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### General Part

Technical Assessment Body issuing the  
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Trade name of the construction product

WE1- and WE2-Stair System H + I

Product family  
to which the construction product belongs

Prefabricated Stair with steps made of solid wood and  
load-bearing bolts for use as an indoor stair in buildings

Manufacturer

H + I Treppentechnik AG  
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9487 BENDERN  
FÜRSTENTUM LIECHTENSTEIN

Manufacturing plant

H+I Treppentechnik Werk 1-99

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contains

12 pages including 3 annexes which form an integral part  
of this assessment

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## Specific Part

### 1 Technical description of the product

The WE1- and WE2-Stair System H + I is a prefabricated stair system, which consists of steps, load-bearing bolts and wall ties. The stair can also be formed as a folded plate stair by additional risers.

The steps of the WE1-Stair are connected with each other by a load-bearing bolt on the wall-free side. The steps of the WE2-Stair are connected with each other by a load-bearing bolt on the wall-free side and on the wall side. In case of the folded plate style there are three load-bearing bolts at least inside of the riser. On the wall side each step is equipped with two wall ties, which are anchored in the staircase wall. Alternatively to the support by wall ties a stringer can be used.

The steps and risers are made of solid wood, the load-bearing bolts are made of steel and solid wood, the fasteners and wall ties are made of steel.

The product description is given in Annex A.

### 2 Specification of the intended use in accordance with the applicable European Assessment Document

The performances given in Section 3 are only valid if the stair is used in compliance with the specifications and conditions given in Annex B.

The verification and assessment methods on which this European Technical Assessment is based lead to the assumption of a working life of the stair of at least 50 years. The indications given on the working life cannot be interpreted as a guarantee given by the producer, 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.

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

#### 3.1 Mechanical resistance and stability (BWR 1)

Essential characteristic	Performance
Load-bearing capacity	See Annex C2
Load/displacement behaviour	See Annex C2
Vibration behaviour	First natural frequency: $f_1 \geq 5$ Hz (inclusive a single mass of 100 kg) Deflection under a single load $F = 1$ kN: $w \leq 5$ mm
Prevention of progressive collapse	Failure of individual components of the stair does not lead to a progressive collapse of the complete stair
Residual load-bearing capacity	Local material failure does not lead to an abrupt total loss of load-bearing capacity of the steps.
Long-term behaviour	Load-bearing capacity are ensured under an appropriate use and maintenance over the indicated working life
Resistance to earthquakes	No performance determined (NPD)
Resistance of fixings	See technical documentation of this European Technical Assessment

#### 3.2 Safety in case of fire (BWR 2)

Essential characteristic	Performance
Reaction to fire	See Annex A3
Fire resistance	No performance determined (NPD)

#### 3.3 Hygiene, health and the environment (BWR 3)

Regarding dangerous substances there may be requirements (e.g. transposed European legislation and national laws, regulations and administrative provisions) applicable to the products falling within the scope of this European Technical Assessment. In order to meet the provisions of Regulation (EU) No 305/2011, these requirements need also to be complied with, when and where they apply.

#### 3.4 Safety in use (BWR 4)

Essential characteristic	Performance
Geometry	See Annex C1
Slipperiness	No performance determined (NPD)
Equipment of the stair for a safe use	No performance determined (NPD)
Safe breakage of components	No brittle failure of individual components
Impact resistance	No performance determined (NPD)

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**3.5 Protection against noise (BWR 5)**

Not applicable.

**3.6 Energy economy and heat retention (BWR 6)**

Not applicable.

**3.7 Sustainable use of natural resources (BWR 7)**

The sustainable use of natural resources was not investigated.

**3.8 General aspects**

Essential characteristic	Performance
Resistance to deterioration caused by physical, chemical and biological agents	Adequate resistance for the intended use under an appropriate use and maintenance
Finishes and surface layers	Components made of solid wood can be coated with varnish on all sides or they are oiled

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

According to Decision of the Commission of 3 February 1999 (99/89/EC) (OJ L 029 of 25.01.1999 p. 34-37) ) the system of assessment and verification of constancy of performance (see Annex V and Article 65 Paragraph 2 to Regulation (EU) No 305/2011) given in the following table applies.

