constancy of performance (hereinafter AVCP) system applied, with reference to its legal base

According to the European Commission Decision 2003/640/EC, the AVCP System (see Delegated Regulation (EU) No 568/2014 amending Annex V to Regulation (EU) No 305/2011) given in the following table applies:

Product	Intended use	Level or class	System
Kit for external wall	Uses not subject to fire regulations	Any 2+	
cladding	Uses subject to fire regulations	A1	4

# 5 Technical details necessary for the implementation of the AVCP system, as provided for in the applicable EAD

Technical details necessary for the implementation of the Assessment and Verification of Constancy of Performance (AVCP) system are laid down in the control plan deposited at Tecnalia Research & Innovation.

The Control Plan is a confidential part of the ETA and is only handed over to the notified body involved in the assessment and verification of constancy of performance.

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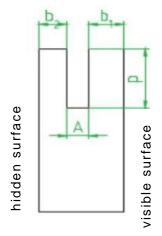


#### **ANNEX A: TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION**

# A.1 Cladding elements: Agglomerated stone panels

Characteristic	Value	Value			
Trade name	GRACCO SURFAC	GRACCO SURFACES ®			
Nominal length (mm)	100 – 2.000				
Nominal width (mm)	100 – 1.200				
Thickness (mm)	20 - 30				
Flatness tolerance	≤ 0,3			UNE-EN 15286	
Straight angles	L<600 mm	L<600 mm			
	± 0,9	± 1,2	± 3,0	UNE-EN 15286	
Density	2.301 kg/m <sup>3</sup>			UNE-EN 14617-1	
Bending strength	≥ 9,3 MPa (See also section 3.7	7)		UNE-EN 14617-2	
Linear thermal expansion	≤ 6,1 (µm/m°C) (See also section 3.1	14)		UNE-EN 14617-11	
Freeze-thaw resistance	1,1 (See also section 3.1	1,1 (See also section 3.15)			
Thermal shock resistance	1,0 (See also section 3.16)			UNE-EN 14617-6	
Perforated cladding	Truncated conical per External Ø=60 mm Internal Ø=50 mm	Truncated conical perforations. External Ø=60 mm			

Table A.1. Cladding panel characteristics.





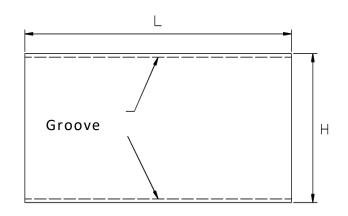


Figure A1.1 GRACCO SURFACES ® cladding



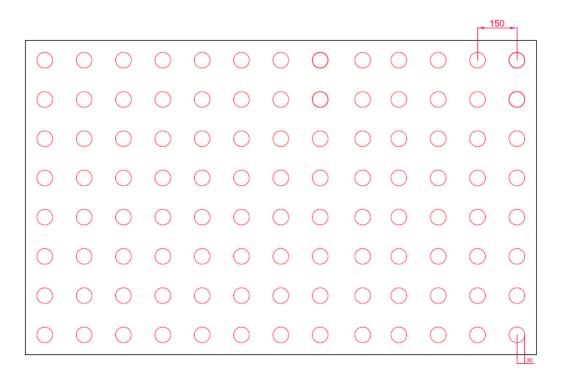


Figure A1.2 Perforated GRACCO SURFACES ® cladding

#### A.2 Cladding fixings

Aluminium rail profiles

Geometric characteristics					
Characteristics Value					
Trade name		MFT-SPB 38	MFT-SPM 38	MFT-SPT 38	MFT-SPJ 38
Form		Fig. A2.1	Fig. A2.2	Fig. A2.3	Fig. A2.4
Material			Aluminium EN	AW 6063 T66	
Weight per linear	r metre (kg/m)	/m) 0,4 0,7 0,4 0,6			
Length as delivery (m)		6	6	6	6
Cross section (m	ım²)	153,2	275,2	126,6	224,4
Moment of	I <sub>xx</sub>	32.116	54.060	33.970	75.097
inertia (mm <sup>4</sup> )	l <sub>yy</sub>	6.164	13.108	9.425	11.816
Section	W <sub>xx</sub>	1.377	2.303	1.200	2.047
modulus (mm <sup>3</sup> )	W <sub>yy</sub>	391	627	523	643

Table A.2.1 Geometric characteristics of continuous aluminium alloy profiles.



