

drywall manual

**encasements
section**

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encasement systems

GTEC Encasement fire protection offers rapid installation of fire protection around columns and beams using plasterboard for installation in dry environments.

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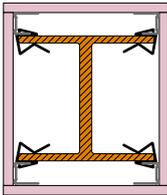
System performance tables

GTEC encasement systems

System Ref.

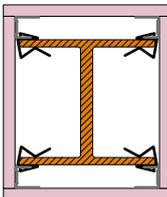
Component

RCE 001



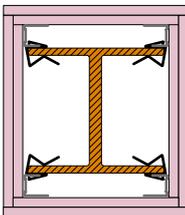
Facing: 1x 12.5mm GTEC Fire or Megadeco Board
Framing: GTEC Edge Channel and CB Clips at 600mm Centres
Fire resistance columns: 30 minutes up to 280 Hp/A factor, 60 minutes up to 280 Hp/A Factor
Fire resistance beams: 30 minutes up to 280 Hp/A factor, 60 minutes up to 115 Hp/A Factor

RCE 002



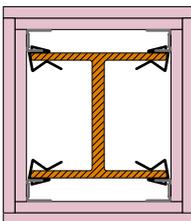
Facing: 1x 15mm GTEC Fire or Megadeco Board
Framing: GTEC Edge Channel and CB Clips at 600mm Centres
Fire resistance columns: 90 minutes up to 105 Hp/A factor
Fire resistance beams: 60 minutes up to 280 Hp/A factor, 90 minutes up to 50 Hp/A Factor

RCE 003



Facing inner layer: 1x 12.5mm GTEC Fire or Megadeco Board
Facing outer layer: 1x 12.5mm GTEC Fire or Megadeco Board
Framing: GTEC Edge Channel and CB Clips at 600mm Centres
Fire resistance Columns: 90 minutes up to 280 Hp/A factor, 120 minutes up to 140 Hp/A Factor
Fire resistance Beams: 90 Minutes up to 280 Hp/A Factor

RCE 005



Facing inner layer: 1x 15mm GTEC Fire or Megadeco Board
Facing outer layer: 1x 15mm GTEC Fire or Megadeco Board
Framing: GTEC Edge Channel & CB Clips at 600mm Centres
Fire resistance Columns: 120 Minutes up to 235 Hp/A factor
Fire resistance Beams: 120 Minutes up to 180 Hp/A Factor

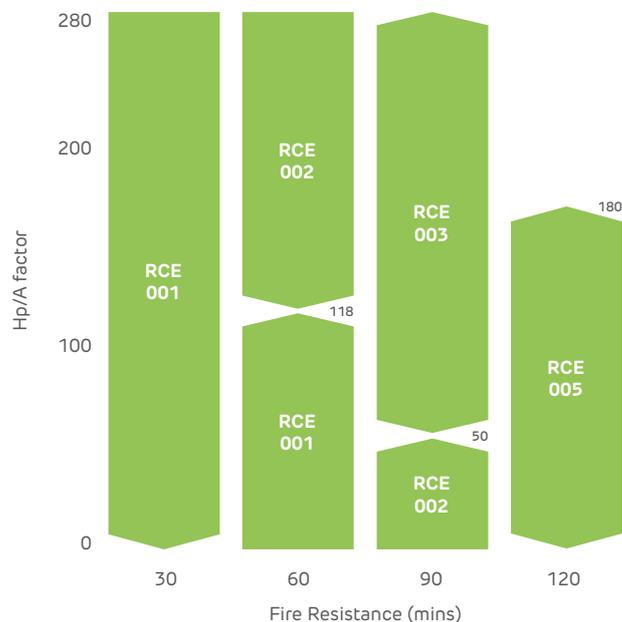
Note: encasement systems tested to BS 476-21

Fire protection performance notes

- Performance values are for imperforate, jointed systems using Siniat GTEC components (metal studs and tracks, boards, metal accessories, screws and finishing systems) and specified insulation quilt material (type, thickness and density) and installed to Siniat specification and installation guides.
- Maximum heights depend on deflection criteria and applied air pressure.

