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### General Part

Technical Assessment Body issuing the  
European Technical Assessment:

Deutsches Institut für Bautechnik

Trade name of the construction product

String stair system Schön

Product family  
to which the construction product belongs

Prefabricated stair with strings and steps made of solid  
wood for use as an indoor stair in buildings

Manufacturer

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contains

13 pages including 8 annexes which form an integral part  
of this assessment

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Guideline for European technical approval of  
"Prefabricated stair kits", ETAG 008 Part 1: "Prefabricated  
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## Specific Part

### 1 Technical description of the product

The String stair system Schön is a prefabricated stair system, which consists of steps, strings and system fasteners. The steps are connected with the strings by system fasteners on both sides. The steps and strings are made of solid wood, the system fasteners 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 stair.
Long-term behaviour	Load-bearing capacity is 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 A4
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 stair components	No brittle failure of individual stair components
Impact resistance	No performance determined (NPD)

**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	Stair 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 99/89/EG of the Commission of 3 February 1999 (Official Journal of the European Communities 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 2001/596/EG of the Commission of 8 January 2001 (Official Journal of the European Communities 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 A4, 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.

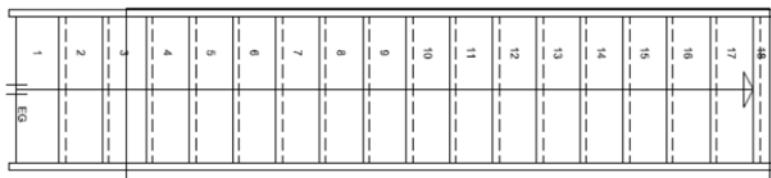
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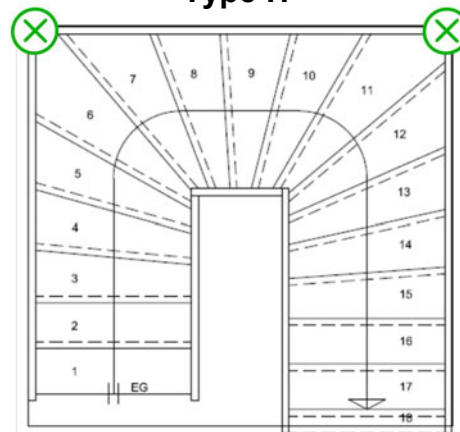
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### Types of Plan