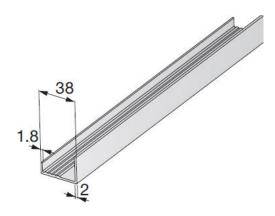


Figure A2.1 MFT-SPB 38 profile

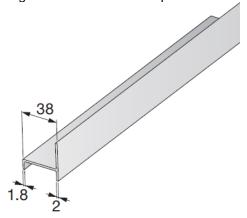


Figure A2.3 MFT-SPT 38 profile

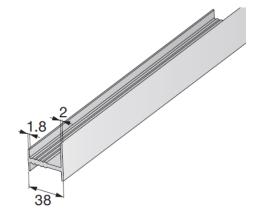


Figure A2.2 MFT-SPM 38 profile

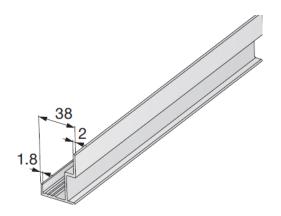


Figure A2.4 MFT-SPJ 38 profile

Material properties			
Characteristic	Value	Reference	
Type of material	AW 6063 T66		
Durability class	В		
Specific gravity	2.700 (kg/m³)		
Modulus of elasticity	70.000 (MPa)	UNE EN 1999-1-1	
Poisson coefficient	0,30	UNE EN 755-2	
Thermal expansion coefficient (T≤100°C)	23,2 μm/m°C		
Elastic limit R <sub>p0,2</sub>	≥ 170 MPa		
Tensile strength R <sub>m</sub>	≥ 215 MPa		

Table A.2.2 Material characteristics of continuous aluminium alloy profiles.



#### A.3 Subframe vertical profiles

Material properties				
(	Characteristic	Value	Reference	
Type of material	Type of material		UNE-EN 1999-1-1 UNE EN 755-2	
Durability class	Durability class			
Specific gravity		2.700 (kg/m³)		
Modulus of elasticity	Modulus of elasticity			
Poisson coefficient		0,30		
Thermal expansion coefficient (T≤100°C)		23,2 μm/m°C	ONE EN 700 2	
Elongation 80 (%)		≥ 8		
Elongation 50 (%)		≥ 6		
Tensile strength		≥130 (MPa)		
	Geometric charac	teristics		
Characteristic	Value			
Characteristic	T60x100x1,8	L60x40x1,8		
Trade name	MFT-T	MFT-L		
Form	Figura A3.a	Figura	Figura A3.b	
Weight per linear metre	0,7	0,4	0,4	
Area	258,5	157	157,8	
Standard length	6	6	6	
I <sub>xx</sub>	81.425	72.397		

138.182

1.680

2764

Table A.3. Description of vertical profiles.

 $I_{yy} \\$ 

 $W_{xx} \\$ 

 $\overline{W_{yy}}$ 

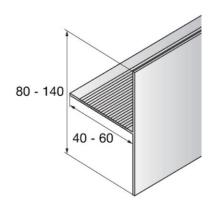
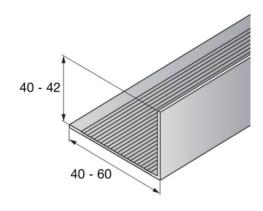


