



Flakeboard

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Markham, Canada - Flakeboard Company Limited has been providing quality engineered wood panel products to the North American market for over 42 years.

Flakeboard's more recent innovative developments have elevated the company to a new level success, enhancing the company's leading edge status in the industry.

Cut-to-size capabilities were added to the plant in St. Stephen, New Brunswick in the fall of 2001. It was apparent that the market was evolving towards increased demand for cut-to-size projects, so Flakeboard installed a state-of-the-art "Selco" saw in order to accommodate custom wood panel cutting. Our new equipment allows us to achieve the precision and clean edge cuts required by our markets.

In 2002, the New Brunswick mill also incorporated a brand new *print line* to their sophisticated paint procedure, resulting in a 9-stage *Direct Print* line. Flakeboard offers an increasing variety of shades in the most popular woodgrain patterns and designs, directly printed on our own quality particleboard or FIBREX® thin high density MDF. The 9-stage process utilizes high quality printing inks and acrylic or UV cured topcoats. This technique produces designs ideally suited to replace decorative papers and vinyls, creating the best quality custom matches.

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The first stage is the *fill* process. Boards are placed through a coater sealing the surface. The next 4 stages are the *base coat* applications. Three stations apply a coloured base coat (paint). The 4th base coat is optional depending on the board's requirements for heavier coating. Stages 6-8 involve the actual *printing* where the board passes through three highly sophisticated engraved print cylinders. Finally, stage 9 involves application of a *topcoat*. A UV cured topcoat or an acrylic topcoat is applied, to complete the process.

Today, Flakeboard continues to present new and exciting initiatives to the industry, contributing to our customer's success and growth.

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