Product	Intended use	Level or class	System
Prefabricated stair kits	For dwellings and other buildings	-	2+

Additional according to Decision of the Commission of 8 January 2001 (2001/596/EC) (OJ L 209 of 02.08.2001 p. 33-42) the system of assessment and verification of constancy of performance (see Annex V and Article 65 Paragraph 2 to Regulation (EU) No 305/2011) given in the following table applies.

Product	Intended use	Level or class	System
Prefabricated stair kits	For uses subject to regulations on reaction to fire	According to Annex A3, Table 1	4

**5 Technical details necessary for the implementation of the AVCP system, as provided for in the applicable European Assessment Document**

Technical details necessary for the implementation of the AVCP system are laid down in the control plan deposited at Deutsches Institut für Bautechnik.

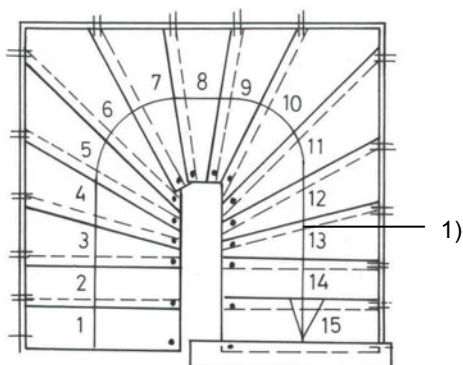
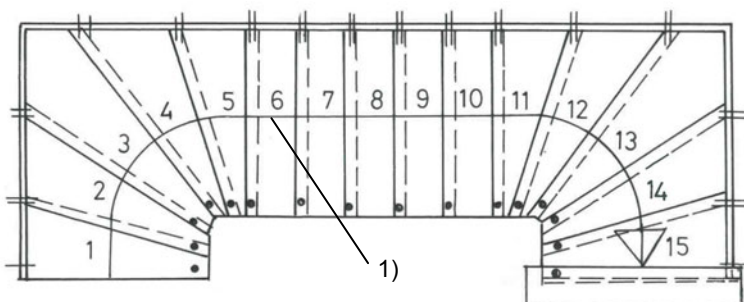
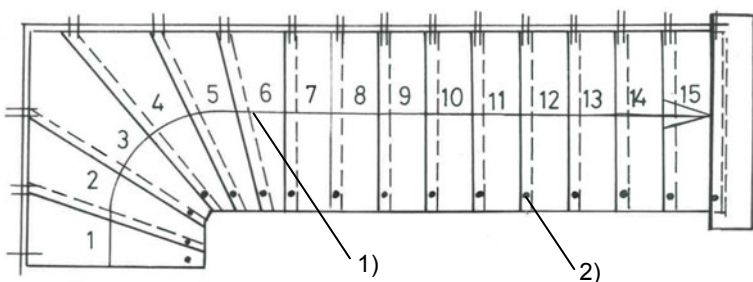
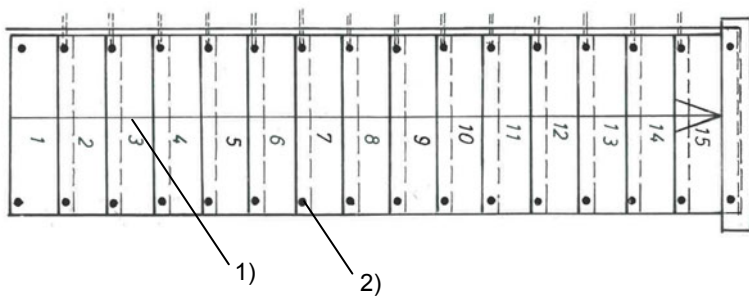
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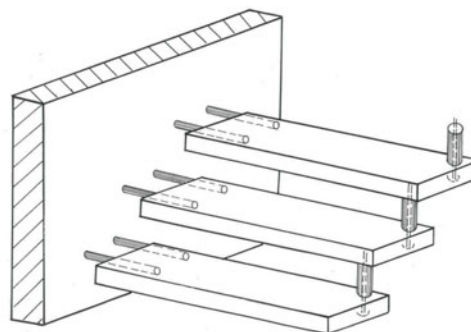
### Types of plan

- 1) Walking line is exemplified, position may be chosen freely within the walking zone, walking zone is 20 % of the clear width of the stair in the middle of the stair
- 2) Additional support according to technical documentation and Annex A3