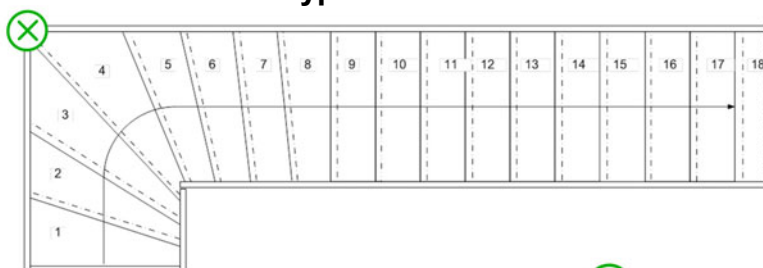
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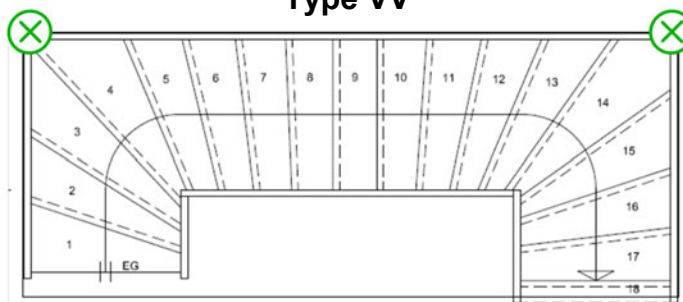
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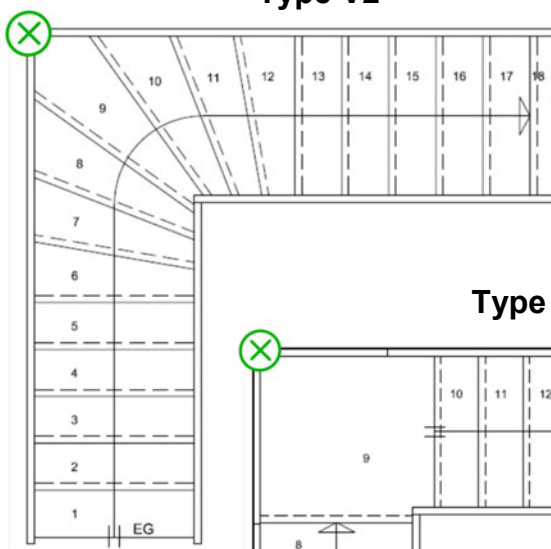
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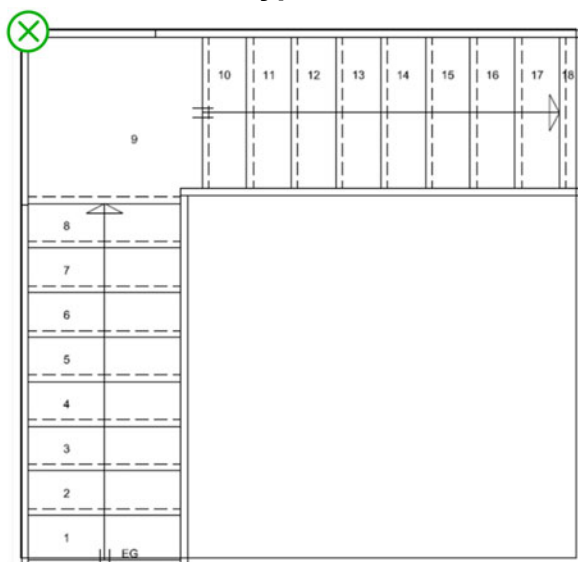
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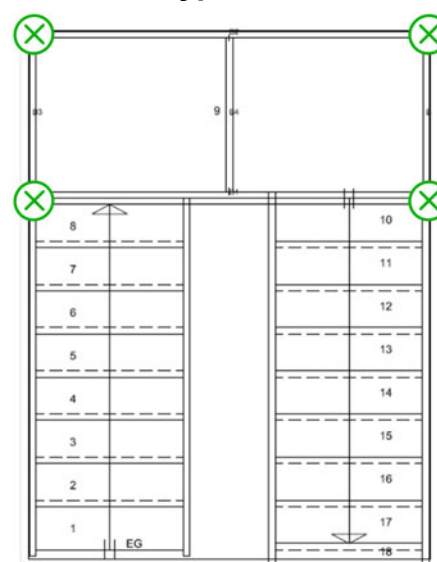
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**Type GPoV**



**Type GPoH**



⊗ Additional support  
for vertical loads

Horizontal fixings to  
the wall according  
to technical  
documentation

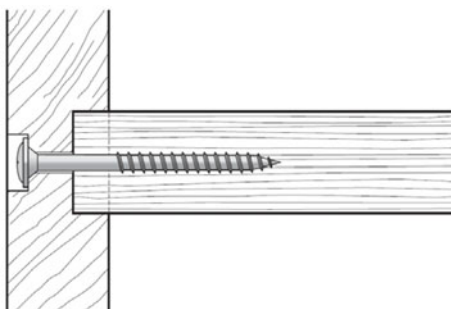
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Product and intended use