Universal beams with box encasement

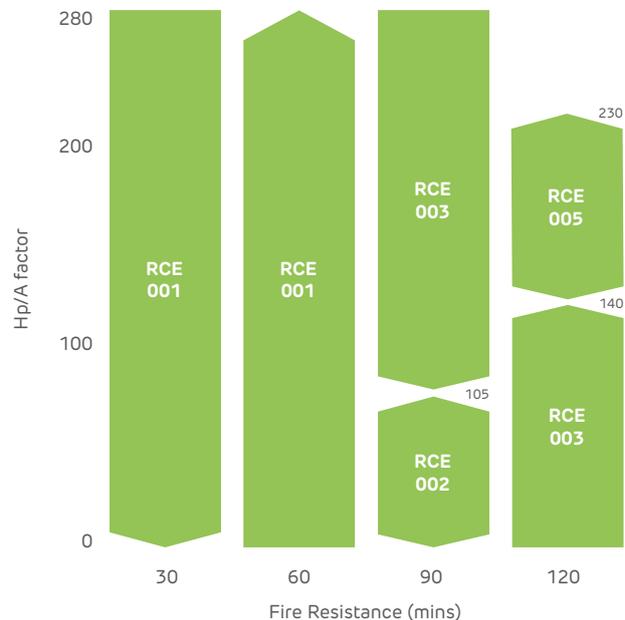
| Size of steelwork (mm) | Mass per metre (kg) | Section factor $H_p/A \text{ m}^{-1}$ | |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| | | 3 sides | 4 sides |
| 914 x 419 | 388 | 45 | 55 |
| | 343 | 50 | 60 |
| 914 x 305 | 289 | 60 | 65 |
| | 253 | 65 | 75 |
| | 224 | 75 | 85 |
| | 201 | 80 | 95 |
| 838 x 292 | 226 | 70 | 80 |
| | 194 | 80 | 90 |
| | 176 | 90 | 100 |
| 762 x 267 | 197 | 70 | 85 |
| | 173 | 80 | 95 |
| | 147 | 95 | 110 |
| 686 x 254 | 170 | 75 | 90 |
| | 152 | 85 | 95 |
| | 140 | 90 | 105 |
| | 125 | 100 | 115 |
| 610 x 305 | 238 | 50 | 60 |
| | 179 | 70 | 80 |
| | 149 | 80 | 95 |
| 610 x 229 | 140 | 80 | 95 |
| | 125 | 90 | 105 |
| | 113 | 100 | 115 |
| | 101 | 110 | 130 |
| 533 x 210 | 122 | 85 | 95 |
| | 109 | 95 | 110 |
| | 101 | 100 | 115 |
| | 92 | 110 | 125 |
| 457 x 191 | 82 | 120 | 140 |
| | 98 | 90 | 105 |
| | 89 | 100 | 115 |
| | 82 | 105 | 125 |
| 457 x 152 | 74 | 115 | 135 |
| | 67 | 130 | 150 |
| | 82 | 105 | 120 |
| | 74 | 115 | 130 |
| 406 x 178 | 67 | 125 | 145 |
| | 60 | 140 | 160 |
| | 52 | 160 | 180 |
| | 74 | 105 | 125 |
| 406 x 140 | 67 | 115 | 140 |
| | 60 | 130 | 155 |
| | 54 | 145 | 170 |
| | 46 | 160 | 185 |
| 356 x 171 | 39 | 190 | 220 |
| | 67 | 105 | 125 |
| | 57 | 125 | 145 |
| | 51 | 135 | 165 |
| 356 x 127 | 45 | 155 | 185 |
| | 39 | 170 | 195 |
| | 33 | 195 | 225 |



| Size of steelwork (mm) | Mass per metre (kg) | Section factor $H_p/A \text{ m}^{-1}$ | |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| | | 3 sides | 4 sides |
| 305 x 165 | 54 | 115 | 140 |
| | 46 | 130 | 160 |
| | 40 | 150 | 180 |
| 305 x 127 | 48 | 125 | 145 |
| | 42 | 140 | 160 |
| | 37 | 155 | 180 |
| 305 x 102 | 33 | 175 | 200 |
| | 28 | 200 | 225 |
| | 25 | 225 | 260 |
| 254 x 146 | 37 | 140 | 170 |
| | 31 | 160 | 200 |
| 254 x 102 | 28 | 170 | 200 |
| | 25 | 190 | 220 |
| | 22 | 215 | 250 |
| 203 x 133 | 30 | 145 | 180 |
| | 25 | 165 | 210 |
| 203 x 102 | 23 | 175 | 210 |
| 172 x 102 | 19 | 190 | 230 |
| 152 x 89 | 16 | 190 | 235 |
| 127 x 76 | 13 | 195 | 240 |

Universal columns with box encasement

| Size of steelwork (mm) | Mass per metre (kg) | Section factor Hp/A m ⁻¹ | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|
| | | 3 sides | 4 sides |
| 356 x 406 | 634 | 15 | 20 |
| | 551 | 20 | 25 |
| | 467 | 20 | 30 |
| | 393 | 25 | 35 |
| | 340 | 30 | 35 |
| | 287 | 30 | 45 |
| | 235 | 40 | 50 |
| | 202 | 45 | 60 |
| 356 x 368 | 177 | 50 | 65 |
| | 153 | 55 | 75 |
| | 129 | 65 | 90 |
| 305 x 305 | 283 | 30 | 40 |
| | 240 | 35 | 45 |
| | 198 | 40 | 50 |
| | 158 | 50 | 65 |
| | 137 | 55 | 70 |
| | 118 | 60 | 85 |
| | 97 | 75 | 100 |
| | 254 x 254 | 167 | 40 |
| 132 | | 50 | 65 |
| 107 | | 60 | 75 |
| 89 | | 70 | 90 |
| 73 | | 80 | 110 |
| 203 x 203 | 86 | 60 | 80 |
| | 71 | 70 | 95 |
| | 60 | 80 | 110 |
| | 52 | 95 | 125 |
| | 46 | 105 | 140 |
| 152 x 152 | 37 | 100 | 135 |
| | 30 | 120 | 160 |
| | 23 | 155 | 205 |



