

stravifloor
by CDM Stravitec



HIGH-PERFORMANCE FLOATING FLOORS

ACOUSTIC SOLUTIONS FOR EFFICIENT
IMPACT & AIRBORNE NOISE ISOLATION

Why CDM Stravitec?

We take pride in our heritage of noise and vibration expertise and our ability to integrate acoustics with modern construction methods. Our holistic design approach and extensive knowledge of materials set us apart. Using this approach, we deliver high-performing acoustic isolation solutions to the world's largest and most discerning clients.

When you work with the team at CDM Stravitec, you are working with some of the most knowledgeable and experienced staff in the industry. Our commitment to effectively manage noise levels shines through in everything we do. From conception to completion, we are a client-focused and full-service solution provider that designs, manufactures, delivers, and installs market-leading noise and vibration isolation solutions - making your world a quieter place.



EXPERIENCE

Established in 1951, CDM Stravitec's reputation is built on a passion for solving noise and vibration problems, a professional approach, technical excellence, customer service, and, most of all, our people. Our clients rely on decades of experience and trust us to bring the right solution to every project we undertake.



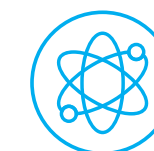
INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE

With locations in North America, Europe, and Asia, CDM Stravitec is well-positioned to handle projects globally. No matter where you are, CDM Stravitec provides great customer service, engineered solutions, and on-site performance. The diversity of our multilingual staff provides an ideal creative source for understanding technical, practical, local, and cultural considerations. Hundreds of completed projects in more than 50 countries are testimony of our customer satisfaction.



ENGINEERING & CUSTOMIZATION CAPABILITIES

Our highly qualified team of engineers has a thorough understanding of the properties of sound generation, propagation, and its effect, it uses sophisticated calculation software (FEM, SOLIDS, BIM, etc.) to predict system performance, and provide detailed drawings and installation plans for each project. Because of this, clients welcome us working closely with them and their project teams.



RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

CDM Stravitec's ongoing R&D program continuously expands the understanding of raw materials. Continuous investment into acoustical and mechanical property testing (in-house testing) allows us to provide material science and test reports for many applications. Collaboration with leading international universities and testing institutes enables us to develop high-performing acoustical solutions for tomorrow.



INSTALLATION ASSISTANCE

How well an acoustic floating floor performs largely depends on the quality and care taken during installation (eliminating possible mechanical bridging and noise flanking). By overseeing installation and addressing any issues that may occur, we can provide the necessary warranties, giving you complete peace of mind. CDM Stravitec is registered and insured to provide installation in many regions of the United States and Canada.

Why High-Performance Floating Floors?

Increasing populations density and urbanization is making the standard for low noise and vibration ever more stringent. This is causing an increase in demand for high-quality and efficient noise and vibration isolation systems following the need to build faster, lighter, and with bigger spans.

These trends pose new challenges to the design of high-performance floating floor systems aimed at mitigating vibration, and reducing impact and airborne noise. Stiffening the structure to change its dynamic performance is a suitable but costly measure.

Today, floating floor systems are part of state-of-the-art building technology. They are a cost-effective and efficient option to improve the acoustical performance of our buildings and are commonly part of box-in-box systems installed in high-performance spaces. Floating floors are usually made of poured-in-place concrete or of lightweight panel systems, supported by resilient elements that transfer the loads from the floating floor to the subfloor.

A floating floor system can have three functions, or a combination thereof, depending on the final objective in the building design:

AIRBORNE NOISE ISOLATION

An increase of the airborne isolation properties of the floor structure. E.g.: floors of mechanical equipment rooms, musical/ rehearsal spaces, recording studios, bowling alleys, etc.

VIBRATION ISOLATION

An increase of vibration isolation properties of the structural floor, supporting vibration generating machines. E.g.: floors underneath generators, air-handling units, transformers, pumps, and other building service equipment.

IMPACT NOISE ISOLATION

An increase of the impact noise isolation properties of the floor structure. E.g.: floors of rooftop bars, ballrooms, classrooms, hallways, etc.

STRAVIFLOOR SOLUTIONS ...

- have an outstanding dynamic to static stiffness (K_{dyn}/K_{stat}) ratio, allowing a low resonant frequency at minimal deflection;
- use elastomeric isolators with low stiffness and high resilience, achieving a natural frequency of ≥ 6 Hz or springs achieving a natural frequency of ≥ 2.5 Hz;
- use resilient elements that offer extremely low and constant resonant frequency over a wide load range;
- are durable and have an exceptionally low creep rate;
- use mold and water-resistant isolators;
- incorporate an air void to maximize airborne noise isolation (excl. Stravifloor Mat);
- allow for an extremely low-profile floating floor system;
- use isolators that remain accessible and replaceable even after installation and concrete pour (jack-up systems);
- provide the least amount of contact points reducing the potential for acoustical bridging.