**Annex A1**

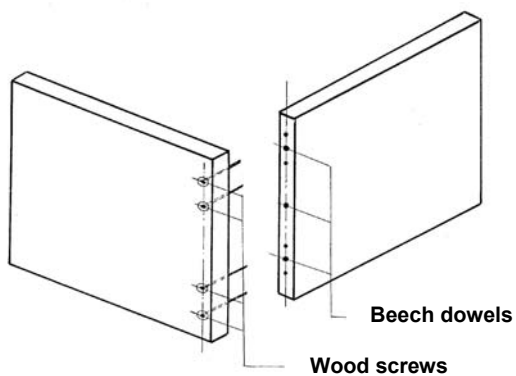
### Step-string-joint

Wall side: 2 screws  
Wall-free side: 1 screw

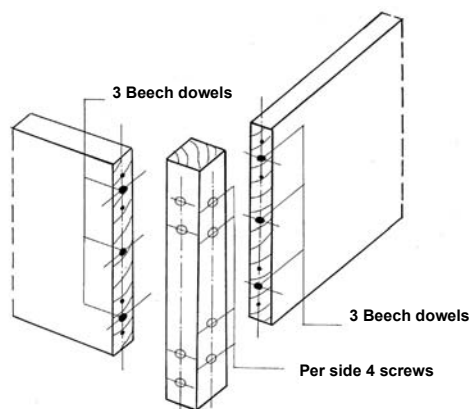


### String corner joint

#### String at the wall side

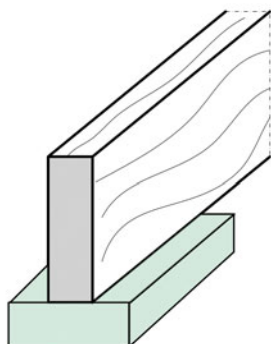


#### String at the wall-free side

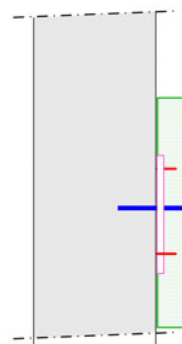


### Intermediate support

#### Corner support / Landing support at masonry



#### Corner support / Landing support at reinforced concrete wall



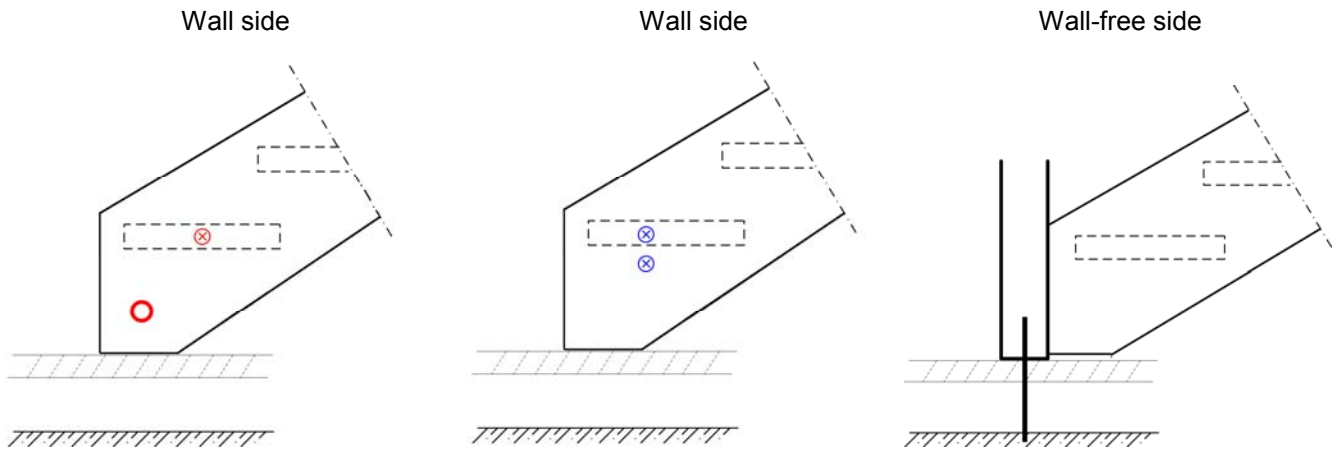
More details according to the technical documentation

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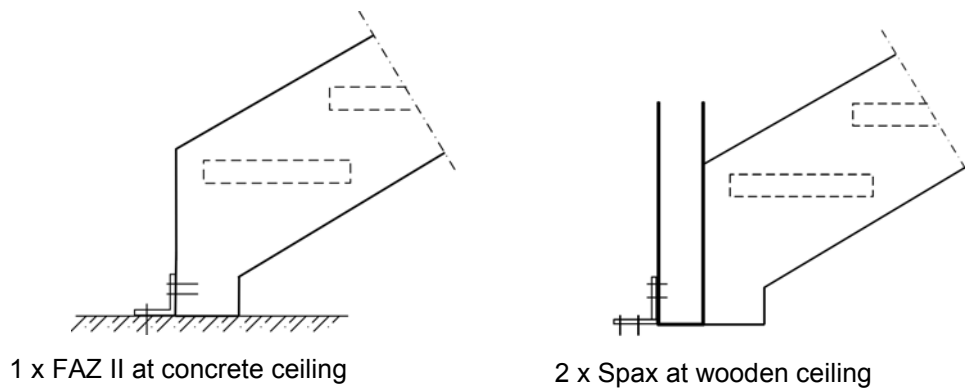
Step-string-joint  
String corner joint, Intermediate support

