

What is good quality access floor?

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Dowseng SteelCrete Access Floor Panel



- Dowseng Bare Finished SteelCrete System is suitable for Office Building applications and Underfloor Air Distribution applications.
- Dowseng HPL Finished SteelCrete System is suitable for Data Center applications.

Dowseng SteelCrete Cruciform-head Pedestal

- Finished floor height: from 100mm to 600mm.
- Hot-galvanized steel components provide better corrosion resistant performance.
- Zinc whisker free.





The bigger the Yield Point, the better the steel-concrete panel quality.



- Property of Steel & Concrete in Access Floor Panel
 - Steel is solid and resilient. Concrete is solid, however lack of resilience, easy to shrink.
 - Steel-concrete access floor panel is different with homogeneous access floor panels.
- What is Design Load, Yield Point, Ultimate Load?
 - Design Load The safe working load that can be applied to the access floor panel.
 - Yield Point The load at which <u>permanent damage</u> to access floor panel begins to occur. In steel-concrete access floor panel, permanent damage occurs firstly on infilling concrete. <u>The bigger the Yield Point, the better the steel-concrete panel quality.</u>
 - Under no circumstances, should floor users allow applied load exceed Yield Point, as there will be permanent damage to the access floor panel.
 - Ultimate Load The maximum load that can be applied to the access floor system without failure or falling through the floor.
 For steel-concrete access floor, Ultimate Load is for reference only.
 - No matter how good the Ultimate Load is, if the Yield Point is not good enough, the panel quality is not good.



DEFLECTION



Cannikin Law

- Cannikin Law: The shortest slab determines the capacity of a wooden tub.
- For example, the infilling concrete in the access floor panel is one of the shortest slabs.
 - Problem 1: Concrete is lack of bending strength and resilience.
 - Increasing the concrete bending strength and resilience will improve loading performance and Yie Point dramatically.
 - Problem 2: Concrete is easy of shrinkage.
 - Adding proper aggregate into concrete will dramatically decrease the shrinkage rate, decrease the gap between the steel and concrete, eliminate the annoying crack noise.



Deepness of the steel dome matters

Regarding the different design of the back of the panel: Don't differentiate without a difference. Don't introduce differences whose only purpose is to give you an advantage over your competitor without giving your customers a substantial advantage.

- Good Quality
- Deep dome leads to better loading performance, however leads to higher manufacturing cost.

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• Bad Quality
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• Shallow dome leads to poorer loading performance, however leads to lower manufacturing cost.





Welding quality matters

Good Quality

• There are over 100 welding points on one panel, making the welding points uniform and strong enough is key to the panel quality.



• Bad Quality

 The faulty soldering will lead to welding point peels open under normal loading, which will lead to crack noise of the panel, the poor loading performance of the panel.





Gap between the steel and concrete matters

Good Quality

- There is no gap between steel case and infilling concrete.
- The feet feeling is solid.
- Make no noise.
- Loading performance is better.

Bad Quality

- There is gap between steel case and infilling concrete.
- The feet feeling is not solid.
- Crack noise when stepping on.
- Loading performance is bad.





Concrete property matters

- Good quality of concrete has good bending strength and resilience.
- The higher the concrete bending strength, the better the panel rigidity.
- The higher the concrete resilience, the better the Yield Point.
- The balance of the bending strength and resilience needs careful consideration and massive experiments.
- Many producers' access floor concrete quality is more than unprofessional, it's inferior.





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