Case Study: Trailer floor

Project of: Multiplásticos Internacionales KOM (MX) www.multiplastico.com Experience in the sector: 10-15 years Experience with Paneltim: 1-5 years



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Location: Naucalpan de Juarez - Mexico

Year: 2017

Production time:

1 day

Dimension: 7.50 meters long (29.5")

Challenge:

Fabricating a trailer floor that is lightweight, strong, durable and easy to install.

Product:

Paneltim[®] Antiskid Panel with checkerplate structure.

Material: PP Copo

Thickness:

50 mm

(2.0")

Size:

1,200 mm x 1,000 mm (47.2" x 39.4")



Pioneer in plastic sandwich panels

In order to produce a trailer floor in one piece, between 2.0 and 2.5 metres (78.7" and 98.4") wide, Multiplásticos Internacionales KOM (MIK) works with Paneltim[®] antiskid panels with a checkerplate structure. For closed vehicles, MIK in general uses recycled black or grey panels, and for open vehicles, beige or white panels in prime UV material.

Reduced weight

As Paneltim[®] antiskid panels have an internal structure of 50 mm x 50 mm ($2'' \times 2''$), they weigh less than solid sheets. The reduced weight increases the efficiency of the carrier.

Less labour intensive

Previously, MIK used to build trailer floors with click-system PP solid sheets. This was very labour intensive as many narrow strips needed to be clicked together. "Nowadays, we use Paneltim[®] 1,200 mm x 1,000 mm (47.2" x 39.4") antiskid panels, which are quickly welded together with a butt welding machine.", says Luis Marquez, Chief Operating Officer at MIK.

Step-by-step

MIK first welds the panels together across the width, before welding the complete floor along its length. This is easily and quickly done with a butt welding machine. Once this is ready, the complete floor is installed on the trailer, in one piece. "The end result is a smooth, stable surface with an attractive pattern."

Do's and don'ts

MIK always uses UV-stabilized panels for open vehicles. Prevent point load from a fork lift. "The trailers are loaded quick and easy from the side. "