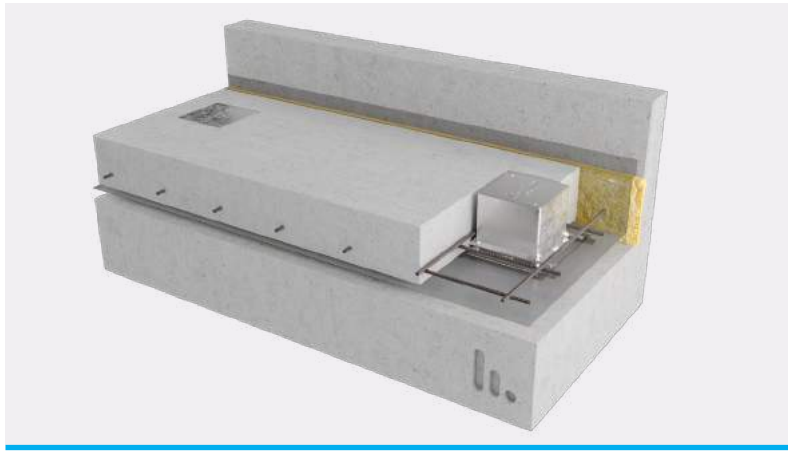
Note: to limit the floating floor system deformations in the load window without jeopardizing the noise and vibration integrity, it is important that the ratio of dynamic to static stiffness, the so-called r-factor, is limited to < 2 . Having a lower r-factor, CDM Stravitec elastomers have a high performance with a low deformation.

Where to Use Stravifloor Solutions?

Application	Stravifloor Jackup	Stravifloor Mount	Stravifloor Channel	Stravifloor Deck	Stravifloor Mat
Main Benefit	Few Contact Points; Guaranteed Separation from Subfloor	Discrete Solution	Discrete Solution with Enhanced Stability	Low-Profile Floating; Concrete Deck System	Roll-Out Solution
Natural Frequency (f_n)	Elast. ≥ 6 Hz Springs ≥ 2.5 Hz	≥ 6 Hz	≥ 6 Hz	Elast. ≥ 6 Hz Springs ≥ 2.5 Hz	≥ 9 Hz
Cinema & Theater	••	••••	•	••	NR**
Recording Studio & Radio Station	••••	••	••	•	NR
Music Practice & Rehearsal Room	••	••	••••	••••	NR
Mechanical Equipment Rooms	••	••••	••••	••	NR
Event Space	••	••	••	••••	••
Swimming Pool	•	••••	••	••	••••
Basketball Court & Sports	••••	••	••	•	NR
Bowling Alley	••••	••	••	••••	•
Residential	•	••	••••	••	••••
Parking Garage	•	••	••	••••	••••
Medical Laboratory	••••	••	••	••••	NR
Rooftop Heliports	••••	••	••	•	•
Mass Timber	•	••	••••	••••	•
Fitness Floating Floor (concrete)*	••••	•	••	••	•

* For more information about lightweight fitness floating floors please refer to our brochure Fitness & Gym Isolated Floating Floors.

** NR: Not Recommended.



Extreme
Performance



Jack-Up
System



Replaceable
Isolators



Low Risk of
Acoustical
Bridging

Stravifloor Jackup Jack-Up System


Stravifloor Jackup is a **jack-up** floating floor system with **reinforced steel boxes** cast into concrete. Once the concrete has cured, the isolated slab is raised off the structure to the required void depth. Stravifloor Jackup boxes allow for easy adjustment of the final floor height as well as replacement of isolators, should the use of the room or load conditions change in the future.

Special, resilient batt insulation can be installed in the void to avoid a standing wave in the air void (which may cause noise breakthrough at high frequencies).

Stravifloor Jackup boxes have an extremely high load capacity and, therefore, allow for larger spans and fewer support points than traditional jack-up system. CDM Stravitec leads the industry with a typical 6-ft (1.8 m) o.c. spacing, reducing the quantity of supports and the time to install and jack the floor up by up to 55%. Those savings in both material and labor make jack-up systems affordable, even for the projects with a tighter budget.

This system is available with either spring bearings or natural rubber pads.

Natural Frequency	Elastomeric Pads	≥ 6 Hz
	Springs	≥ 2.5 Hz [2" (50 mm) deflection]
Standard Product Height	Box	4" (100 mm) 6" (150 mm) 8" (200 mm)
Minimum System Height	Elastomeric Pads	4-3/8" (110 mm)
	Springs	4-3/16" (105 mm)
Minimum Air Gap	Elastomeric Pads	3/8" (10 mm)
	Springs	3/16" (5 mm)

 Solution data sheet
available upon request.





