

NBS Plus

A library of technical product information written in NBS format, integrated into NBS specification products



NBS Plus is a library of manufacturers' product information, linked to specific clauses within the NBS specification software products – NBS Building, NBS Landscape, NBS Engineering Services and NBS Scheduler. It enables manufacturers to make their product information available to specifiers at the point they need it most – when completing a specification. The links within the specification software allow users to specify products quickly and accurately by a click of a button that then drops the product information directly into a specification.

In creating the content of NBS Plus, the product details and technical guidance submitted by a wide range of building product manufacturers is reviewed by NBS Plus technical authors and the appropriate information edited to fit seamlessly into the relevant NBS clauses. The product information is reviewed regularly, ensuring that the information the user is specifying is accurate, up-to-date and suitable for the purpose intended.

NBS Plus has undergone significant enhancements making it much easier for the specifiers to use and providing the manufacturer with qualifiable features and benefits.

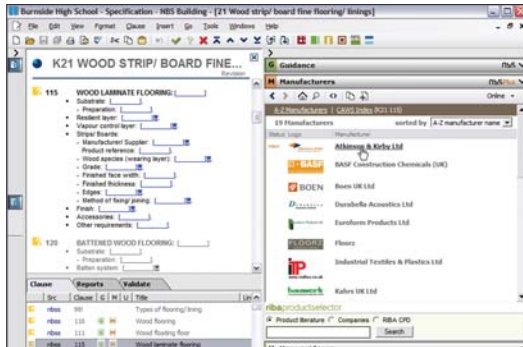
NBS – the industry standard

NBS is the industry standard specification system used by more than 45,000 registered users to download relevant building clauses. Available online and on CD-ROM, as well as hard copy, it is a library of pre-written technical specification clauses and preliminaries for producing building specifications. Reference is made to guidance and other technical information, such as British Standards throughout. Authored by an in-house team of architects and engineers, NBS specification systems offer construction professionals the ability to create up-to-date project documents for a wide variety of applications.

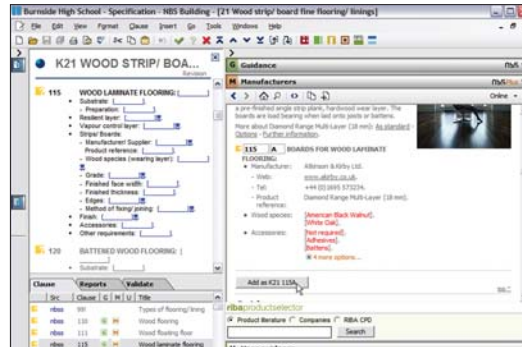
NBS Building is our most widely used specification system, suitable for a variety of construction projects and available in three levels of service, depending upon projects undertaken. NBS Landscape is established as the industry standard specification system, with specification and contract preliminaries suitable for both hard and soft landscape projects. NBS Engineering Services, a new specification system, is a library of specification clauses with extensive guidance, suitable for a wide range of engineering services projects. NBS Scheduler is suited to small works and refurbishment projects.

Have your product information incorporated into the market leading specification software

By having your product information included in NBS Plus it will be readily available to all 45,000



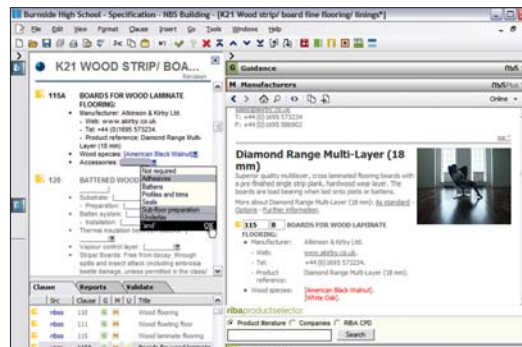
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- 1 NBS clause and list of relevant NBS Plus manufacturers
- 2 NBS Plus page for the manufacturer Atkinson and Kirby Ltd
- 3 Simply add a product specification in one click
- 4 Specification approaching completion using NBS Plus data

registered users subscribing to NBS Building, NBS Landscape, NBS Engineering Services and NBS Scheduler. NBS subscribers do not pay extra to access NBS Plus information. It is an easily accessible, added benefit within the specification service.

Support your specifier customers by being able to provide them with product information in NBS format

Through NBS, contractors receive the appropriate specification at the tender stage allowing them to price accurately. This reduces the need to plan for uncertainties. Accurate specifications of your products are less likely to lead to substitution.

By using NBS Plus the specifier can be sure that what they are specifying is accurate and suitable for the purpose intended.

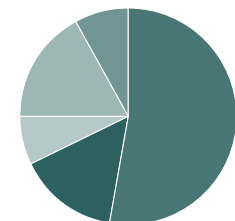
The specifier can save time without compromising quality, as in a standard NBS Plus entry all the information required to specify is available within the page, in NBS format.

The latest benefits and product details

- The significantly improved NBS format simplifies navigation, offering product guidance and product options on your range
- Your product clauses can now be added to the specification with just one click

- Customised specification entries tailored to your products and with product-feature-specific, drop-down menus
- You can conveniently view, check and amend your NBS material at any time
- NBS usage will be tracked to provide valuable statistics
- Your NBS data is now accessible online to a vast audience via www.ribaproductselector.com (ABCE audited with 155,686 visitors in April 2007)
- Now you can illustrate your products in colour and feature a company logo to heighten branding
- Live NBS data can be displayed on your website
- Use of the NBS Plus logo on literature, stationery and communications
- Three NBS updates per year, and you can revise your entries online for each update
- You can subscribe to the NBS software and training package – at a reduced rate
- NBS certificate and promoted within the NBS specifier newsletter
- 97 of the Top 100 UK architectural practices subscribe to NBS

NBS specification software subscriber breakdown



- Architects **53%**
- Surveyors **15%**
- Engineers **7%**
- Multi-disciplinary **17%**
- Other **8%**