Steel Joists with box encasement

| Size of steelwork (mm) | Mass per metre (kg) | Section factor $H_p/A \text{ m}^{-1}$ | |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| | | 3 sides | 4 sides |
| 254 x 203 | 81.85 | 70 | 90 |
| 254 x 114 | 37.20 | 130 | 155 |
| 203 x 152 | 52.09 | 85 | 105 |
| 152 x 127 | 37.20 | 90 | 120 |
| 127 x 114 | 29.76 | 100 | 130 |
| 127 x 114 | 26.79 | 110 | 140 |
| 114 x 114 | 26.79 | 100 | 135 |
| 102 x 102 | 23.07 | 105 | 140 |
| 89 x 89 | 19.35 | 105 | 145 |
| 76 x 76 | 12.65 | 140 | 185 |

Example of use

Beam = 610mm x 305mm x 179kg/m
Exposed on four sides
 $H_p/A = 80\text{m}^{-1}$

Choice of systems

Up to 60mins = RCE001
Up to 90mins = RCE003
Up to 120mins = RCE005

system guidance

GTEC encasement systems

The GTEC encasement fire protection system provides high levels of fire resistance to structural I-section columns and beams, delaying the loss of strength in steel which occurs at temperatures over 550°C.

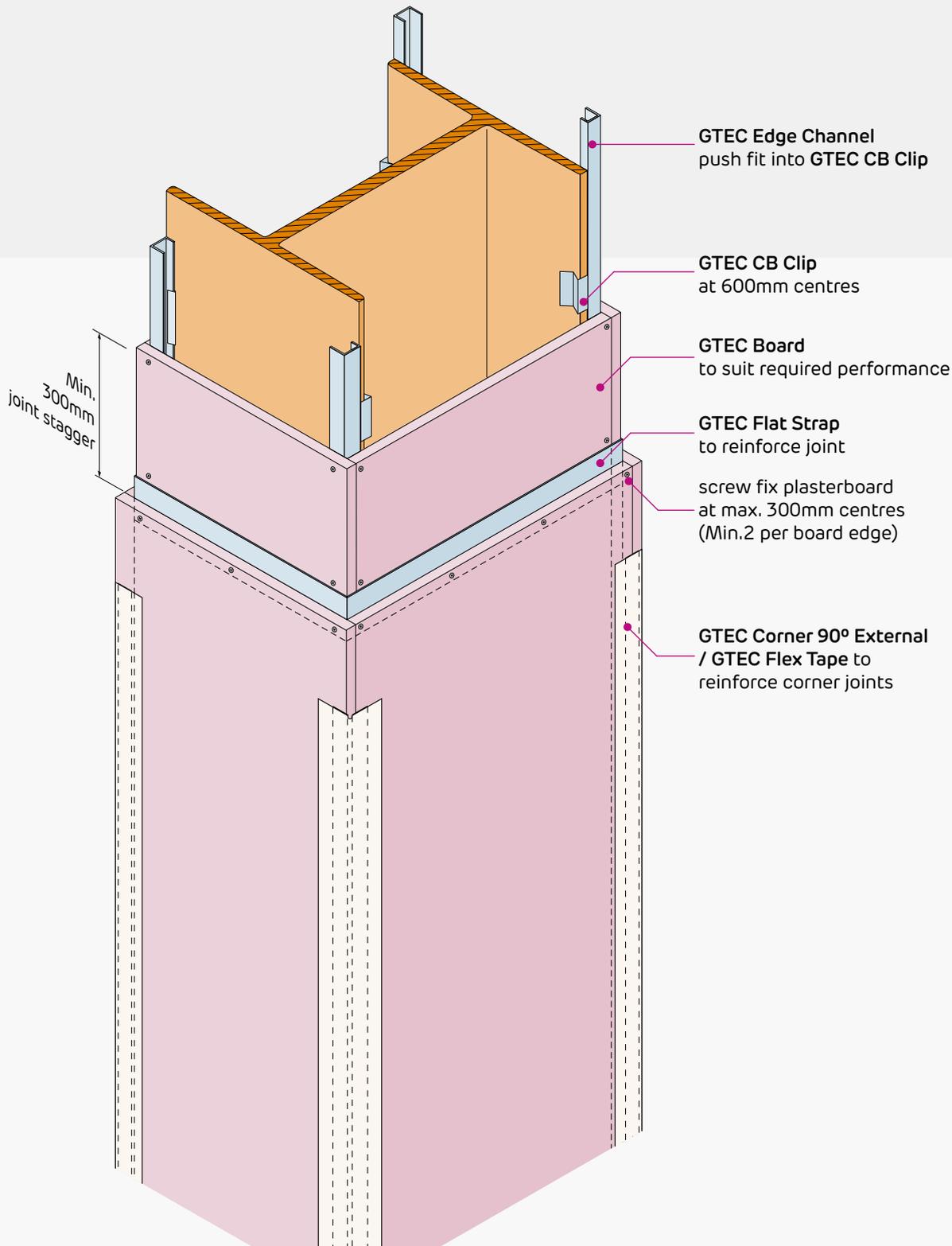
The system uses push-fit GTEC CB Clips to secure GTEC Edge Channel to the steel. GTEC Fire Core Boards, Fire Boards, and other high performance boards as detailed in the performance tables, are fixed to the edge channel to protect columns and beams.

