

JELD-WEN Stairs achieve BWF Accreditation and Fire Testing with BRE



What does the British Woodworking Federation (BWF), Timber Stair Accreditation and Fire Certification Scheme mean to you?

- Guaranteed supply of a staircase that complies with all current Building Regulations
- Assured safety standards
- Easy to check during NHBC, LABC and other building inspections
- A lower cost, more convenient stair for multiple occupancy than concrete
- Peace of mind

What is the Scheme?

The BWF Stair Scheme, launched 1st September 2010, tackles quality issues by setting an industry standard for stairs which enables the regulatory authorities to identify which are accredited products and which are not. BWF accredited stairs will meet the relevant performance requirements for:

- Load carrying capacity
- Deflection under load
- Fire resistance (where appropriate)
- Trunk and baluster assemblies

Accredited Stairs Badges

All our products carry the BWF badge which will be located in one of the following places:

- At the back of the newel post in a 3mm deep recess under the hand rail
- On the top left hand corner of the lowest riser
- Where the stair has open treads with minimal risers, or where the customer insists that the badge should not be visible, beneath the lowest tread in such a position as to enable it to be viewed using a mirror

We will keep a record of labelled stairs for a minimum of ten years.

The badges are self-adhesive, tamper evident and printed on a holographic background. They clearly identify the level of accreditation and carry a unique serial number to ensure traceability.

Accredited Domestic Stair

Single occupancy domestic dwelling.



Accredited Common Flight

Stair in the common parts of buildings. Multiple occupancy.



Certificated Fire Protected Common Stair

In addition to the requirements for common flight stairs, we will demonstrate that our stairs comply with the requirements for fire protection under BD2569. This will involve product testing and will be subject to independent third-party certification by BRE Certification, the Scheme's certification partner.



All JELD-WEN stairs are covered by the new BWF Scheme

Fire Certification of timber stairs

This is the most significant development in timber stairs for decades. In medium-rise buildings, the common flight stair may act as one of the routes of escape in the event of fire, so it is vital that it is able to resist the effects of the fire and maintain its integrity. This demands a higher level of accreditation. JELD-WEN stairs are tested by the BRE and comply with the requirements for fire protection under the test method set out in BD2569 Fire Performance of Escape Stairs – Guidance Document (Department for Communities and Local Government, 2009).



The alternative to concrete stairs:

Fire certificated timber stairs from JELD-WEN now provide a hugely more cost effective alternative to concrete and with much lighter weight, ease of installation and adjustment. When you add the warm, homely attractiveness of timber stairs over the stark, institutionalised feel of concrete, residents will love the timber stair for many years.

How have we been accredited?

- We have been approved independently by the BWF and Building Research Establishment (BRE). This involves regular audits that are carried out to ensure we meet the agreed standards.
- Our factory has a Factory Production Control in place to ensure our products are manufactured consistently. This will become a necessity for anyone who wants to CE mark their products.
- All our stairs carry the appropriate BWF Stair Scheme badge.

All JELD-WEN stair design and manufacturing will be independently accredited as complying with the relevant Building Regulations and product standards.

"We believe this Scheme tackles important issues within the industry that need to be addressed. We want to help raise industry standards on stair manufacturing in the UK and provide a benchmark that raises the bar, and gives guidance to customers specifying or purchasing a staircase. This will make sure sub standard products become a thing of the past, and safety and quality are improved."

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