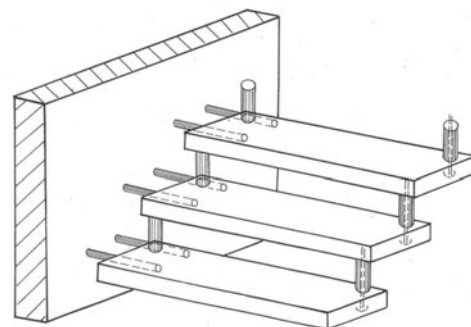


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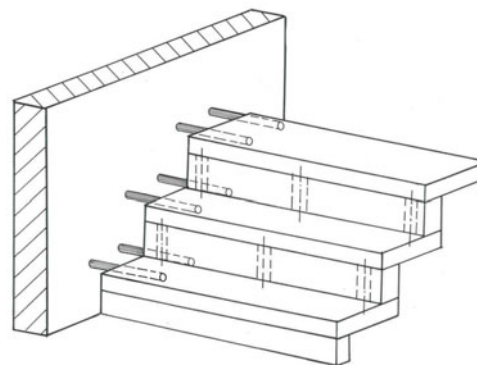
WE1-Stair



WE2-Stair



Stair in folded plate style

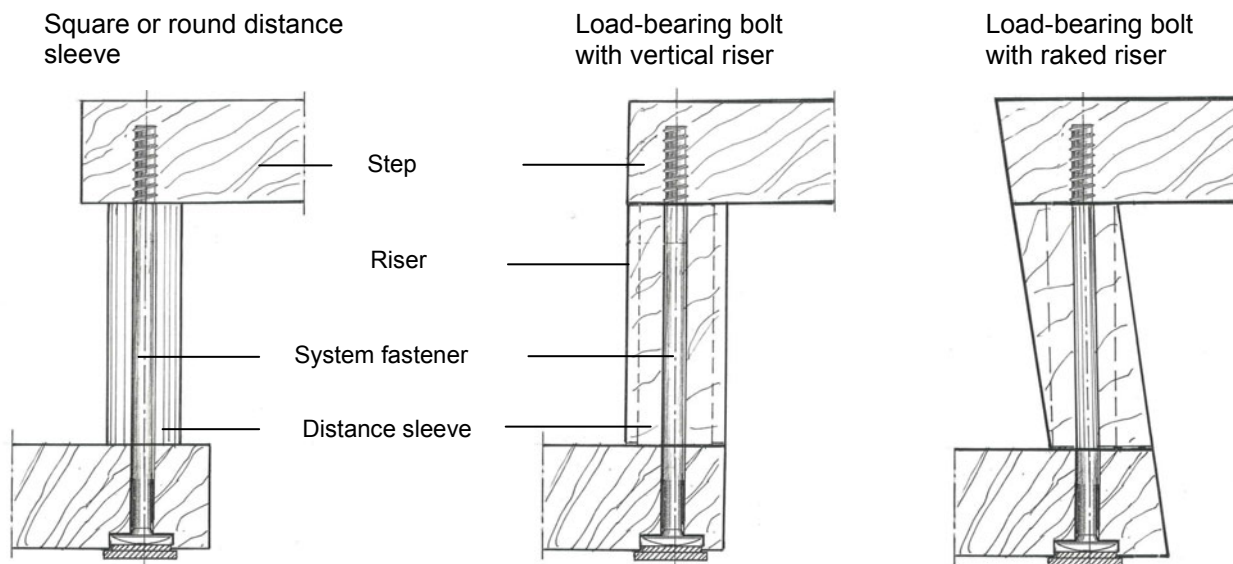


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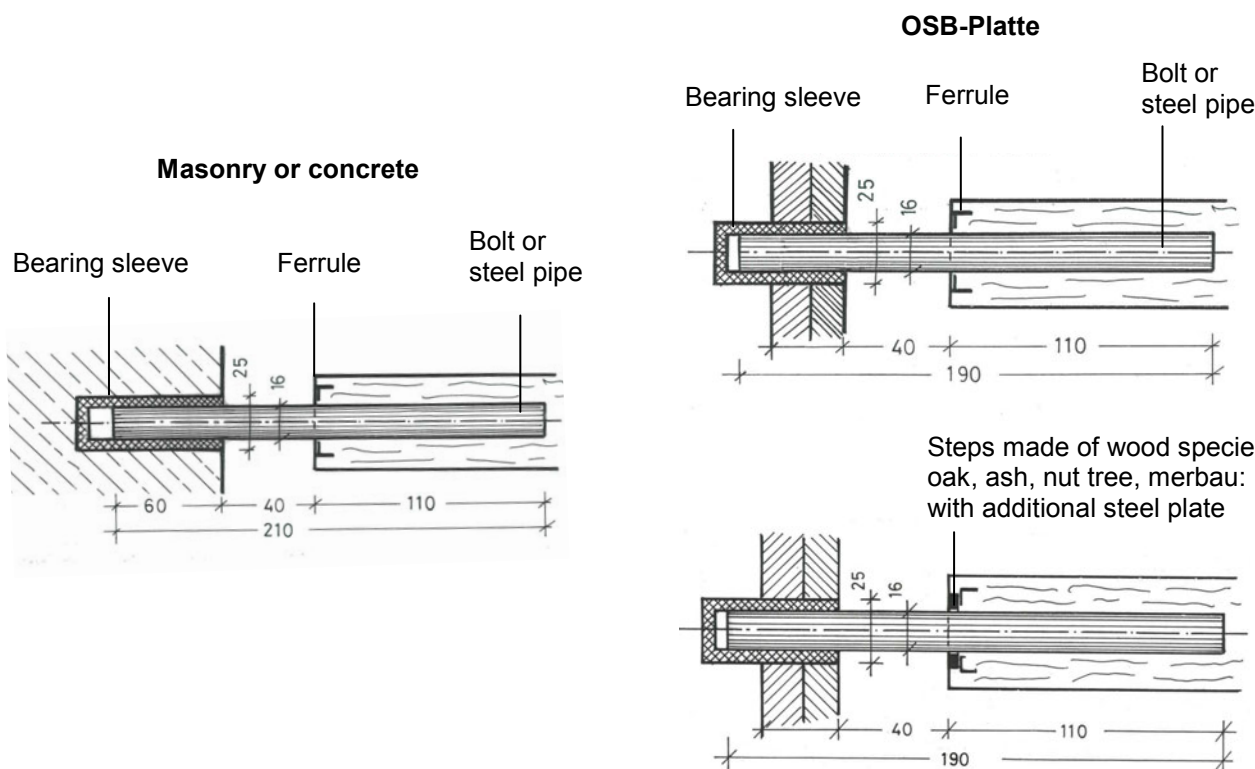
Product and intended use

**Annex A1**

### Load-bearing bolts (possible types)



### Wall ties (possible types)



**WE1- and WE2-Stair System H + I**

Load-bearing bolts and wall ties

**Annex A2**

**Table 1: Minimum dimensions of relevant stair components and reaction to fire**

Component	Material <sup>1)</sup>	Dimension		Value	Reaction to fire
steps, risers	solid wood <sup>2)</sup>	thickness	[mm]	54 <sup>4)</sup>	D-s2, d0 (2003/593/EC) <sup>3)</sup>
load-bearing bolt-system fastener	steel	diameter	[mm]	10	A1 (96/603/EC) <sup>3)</sup>
load-bearing bolt-distance sleeve	solid wood <sup>2)</sup>	diameter	[mm]	45 or 50	D-s2, d0 (2003/593/EC) <sup>3)</sup>
		cross section a x b	[mm]	50 x 50	
wall tie	round steel or steel pipe	diameter	[mm]	16	A1 (96/603/EC) <sup>3)</sup>
		diameter x wall thickness	[mm]	16 x 2.0	
		embedment depth wall	[mm]	60 (32) <sup>5)</sup>	
		embedment depth step	[mm]	110	
bearing sleeve (wall tie)	plastics	diameter	[mm]	25	not relevant

- 1) characteristic values of material according to technical documentation  
 2) only hardwood of the following species: beech, oak, maple, acacia, nut tree, ash, merbau  
 3) according to the EC decisions  
 4) thicknesses of steps for type of plan G and V depending on additional support (according to Table 2 and 3)  
 5) value in brackets for OSB-wall