Excellent fire performance is achieved by holding the boards off the columns on a strong metal frame.

Where to use:

- ▶ The system is used in commercial multi-storey construction to ensure structural safety during fire. The range of impact resistant boards compatible with the system enables use in high traffic areas.

| Features | Benefits |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Uses GTEC Fire Board | Economical and effective |
| Fully tested | Allows use of Hp/A factors, giving performance to a range of column and beam dimensions |
| Fully dry installation | Efficient to install |
| Friction fit frame installation | Efficient to install. Allows differential movement during fire |
| Simple frame design | Requires no specialist equipment |
| Plasterboard finish | Flat, easy to decorate, surface. Suitable for use with GTEC Partitions, Ceilings and Linings |



system components

Boards



GTEC Fire Board
A fire resistant plasterboard.

Fix



GTEC Drywall Screws (as appropriate)
For connecting plasterboard and metal components.

See [annex a1: taping and jointing](#)

Frame



GTEC CB Clip
Steel clip for connecting channels to structural steelwork.

CB17, CB27



GTEC Edge Channel
Steel channel to provide metal frame and bearing surface for plasterboard.

MFCE26



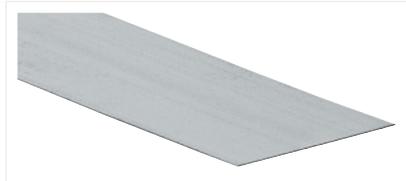
GTEC Metal Angle
Multi-purpose galvanised metal section.

MFC2525, MFC2550, MFC2330



GTEC Fixing Channel
Provide support for plasterboard joints and fixtures.

MFIX



GTEC Flat Strap
Provide support for plasterboard joints and fixtures.

FS50/RX, FS90/W



Finishing



GTEC Corner and Edge beads
Corner and edge reinforcement.



Siniat Joint Tape
Joint reinforcement in conjunction with GTEC Jointing Compounds.



GTEC Intumescent Acoustic Sealant
Perimeter sealing to restrict smoke, sound and fire penetration to achieve quoted performances.



Siniat Compounds
To finish joints between boards and bed corner beads prior to decorating. Ensures system performance.

See [annex b: product reference](#)

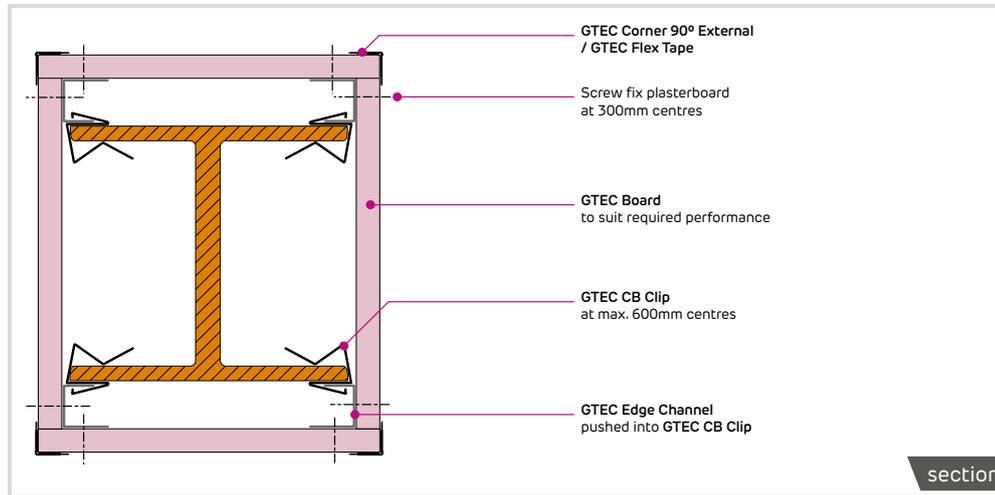


GTEC Sealer
To seal plasterboard prior to decoration.

