



SPECIFIER NOTE

For NBS / Technical Specifications

Metal Pattress (Steel Backer) — Sustainability Note

Where backing or pattressing is required behind plasterboard for the fixing of kitchen units, radiators, sanitaryware, or similar loads, **metal pattresses shall be specified in preference to timber or plywood backers**, unless otherwise justified by a project-specific whole-life carbon assessment.

Metal pattresses offer improved **material efficiency, durability, fire performance, reduced construction waste, and full recyclability**, supporting whole-life carbon reduction strategies in line with **RICS Whole Life Carbon guidance, BS EN 15978**, and anticipated **Building Regulations Part Z** requirements.