**Table 2: Minimum dimensions of thickness of steps of stairs with straight flights**

Thickness of steps	Number of rises without support <sup>1)</sup>				Stair in folded plate style
	WE1-stair with distance sleeve		WE2-stair with distance sleeve		
	Ø 50 mm	50 x 50 mm	Ø 50 mm	50 x 50 mm	
58 mm	7	9	10	11	11
62 mm	8	9	11	12	13
68 mm	8	9	13	14	16
72 mm	-	-	-	16	16
74 mm	-	-	16	16	16

- 1) for stairs with 16 rises, support for stairs with less rises according to the technical documentation

**Table 3: Minimum dimensions of thickness of steps of stairs with one quarter turn**

Thickness of steps	Number of rises without support <sup>1)</sup>					
	WE1-stair with distance sleeve			WE2-stair with distance sleeve		
	Ø 45 mm	Ø 50 mm	50 x 50 mm	Ø 45 mm	Ø 50 mm	50 x 50 mm
54 mm	-	-	-	-	14	-
58 mm	12	13	-	-	14	16
62 mm	-	-	13	-	16	16
66 mm	-	-	-	16	16	16
72 mm	-	-	14	16	16	16

- 1) for stairs with 16 rises, support for stairs with less rises according to the technical documentation

<b>WE1- and WE2-Stair System H + I</b>	<b>Annex A3</b>
Minimum dimensions of relevant stair components and reaction to fire	



## Specification of intended use (Part 1)

### Intended use:

- European Technical Assessment applies for a construction system.
- For the specific case of use the corresponding type of stair is manufactured within the context of the values defined in this European Technical Assessment.
- Values of this ETA apply to all types of stairs, the real dimensions follow in accordance with the relevant case of use.

### Stair subject to:

- Static and quasi static loads

### Use conditions:

- Indoor stair
- Air temperatures between +5 °C and +30 °C
- Relative air humidity between 30% and 70%
- To the individual requirements handrail and barrier can be attached to the stair optionally. Conditions for possible handrail/barrier:
  - Dead load  $\leq 0.15$  kN/m
  - Height  $\leq 1.00$  m
  - Distance of baluster  $\leq 0.85$  m

### Design:

- Design of the stair according to the annexes and the technical documentation of this European Technical Assessment.
- Fastening of the stair to the construction works according to the annexes and the technical documentation of this Technical European Assessment.
- Verification of the transmission of loads to the construction works by the civil engineer responsible for the construction works.
- Load bearing capacity at ultimate limit state:

$$q_k \cdot \gamma_Q \leq q_{RK} / \gamma_M$$

$$Q_k \cdot \gamma_Q \leq Q_{RK} / \gamma_M$$

$$h_k \cdot \gamma_Q \cdot \psi_0 \leq h_{RK} / \gamma_M$$

with

$q_{RK}, Q_{RK}, h_{RK}$ : characteristic values of resistance; see Table 5

$\gamma_M$ : recommended material partial safety factor; see Table 5

$q_k, Q_k, h_k$ : characteristic values of imposed loads according to EN 1991-1-1:2010-12

$\gamma_Q = 1.5$ : recommended partial safety factor, in absence of other national regulations

$\psi_0 = 0.7$ : recommended combination factor, in absence of other national regulations

- Maximum characteristic values of imposed loads under consideration of the partial factors mentioned above; see Table 7

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Specification of intended use (Part 1)

**Annex B1**

### Specification of intended use (Part 2)

**Installation:**

- Installation by personal appropriately trained and authorized by the holder of the approval by means of the technical documentation of this European Technical Assessment
- Installation only in the way as specified in the technical documentation of this European Technical Assessment
- Installation of timber components when moisture content of timber components is  $8 \pm 2 \%$
- Sufficient support of the stair when assembling
- Installation of stair components without imposed deformations
- Installation of stair components without significant defects and cracks
- Replacing of stair components, which begin tearing when assembling
- Bolted connection are protected such that they will not be loosened by vibrations

**Indication of the manufacturer:**

- Ensure that all persons involved will be appropriately informed about the specific conditions according to sections 1 and 2 (including the annexes to which reference is being made as well as the not confidential parts of the technical documentation deposited to this European Technical Assessment)
- Packaging of timber components such that the wood moisture is  $8 \pm 2 \%$  during transport and storage
- Instructions for use should provide information as to use, maintenance and repair of the stair. Including the information of avoidance of moisture penetration of the timber components and retightens the bolting of the load-bearing bolts and connections according to Annex A2 after the first heating season

