



TEST REPORT UNDER THE PM STANDARD

KAPLA Wooden Planks 1000 Box

1000 natural planks in a wooden box on castors

86 % very good

OVERALL RATING

257 of 300 points

Licence number	2609000905	Product group	Toys / Wooden building blocks
Brand	KAPLA	Test period	09/2026
Model	1000 Box (PC)	Valid from	18.09.2026
Offer price	EUR 259.00	Type of test	Commissioned test

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Test framework

Product tested	KAPLA Wooden Planks 1000 Box — 1000 natural planks in a wooden box on castors
Licence number	2609000905
Test sample	One unit, factory-new, delivered unopened
Source	Commissioned and supplied by the manufacturer
Test period	09/2026 • five-day test cycle
Offer price	EUR 259.00 during the test period
What was tested	Functional testing in everyday use. Not included: long-term testing, chemical analysis and testing under controlled climate conditions.

Method

The rating follows the PM Standard: ten test parameters grouped in three rating areas. The weighting is fixed before testing begins and is the same for every product.

For each parameter, a category benchmark is set before the sample is rated. Every point deducted is tied to a named finding.

Test items that do not apply are treated as neutral and are removed from the calculation together with their weighting.

Area	Points	Share
A Product Characteristics	100	33.3 %
B Use and Safety	120	40.0 %
C Feedback and Service	80	26.7 %
Total	300	100 %

Rating key

Percent	Rating	Certification
100 – 95 %	● excellent	qualifies
94 – 85 %	● very good	qualifies
84 – 75 %	● good	qualifies
74 – 65 %	● satisfactory	does not qualify
64 – 0 %	● poor	does not qualify

How this report is organised

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Technical data

Design	Uniform planks, no connectors
Piece count	1,000
Plank size	117 × 23.4 × 7.8 mm
Grid	1 : 3 : 15
Plank weight	approx. 12 g
Wood	Maritime pine, untreated, PEFC certified
Box	Pine, glued, with lid
Box size	38 × 38 × 39 cm
Weight when full	19 kg
Mobility	4 factory-fitted castors, no brakes, 2 rope handles
Instructions	1 booklet with models
Marking	CE, manufacturer address in France
Age statement	from 2 years per manufacturer
EAN	0814647006000

In the box

- 1,000 natural wooden planks
- Wooden box with lid
- 4 castors, factory-fitted
- 2 rope handles
- 1 instruction booklet with models

Manufacturer

Company	KAPLA France SARL
Address	98 Av. de la Garonne, 33440 St-Louis
Country	France
Item number	PC

Advertised features

- 1 Maritime pine, natural and sustainable
- 2 Suitable from 2 years
- 3 Building without fixings
- 4 Encourages creativity and perseverance
- 5 Box on castors for 1,000 planks

Where it stands in its class

Each bar shows where the test sample sits within the range that is typical for this product group. A full bar means the top of the class, not the best possible.

Piece count		1,000 of 350-1,000
Full-length planks		1,000 of 400-1,000
Price per plank		0.26 of 0.12-0.34 EUR
Total price		259 of 219-299 EUR
Plank thickness		7.8 of 7.9 mm
Length variety		1 length of 1-3
Mobility		Castors without brakes
Instructions		1 booklet, no book

Deviation between manufacturer and listing

Manufacturer and listing state different dimensions, weights and age statements. The manufacturer's values are used.

Feature	Manufacturer	Listing / sample
Box size	38 × 38 × 39 cm	40.6 × 40.6 × 40.6 cm
Weight	19 kg	18 kg
Minimum age	2 years	48 months
Booklets	2	1 in the sample

Test environment

Location	Indoors, smooth floor and carpet
Test sample	1,000 planks, box on castors, 1 booklet
Condition	new, delivered in outer carton
Test means	Visual check, grid test, packing test
Duration	five days in practical use

What the rating is based on

Source	Used for	Applies to
Test sample	Visual, tactile and functional checks, measurements	all parameters
Manufacturer specification	technical values, conformity	parameters 1 to 6
Category benchmark	classification of measured values, set before the test	all parameters
Market observation	price level, feature comparison	parameter 10
Customer reviews	synopsis of published reviews	parameter 8

In all other parameters, only what was found on the test sample or derived from technical data is rated.