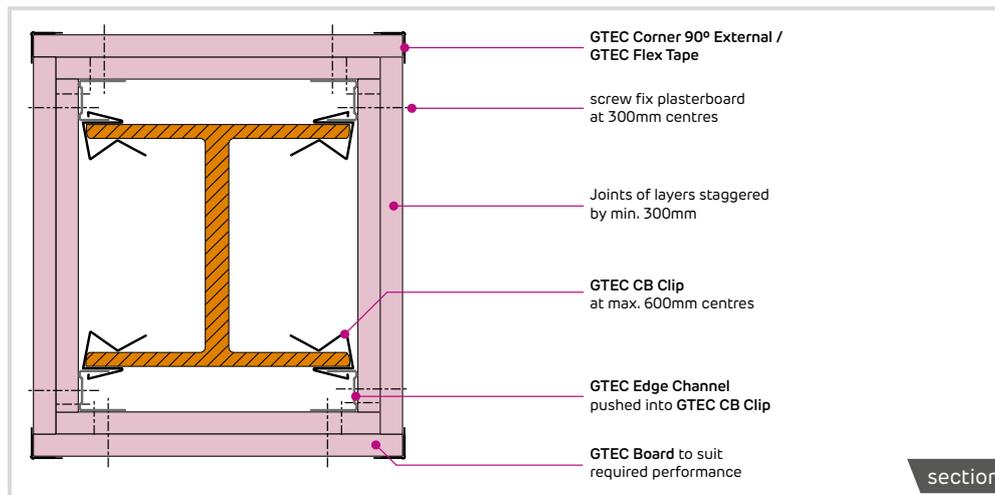
System guidance

Frame

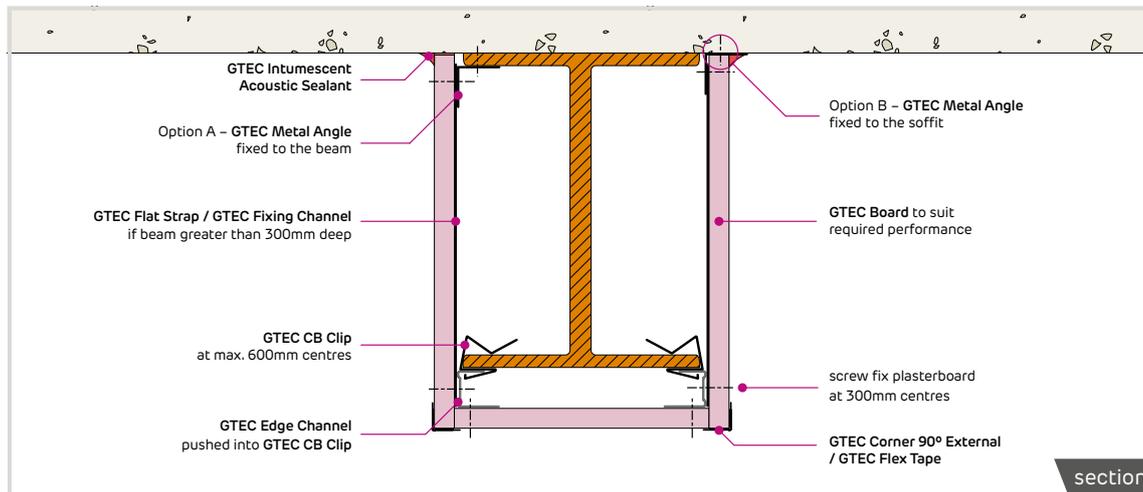
FP-EN-101P-Column encasement – single layer