Figure A3.a MFT-T profile



12.965

1.741

601

Figure A3.b MFT-SPJ 38 profile



#### A.4 Subframe brackets

Material properties				
Characteristic		Value	Reference	
Type of material		AW-6063T66		
Durability class		В		
Specific gravity		2.700 (kg/m³)		
Modulus of elasticity		70.000 (MPa)		
Poisson coefficient		0,30	UNE EN 1999-1-1	
Thermal expansion (T≤100°C)	coefficient	23,2 μm/m°C	UNE EN 755-2	
Elongation 80 (%)		≥ 8		
Elongation 50 (%)		≥ 6		
Tensile strength Insulation material		≥130 (MPa)		
		Polypropylene		
		Geometric properties		
Characte	Characteristic Value		ue	
Trade na	ame	MFT-MFIL	MFT-MFIM	
Form		Figure A.4.a	Figure A.4.b	
Dimensions (mm) <sup>1</sup>		166 x 68 x L 65 ≤ L ≤ 275 (mm)	86 x 68 x L 65 ≤ L ≤ 275 (mm)	
Vertical load	Fy (kN)	1,84 – 15,97	0,61 – 5,28	
Horizontal load	Fx (kN)	4,17	2,26	

Table A.4. Description of brackets.

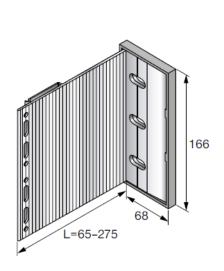
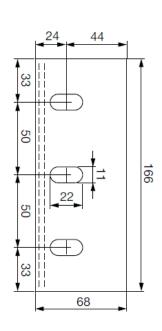


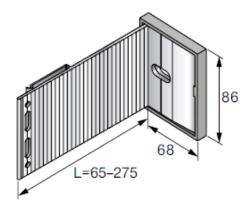
Figure A4.a MFT-MFIL bracket



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 $<sup>^{\</sup>mathbf{1}}$  Dimensions (H x B x L) where H: height; B: width; L: span length.





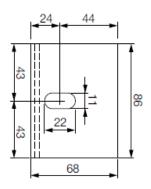


Figure A.4.b. MFT-MFIM bracket



#### A.5 Fixings between brackets and vertical profiles

Characteristic	Value	Reference
Trade name	S-AD 01 SS 5,5xL	
Form	Figure A.5.a	
Generic type	Self-drilling screw	
Diameter	Ø5,4 mm	
Screw head	Ø13mm	
Material	A2 Stainless steel	EN 3506

Table A.5. Description of fixings between brackets and vertical profiles.

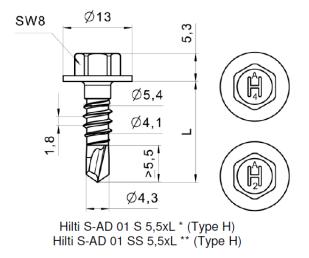


Figure A.5.a. Self-drilling screw S-AD 01 SS 5,5xL



#### A.6 Fixings between horizontal aluminium rail profiles and vertical profiles

Characteristic	Value	Reference
Trade name	S-MD 51 LSS 5,5 x L	
Form	Figure A.6.a	
Generic type	Self-drilling screw	
Diameter	Ø5,4 mm	
Screw head	Ø13mm	
Material	Stainless steel	EN 3506

Table A.5. Description of the fixings between the horizontal aluminium rail profiles and the vertical profiles.

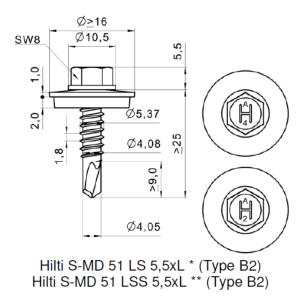


Figure A.6.a. Self-drilling screw S-MD 51 LSS 5,5 x L



## **ANNEX B: CONSTRUCTION DETAILS**

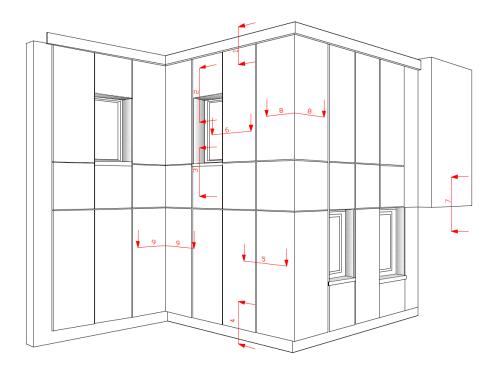


Figure B.1. Construction detail.