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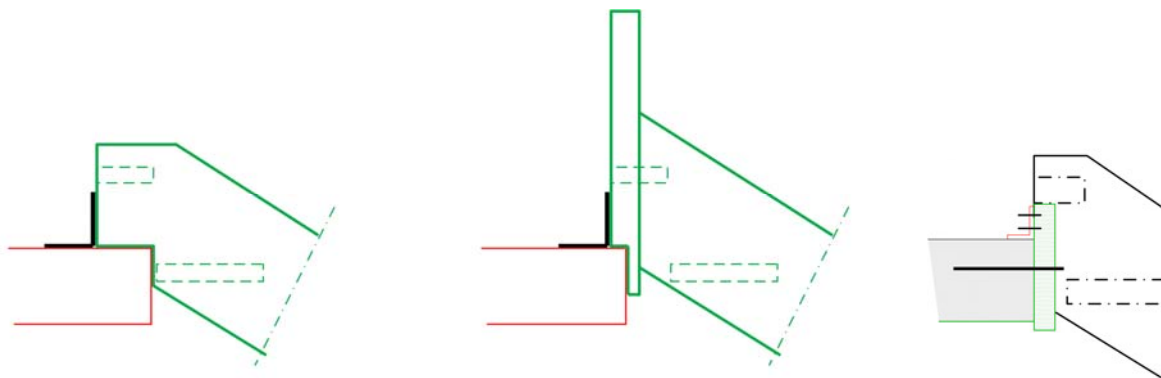
### Joint at bottom



### Wall side and wall-free side



### Joint at top



More details according to the technical documentation

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Joint at bottom and Joint at top,

**Annex A3**



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

Component of stair	Material <sup>1)</sup>	Dimension		Value	Reaction to fire <sup>3)</sup>
Step	Solid Wood <sup>2)</sup>	Thickness	[mm]	41	D-s2, d0 (2003/593/EC)
String	Solid Wood <sup>2)</sup>	Width x Height	[mm]	41 x 290	D-s2, d0 (2003/593/EC)
Post	Solid Wood <sup>2)</sup>	Width X Height	[mm]	80 x 80	D-s2, d0 (2003/593/EC)
Angle	Steel			- <sup>4)</sup>	A1 (96/603/EC)
System fastener	Steel			- <sup>4)</sup>	A1 (96/603/EC)

<sup>1)</sup> Characteristic values of material according to technical documentation

<sup>2)</sup> Only wood of following species: beech, oak

<sup>3)</sup> According to the decisions of European Commission

<sup>4)</sup> According to technical documentation

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Minimum dimensions of components of stair and reaction to fire

**Annex A3**

## 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 the 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 or 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 may be attached to the stair optionally. Conditions for possible barrier/handrail:
  - Dead load  $\leq 0.15$  kN/m
  - Height  $\leq 1.00$  m
  - Distance of baluster  $\leq 0.27$  m

### Design:

- Design of the stair according to the annexes and the technical documentation to this European Technical Assessment
- Fastening of the stair to the construction works according to the annexes and the technical documentation to this European Technical 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 3  
 $\gamma_M$ : recommended material partial safety factor; see Table 3  
 $q_k, Q_k, h_k$ : 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 5

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Specification of intended use (Part 1)

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## Specification of intended use (Part 2)

**Installation:**

- Installation by personnel 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 connections are protected such that they will not be loosened by vibrations

**Indications to 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

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Specification of intended use (Part 2)