FP-EN-102P-Column encasement – double layer

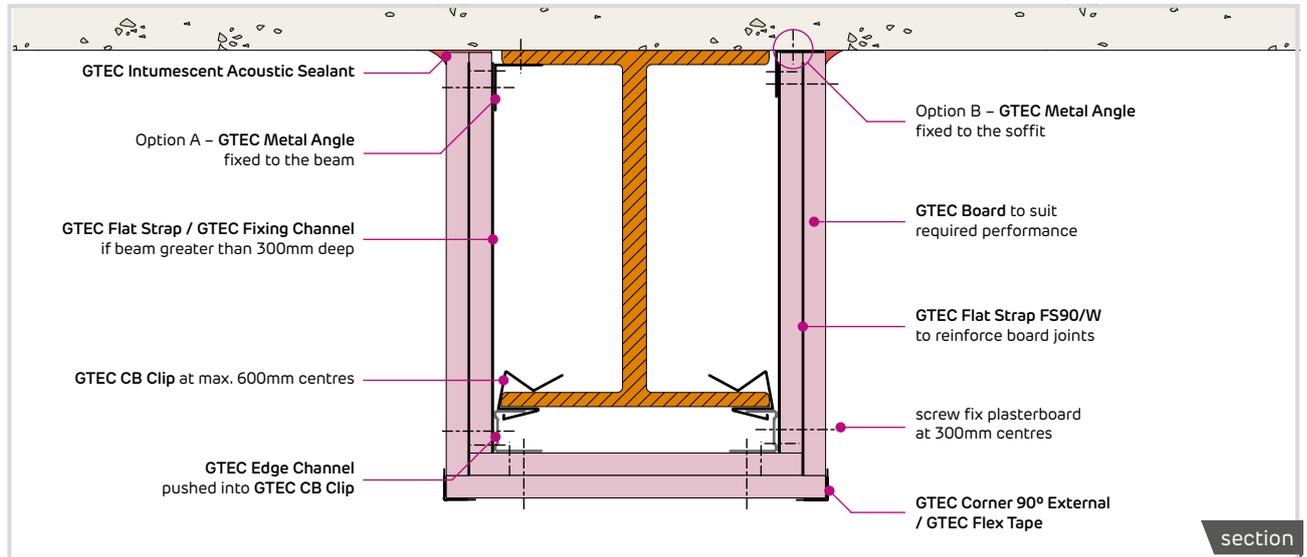


FP-EN-103S-Single boarded beam encasement



Frame

FP-EN-104S-Double boarded beam encasement



- ▶ Select GTEC CB Clips to suit flange thickness of steel to be protected:

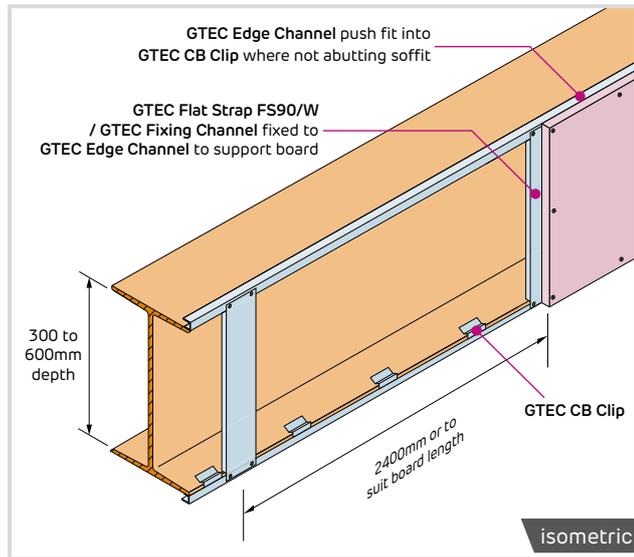
| GTEC CB Clip | To fit flange size: |
|--------------|---------------------|
| CB 17 | 7-17mm |
| CB 27 | 17-27mm |

- ▶ GTEC CB Clips to be friction fitted to flanges of steel at maximum 600mm centres beginning at 150mm from both ends of steel.

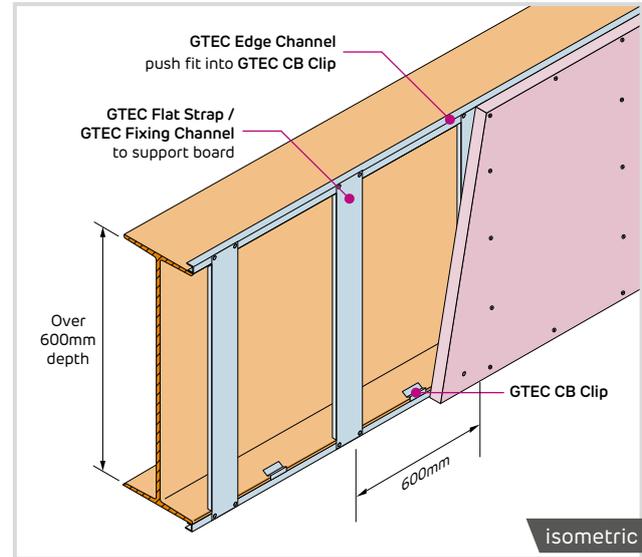
- ▶ GTEC Edge Channel to be friction fitted into GTEC CB Clips along length of steel.
- ▶ Where steel abuts structure GTEC Metal Angle to be fixed to structure or shot fired to inside of steel flange with appropriate fixings, and following guidance of steel designer, to provide substrate for plasterboard.