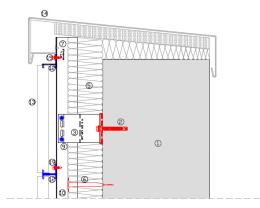


Figure B.2. Top detail (Roof edge)

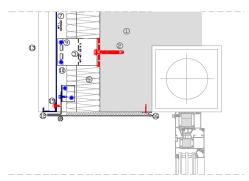


Figure B.2. Windows detail (Lintel)



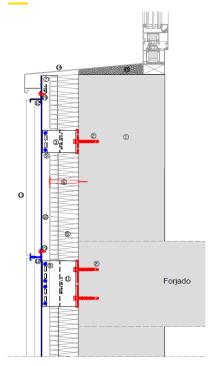


Figure B.3. Windows detail (Sill)

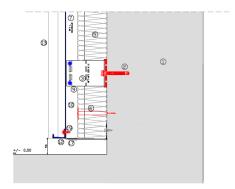


Figure B.4. bottom detail (Base edge)

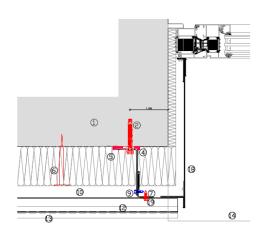


Figure B.6. Horizontal corner detail

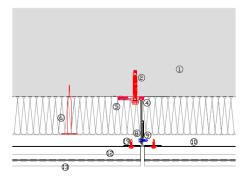


Figure B.5. Horizontal detail

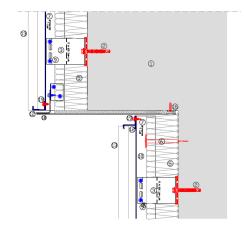


Figure B.7. Finishing detail (Flight)



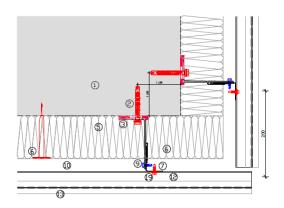


Figure B.8. Horizontal detail outside corner

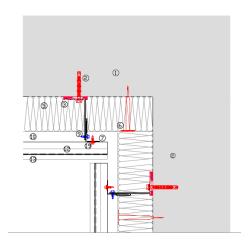


Figure B.9. Horizontal detail inside corner

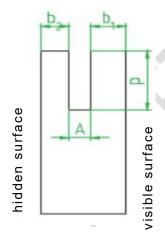


#### **ANNEX A: TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION**

## A.1 Cladding elements: Agglomerated stone panels

Characteristic	Value			Reference
Trade name	GRACCO SURFACES ®			
Nominal length (mm)	100 – 2.000			
Nominal width (mm)	100 – 1.200	100 – 1.200		
Thickness (mm)	20 - 30			
Flatness tolerance	≤ 0,3			UNE-EN 15286
Straight angles	L<600 mm	≥600 mm & ≤1.000 mm	>1.000 mm & ≤3.500 mm	
	± 0,9	± 1,2	± 3,0	UNE-EN 15286
Density	2.301 kg/m <sup>3</sup>			UNE-EN 14617-1
Bending strength	≥ 9,3 MPa (See also section 3.7)			UNE-EN 14617-2
Linear thermal expansion	≤ 6,1 (µm/m°C) (See also section 3.14)			UNE-EN 14617-11
Freeze-thaw resistance	1,1 (See also section 3.15)			UNE-EN 14617-5
Thermal shock resistance	1,0 (See also section 3.16)			UNE-EN 14617-6
Perforated cladding	Truncated conical perforations.  External Ø=60 mm  Internal Ø=50 mm			

Table A.1. Cladding panel characteristics.





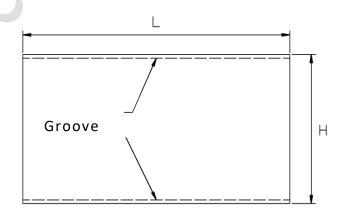


Figure A1.1 GRACCO SURFACES ® cladding