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Specification of intended use (Part 2)

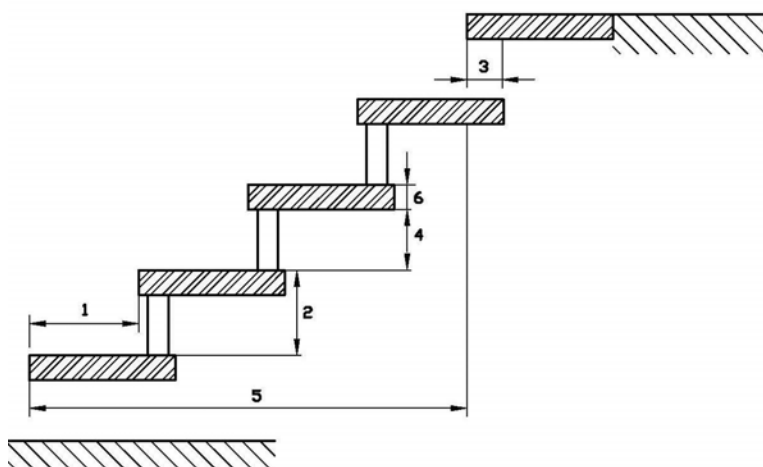
**Annex B2**

**Table 4: Geometry**

Designation			Dimension	
			minimum	maximum
going	step on walking line <sup>1)</sup>	[mm]	210	370 <sup>2)</sup>
	tapered step	[mm]	60 <sup>2) 3)</sup>	540 <sup>2) 4)</sup>
rise of the stairs <sup>1)</sup>		[mm]	140 <sup>2)</sup>	210
pitch of the walking line <sup>1)</sup>		[°]	21	45
overlap of the steps	Wall side	[mm]	30 <sup>6)</sup>	- <sup>5)</sup>
	Wall free side	[mm]	70 <sup>6)</sup>	- <sup>5)</sup>
number of rises		[-]	3	16
openings	between stairs and wall	[mm]	- <sup>5)</sup>	50
	between consecutive steps	[mm]	- <sup>5)</sup>	156
clear width of stairs		[mm]	500	1000
minimum headroom		[mm]	- <sup>5)</sup>	
length of the flight		[mm]	- <sup>5)</sup>	4050
thickness of steps		[mm]	54	- <sup>5)</sup>

- 1) values are constant within one flight
- 2) tolerance between nominal value and actual value = ± 5 mm
- 3) inside of tapered step
- 4) outside of tapered step
- 5) not relevant
- 6) with riser overlap 20 mm

- 1 going
- 2 rise
- 3 overlap
- 4 opening between consecutive steps
- 5 length of the flight
- 6 thickness of steps



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Geometry of the stair

**Annex C1**

**Table 5: Load-bearing capacity - Characteristic values of resistance**

Component	Type of loading	Characteristic values of resistance			$\gamma_M$ <sup>1)</sup>
flight	vertical variable uniformly distributed load	$q_{RK}$	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	6.75	1.5
step	vertical variable single load	$Q_{RK}$	[kN]	4.5	
barrier	horizontal variable uniformly distributed load on barrier	$h_{RK}$	[kN/m]	0.8	

<sup>1)</sup> Recommended partial safety factor, in absence of other national regulations

**Table 6: Deflections under loading**

Deflection of the flight under uniformly distributed load			
uniformly distributed load	$q_k$	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	3.0
length of the median line of the flight	L	[mm]	4050 <sup>1)</sup>
deflection under load $F_S$ related to the median line of the flight	w	[-]	$\leq L/200$
Deflection of the step under single point load			
single load	$Q_k$	[kN]	2.0
clear width of the stair	L	[mm]	1000
deflection under load $F_S$ related to the clear width of the stair	w	[-]	$\leq L/200$

<sup>1)</sup> with additional support according to Annex A3, L = reference length = distance between supports

**Table 7: Imposed loads**

Type of loading	Imposed loads		
vertical variable uniformly distributed load	q	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	3.0
vertical variable single load	Q	[kN]	2.0
horizontal variable uniformly distributed load on barrier	h	[kN/m]	0.5

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Load-bearing capacity – Characteristic values of resistance,  
Deflections under loading,  
Imposed loads

**Annex C2**