Boarding

FP-EN-201M-300-600mm beam board reinforcement



FP-EN-202M-Over 600mm beam board reinforcement

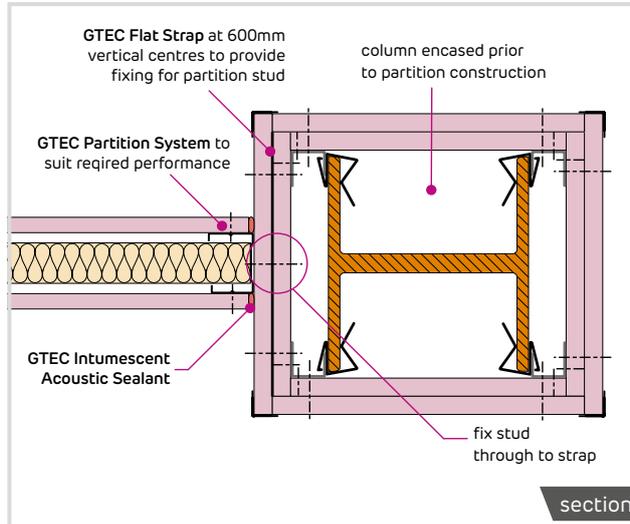


- ▶ Select GTEC Boards by consulting System Performance Tables and Hp/A tables to achieve required performance.
- ▶ GTEC Board to be fixed to GTEC Edge Channel, GTEC Metal Angle and any reinforcement at maximum 300mm centres using appropriate GTEC Drywall Screws (see [annex a1: taping and jointing](#)). Fixing positions to be staggered on next boarding layer. Minimum 2 screws per board edge.

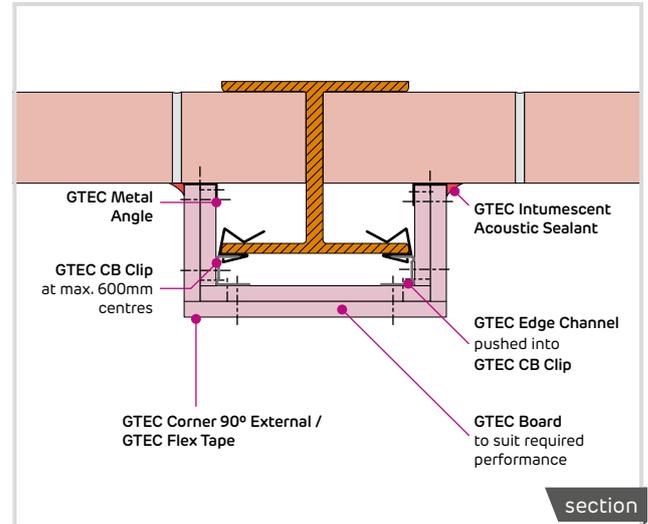
- ▶ Where flange/web dimension exceeds 300mm all plasterboard joints along beam/column to be reinforced with GTEC Flat Strap or GTEC MFIX Channel.
- ▶ Where flange/web dimension exceeds 600mm provide reinforcement to board with GTEC Flat Strap or GTEC MFIX fixed to GTEC Edge Channel at maximum 600mm centres and at board joints.

Corners and junctions

FP-EN-501P-Junction partition to column (non-acoustic)



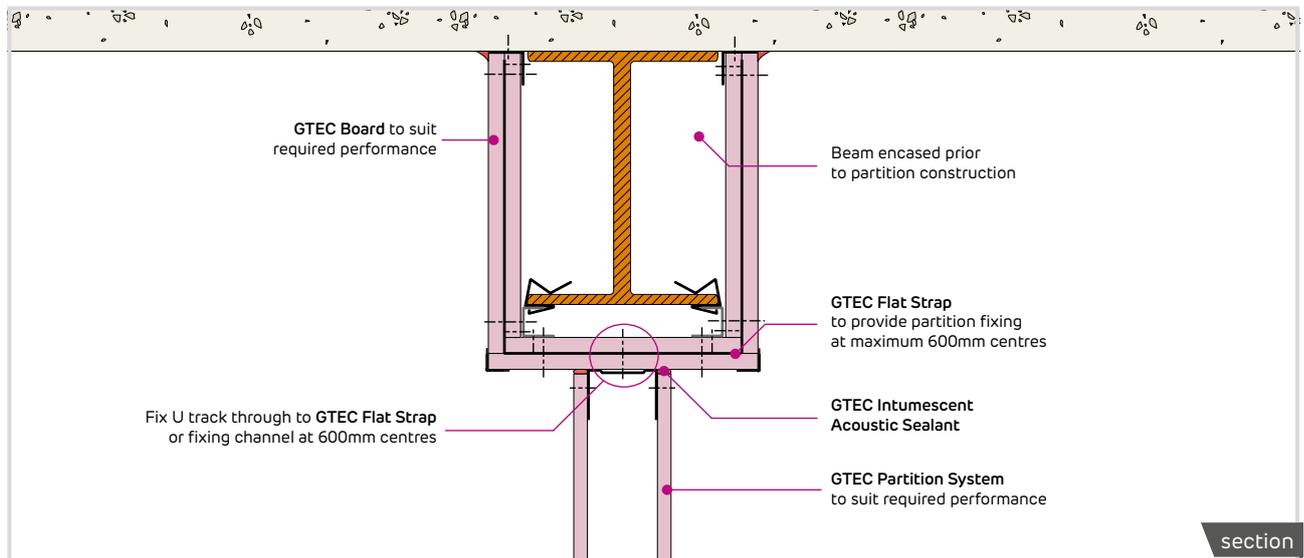
FP-EN-503S-Column in masonry wall



► For bespoke acoustic junction partition to column details, please contact Technical Services.