Procedure

- STEP 1 Receipt and inspection.** Carton, contents and marking recorded, box checked for joints and castors.
- STEP 2 Plank check.** Sample checked for splinters and notches, grid test with three planks stacked flat.
- STEP 3 Building.** Free builds and models from the booklet assembled and taken down again.
- STEP 4 Packing and moving.** Planks poured in loosely, lid closure checked, box moved over hard floor and carpet.
- STEP 5 Market position.** Price per plank and sources for 1,000 planks compared.

Test items not applicable

3 test items did not apply to this product and were treated as neutral. They cause no deduction.

Test item	Reason
Power supply	Toy without electrics
Consumables	Product needs none
Weather resistance	intended for indoor use

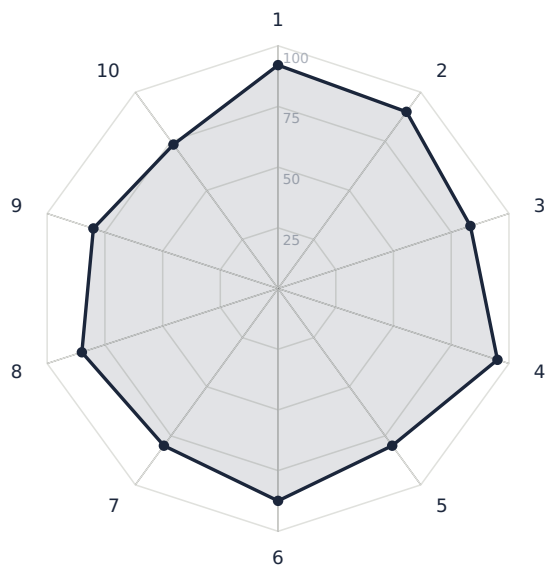
A feature the design does not provide is not a defect. It is neither rated nor weighted.

The ten test parameters

No.	Test parameter	Score	Points	Share
1	Build Quality		46 / 50	92 %
2	Design		18 / 20	90 %
3	Size & Weight		25 / 30	83 %
4	Functionality		38 / 40	95 %
5	Ease of Use & Suitability		32 / 40	80 %
6	Safety		35 / 40	88 %
7	Advertising Claims		12 / 15	80 %
8	Customer Feedback		17 / 20	85 %
9	Packaging & Labelling		12 / 15	80 %
10	Value for Money		22 / 30	73 %



Parameter profile



Reading the profile

The profile is slightly uneven. Most parameters sit close together, a few fall noticeably behind.

The average across all ten parameters is **85 percent**. Noticeably below this average: **Value for Money**.

A dip on one axis affects the overall result only in proportion to the weight of its rating area. A weak parameter in area B counts for more than the same value in area C.

The axis starts at zero; all values are shares of the points available. The digits match the numbering of the test parameters.

Result by rating area

Area	Points	Achieved	Applies to
A Product Characteristics	89 / 100	89.0 %	33.3 %
B Use and Safety	105 / 120	87.5 %	40.0 %
C Feedback and Service	63 / 80	78.8 %	26.7 %
Overall	257 / 300	85.7 %	100 %

Areas side by side

A Product Characteristics		89.0 %
B Use and Safety		87.5 %
C Feedback and Service		78.8 %

Key figures

STRONGEST RESULT 95 % Functionality	WEAKEST RESULT 73 % Value for Money	SPREAD 22 percentage points between strongest and weakest	AVERAGE 85 % across all ten parameters
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5 · Measurements and Benchmarks