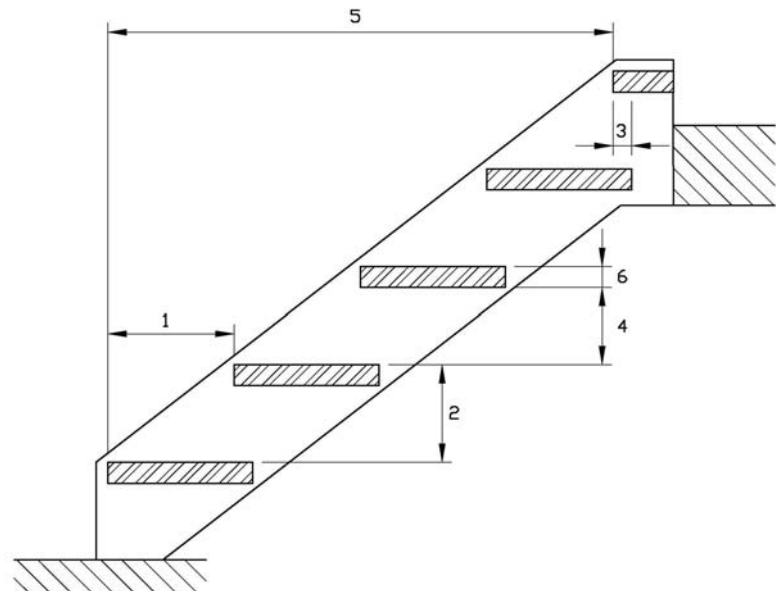
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**Table 2: Geometry**

Designation			Dimension	
			Minimum	Maximum
going	step on walking line <sup>1)</sup>	[mm]	210	370 <sup>2)</sup>
	tapered step	[mm]	85 <sup>2) 3)</sup>	520 <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]	40	- <sup>5)</sup>
	wall-free side	[mm]	40	- <sup>5)</sup>
number of rises		[-]	3	18
openings	between stair and wall (without barrier)	[mm]	- <sup>5)</sup>	0
	between consecutive steps	[mm]	- <sup>5)</sup>	169
clear width of stairs		[mm]	500	960
minimum headroom		[mm]	- <sup>5)</sup>	
length of the flight		[mm]	- <sup>5)</sup>	4590 (5300) <sup>6)</sup>
thickness of steps		[mm]	41	- <sup>5)</sup>

- 1) Values are constant within one flight
- 2) Tolerance between nominal value and actual value = ± 5 mm
- 3) Wall-free side of tapered step
- 4) Wall Side of tapered step
- 5) Not relevant
- 6) With Landing

- 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

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**Table 3: Load-bearing capacity - Characteristic values of resistance**

Component	Type of loading	Characteristic values of resistance			$\gamma_M$
Flight	vertical variable uniformly distributed load	$q_{R,k}$	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	6.75	1.5 <sup>1)</sup>
	vertical variable single load	$Q_{R,k}$	[kN]	4.5	
	horizontal variable uniformly distributed load on barrier	$h_{R,k}$	[kN/m]	0.8	
Joint at bottom	vertical variable uniformly distributed load	$q_{R,k}$	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	5.0	1.1 <sup>2)</sup>
	vertical variable single load	$Q_{R,k}$	[kN]	3.3	
	horizontal variable uniformly distributed load on barrier	$h_{R,k}$	[kN/m]	0.6	
Joint at top	vertical variable uniformly distributed load	$q_{R,k}$	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	5.6	1.25 <sup>3)</sup>
	vertical variable single load	$Q_{R,k}$	[kN]	3.8	
	horizontal variable uniformly distributed load on barrier	$h_{R,k}$	[kN/m]	0.7	

1) Recommended partial safety factor (wood decisive), in absence of other national regulations

2) Recommended partial safety factor (steel decisive), in absence of other national regulations

3) Recommended partial safety factor (wood connection decisive), in absence of other national regulations

**Table 4: 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]	4590 <sup>1)</sup>
deflection under load $F_S$ related to the median line of the flight	w	[-]	≤ L/200
Deflection of the step under single point load			
single load	$Q_k$	[kN]	2.0
clear width of the stair	L	[mm]	960
deflection related to the clear width of the stair	w	[-]	≤ L/200

1) Type GPoV: L = 5300 mm

Type GPoH: L = 2160 mm

**Table 5: Imposed loads**

Type of loading	Imposed loads		
vertical variable uniformly distributed load	$q_k$	[kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	3.0
vertical variable single load	$Q_k$	[kN]	2.0
horizontal variable uniformly distributed load on barrier	$h_k$	[kN/m]	0.5

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

**Annex C2**