► Provide GTEC Flat Strap as reinforcement for abutting partitions at 600mm centres behind final layer of encasement board. Studs or tracks to be fixed through to reinforcement.

FP-EN-504S-Junction of partition along beam (non-acoustic)



Head deflection

- ▶ GTEC Encasement systems are designed to move with beam deflection. Partitions meeting beams liable to deflection to be detailed according to guidance in the [partitions systems](#) section.
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Penetrations

- ▶ Penetrations must not be made through GTEC Encasement systems.
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Fixtures

- ▶ Fixtures to be supported by structure and not supported by GTEC Encasement systems.
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Finishing

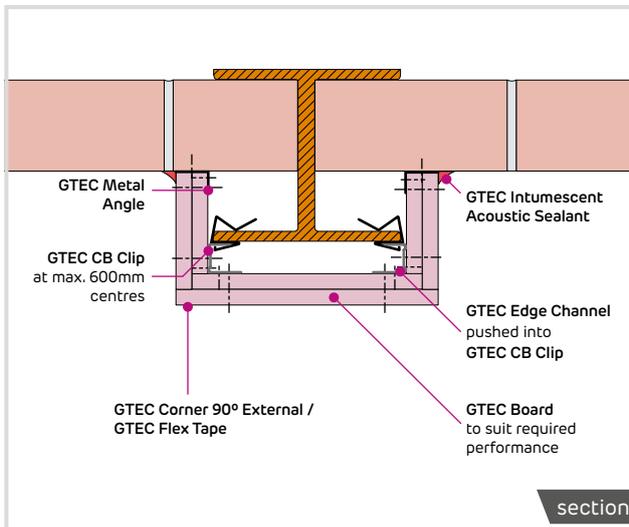
- ▶ All corners to be reinforced with GTEC Corner 90.
 - ▶ All board joints to be taped, jointed or finished according to guidance in [annex a1: taping and jointing](#) to achieve system performances.
 - ▶ GTEC Finish materials appropriate to board type to be used.
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System continuity

- ▶ Bead of GTEC Intumescent Acoustic Sealant to be applied to perimeter of all runs and in all other locations specified in Construction Detail Drawings.
- ▶ GTEC Intumescent Acoustic Sealant to seal all other acoustic or air paths to prevent fire/smoke spread and acoustic transmission.
- ▶ Full, imperforate system continuity must be maintained to achieve rated performances.

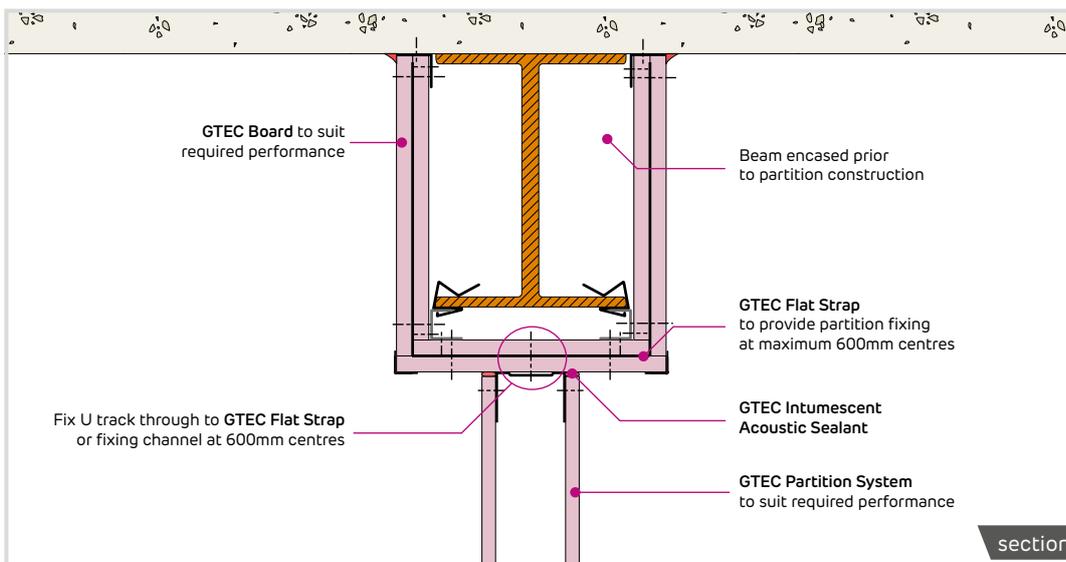
Corners and junctions continued

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FP-EN-504S-Junction of partition along beam (non-acoustic)



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