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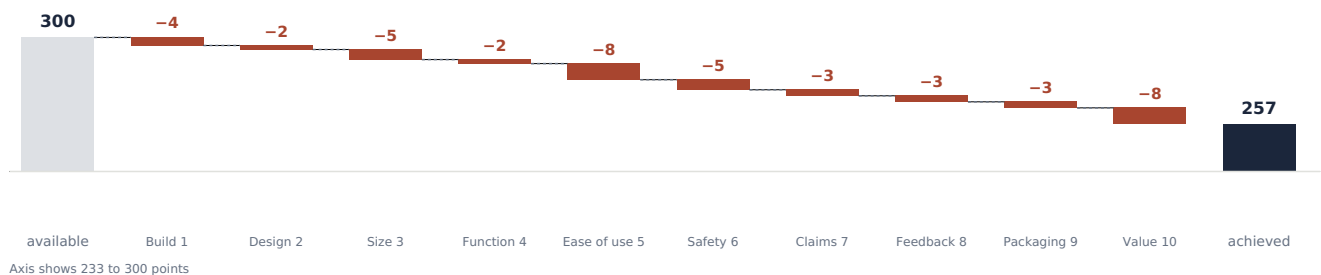
The bar marks the measured value; the grey band marks the range of the category benchmark. All axes start at zero. How the values were obtained is described in chapter 3.

Test item	Test sample	Benchmark	Position	Assessment
Plank size	117 × 23.4 × 7.8 mm	Join Clips 119 × 24 × 7.9 mm	—	within standard
Grid ratio	1 : 3 : 15 confirmed	Uniform grid is common	—	met
Piece count	1,000	350–1,000 per set		upper end
Full-length planks	1,000	400–1,000		upper end
Plank weight	approx. 12 g	no class value	—	—
Box size	38 × 38 × 39 cm	Join Clips 46 × 36.5 × 30 cm	—	smaller footprint
Weight when full	19 kg	no class value	—	—
Surface	free of splinters	splinter-free required	—	met
Box capacity	Lid closes after shaking	Lid closes when full	—	tight
Castors	4, no brakes	castors, 2 lockable	—	below standard
Instructions	1 booklet	Book with KAPLA 280	—	below standard
Marking	CE, address	CE and address required	—	met
Price per plank	EUR 0.26	EUR 0.12–0.34		mid-range
Total price	EUR 259.00	Market EUR 219.00–299.00		middle of range
Gap to best price	+EUR 31.50	from EUR 227.50	—	above best price

Notes on the measurements

Dimensions. Plank size, tolerance and weights are nominal values. The grid ratio was checked on the sample. **Piece count.** The 1,000 planks were not counted individually. The surface was checked as a sample.

Where the points were lost



Of 300 points available, 43 were lost to named findings. Each deduction is tied to a finding in the rating section.

How the result is calculated

The three rating areas enter the overall result with 100, 120 and 80 of 300 points. The weighted percentage determines the rating.

Area	Achieved	Available	Percent
A · Product Characteristics	89	100	89.00 %
B · Use and Safety	105	120	87.50 %
C · Feedback and Service	63	80	78.75 %
Total	257	300	—

$$(89.00 \times 100 + 87.50 \times 120 + 78.75 \times 80) \div 300 = \mathbf{85.67 \text{ percent}}$$

85.67 percent corresponds to the rating “very good” on the rating key.

Overall result

86 %

OVERALL RATING

very good

85.67 percent • 257 of 300 points

Qualifies for certification

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Test procedure	PM Standard, ten test parameters
Type of test	Commissioned test

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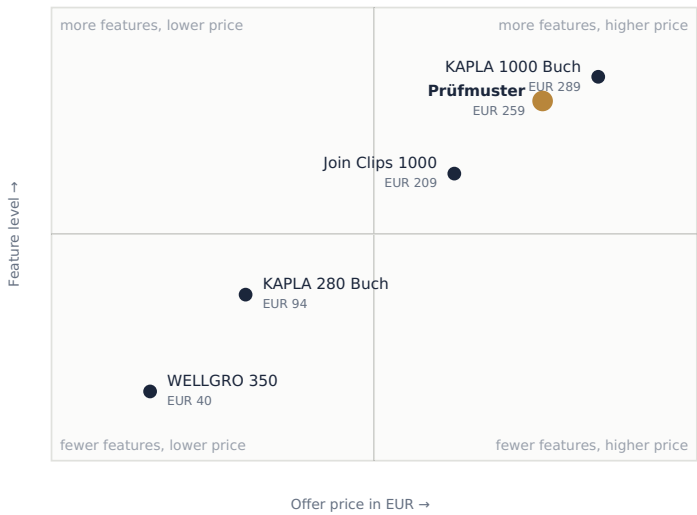


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Competing products

Product	Price	Key specs	Source
Join Clips planks 1000	EUR 209.95	400 long, 600 short, box on castors	Price check 09/26
KAPLA 280 with art book	EUR 94.00	280 planks, wooden box, book	Price check 09/26
KAPLA 1000 with art book	EUR 289.90	1,000 planks, wooden box, book	Price check 09/26
WELLGRO blocks 350	EUR 40.95	350 pine blocks, bag	Price check 09/26
KAPLA 1000 Box	EUR 259.00	1,000 planks, box on castors, 1 booklet	Test sample

Price versus features



Reading the chart

The horizontal axis shows the offer price, the vertical axis the feature level. The test sample is highlighted.

The axes cover only the range in which the compared products actually sit, not the whole market. A dot far to the right means a higher price within this group, not expensive in absolute terms.

Equipment rates piece count, full-length planks, storage and extras.

How the offer is priced

What the test sample costs compared with other ways to buy 1,000 planks.

Lowest offer KAPLA 1000	EUR 227.50	+EUR 31.50
Manufacturer shop KAPLA 1000	EUR 280.00	–EUR 21.00
KAPLA 1000 with art book	EUR 289.90	–EUR 30.90
5 × KAPLA 200 box, manufacturer shop	EUR 275.00	–EUR 16.00
Join Clips planks 1000	EUR 209.95	+EUR 49.05

PRICE PER PLANK • TEST SAMPLE

EUR 0.26

PRICE PER PLANK • MARKET LEVEL

EUR 0.12 – 0.34

Prices change. All figures are dated snapshots. The report shows the arithmetic and makes no purchase recommendation.

RATING AREA A

Product Characteristics

89 / 100

89.0 % achieved · weight 33.3 %

1 Build Quality

Do materials, workmanship and finish look well made and suited to the intended use?

46 / 50
92 %

FINDINGS

- 1:3:15 grid confirmed: three flat planks match one plank on edge
- 117 × 23.4 × 7.8 mm, identical across all 1,000 planks
- Smooth surface, no splinters or notches found on inspection
- Untreated maritime pine, PEFC certified
- Box walls made of pine, glued

LIMITATIONS

- Box floor has open holes that planks can poke through
- Box walls additionally held by two plastic straps

2 Design

Are shape, colour and overall appearance coherent and appropriate to the function?

18 / 20
90 %

FINDINGS

- Unvarnished natural wood with even grain
- Box printed with building drawing and logo
- Identical planks create a calm overall look

LIMITATIONS

- Blue plastic straps break the wooden look of the box

3 Size & Weight

Are dimensions, weight and footprint in sensible proportion to the type of product?

25 / 30
83 %

FINDINGS

- Box 38 × 38 × 39 cm, smaller footprint than Join Clips at 46 × 36.5 cm
- Each plank weighs about 12 g, so builds stay light
- 19 kg total weight spread over four castors

LIMITATIONS

- Lid only closes once the contents have settled by shaking
- 19 kg when full, has to be carried over steps

RATING AREA B

Use and Safety

105 / 120

87.5 % achieved · weight 40.0 %

4 Functionality

*Does the product do its core job reliably and with adequate performance?***38** / 40

95 %

FINDINGS

- 1,000 full-length planks, Join Clips offers 400 at full length
- Building without connectors, no small parts to lose
- Uniform 7.8 mm thickness, compatible with 7.9 mm clips
- Grid allows walls, floors and roofs from a single element

LIMITATIONS

- Only one plank length, Join Clips offers three

5 Ease of Use & Suitability

*Can the product be set up and used in everyday life without special effort?***32** / 40

80 %

FINDINGS

- Castors fitted at the factory, box ready to roll
- Two rope handles for lifting
- No instructions needed to start, planks are simply stacked

LIMITATIONS

- Castors without brakes, box does not stay put
- One booklet with models, no step-by-step build guide

6 Safety

*Are there recognisable risks in normal use, and are the relevant standards met?***35** / 40

88 %

FINDINGS

- Untreated wood, no varnish or dye
- No splinters found on edges or faces
- Planks 117 mm long, larger than the small-parts cylinder
- Low unit weight, collapses without hard impact

LIMITATIONS

- 19 kg box without lockable castors
- Three age statements: from 2 years, 48 months, pictogram 0–3

RATING AREA C

Feedback and Service

63 / 80

78.8 % achieved · weight 26.7 %

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Advertising Claims

Do the advertised claims hold up when checked on the sample?**12** / 15

80 %

FINDINGS

- Natural, untreated maritime pine confirmed
- Building without fixings confirmed
- Box on castors for 1,000 planks confirmed

LIMITATIONS

- One instruction booklet instead of the two advertised
- "From 2 years" in the title, 48 months in the listing data

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Customer Feedback

What overall picture emerges from customer reviews?**17** / 20

85 %

FINDINGS

- Average 4.8 stars from 492 ratings, sample average 4.88 from 99
- Precision of the planks highlighted in 12 reviews
- Adults building along mentioned in 26 reviews
- Use in nurseries, after-school clubs and youth centres in 7 reviews
- No reports of injury or harmful substances

LIMITATIONS

- 8 reviews: lid only closes if planks are packed neatly
- 3 reviews miss a step-by-step guide

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Packaging & Labelling

Are packaging, transport protection and mandatory information complete and clear?**12** / 15

80 %

FINDINGS

- Box arrived undamaged in an outer carton
- French manufacturer address on the product
- CE mark and piece count printed on the box

LIMITATIONS

- No age warning on box or carton
- Listing label names a UK company and pictogram 0-3

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Value for Money

Is the price in reasonable proportion to the market level of its class?**22** / 30

73 %

FINDINGS

- EUR 259.00, middle of the market range EUR 219.00 to 299.00
- EUR 0.26 per plank, KAPLA 280 with book EUR 0.34
- EUR 21.00 below the manufacturer shop price of EUR 280.00
- 1,000 full-length planks, Join Clips 1000 has 400 for EUR 209.95

LIMITATIONS

- EUR 31.50 above the lowest offer of EUR 227.50
- No art book, KAPLA 1000 with book costs EUR 289.90

Seven levels per test item

Every test item is rated on the same scale. The levels are fixed before testing and identical for all products.

Level	Meaning
5 • fully met	The item is met without reservation. The value is at or above the category benchmark. There is nothing to object to.
4 • largely met	The item is met. Minor deviations are visible but have no effect in normal use.
3 • met with reservations	The item is met, but the value is below the category benchmark. Use remains possible, but takes more effort.
2 • partly met	The item is only partly met. The shortfall is noticeable in daily use and restricts it.
1 • barely met	The item is essentially not met. Normal use is clearly impaired.
0 • not met	The item is not met. The product cannot sensibly be used as intended in this respect.
X • not applicable	The item does not apply to this product. It causes no deduction and its weighting is removed from the calculation.

What this report covers

The report documents a functional test in everyday use. It sets the values found against the category benchmark and ties every point deducted to a named finding.

What it does not cover

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