High
Performance



Discrete
System



Cost-
Effective



Easy
Installation

Stravifloor Mount Discrete Pad System

Stravifloor Mount is a **discrete pad** floating floor system and is designed for **fast and easy installation**.

CDM Stravitec elastomeric bearings ensure a high-performance floating floor, providing exceptional structure-borne and airborne noise isolation. The system can be installed with normal-weight concrete, lightweight concrete, or panelized floor systems using plywood or cement board.

This system is available with either natural rubber or AASHTO-grade neoprene rubber pads.

This system is also available as a pre-manufactured modular floating floor solution, with the pads pre-assembled to the boards, that is delivered on site with detailed installation drawings making it exceptionally easy to install whilst minimizing the risk of installation errors.

Natural Frequency	Elastomeric Pads	≥ 6 Hz
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Standard Product Height	Elastomeric Pads	1-3/16" (30 mm) 2" (50 mm)
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Minimum Build-up Height	Panelized	2-11/16" (68 mm)
	Concrete	5-3/16" (130 mm)

Minimum Air Gap		1-3/16" (30 mm)
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High
Performance



Discrete
System



Enhanced
Stiffness



Lightweight

Stravifloor Channel Channel System

Stravifloor Channel is an **isolated steel batten system** for the support of lightweight, panelized floating floors applications, using strong, galvanized steel channels over the isolation pads.

Stravifloor Channel **improves the structural stability** of the floating floor and provides lower differential deflection resulting from live load or concentrated loads. It also allows for larger isolation pad spacing, which reduces material and installation costs, and increases acoustical performance through optimization of pad loading and fewer contact points (transmission paths) to the subfloor.

This system is available with either natural rubber or AASHTO-grade neoprene rubber pads.

Natural Frequency	Elastomeric Pads	≥ 6 Hz
Standard Product Height	Elastomeric Pads	1-3/16" (30 mm) 2" (50 mm)
Minimum Build-up Height	Panelized	2-11/16" (68 mm)
Minimum Air Gap		1-3/16" (30 mm)



Solution data sheet
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High
Performance



Discrete
System



Low-Profile
Concrete



Lightweight

Stravifloor Deck

Floating Deck System

Stravifloor Deck is a **low-profile floating floor system** using a proprietary dovetailed metal deck for thin concrete pours. The system's high bending stiffness allows for concrete toppings as thin as 2 inches (50 mm), making this system a great solution for projects that require a low-profile or **lightweight concrete floating floor**. It is also suitable for areas with high live loads.

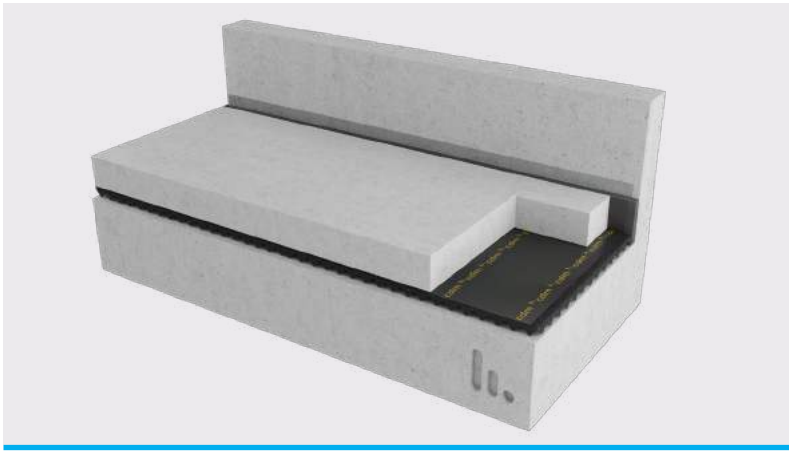
Using CDM Stravitec elastomeric pads, this system provides a high-performance floating floor system for excellent structure-borne and airborne noise isolation, while minimizing any impact on the available floor-ceiling height.

This system is available with either natural rubber or AASHTO-grade neoprene rubber pads.

Natural Frequency	Elastomeric Pads	≥ 6 Hz
	Springs	≥ 2.5 Hz
Standard Product Height	Elastomeric Pads	1-3/16" (30 mm) 2" (50 mm)
	Springs	2-33/64" (64 mm)
Minimum Build-up Height	Concrete	3-3/16 (80 mm)
Minimum Air Gap		1-3/16" (30 mm)

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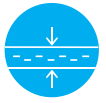
Medium
Performance



Roll-Out
System



Cost-
Effective



Low-Profile

Stravifloor Mat Roll-Out System

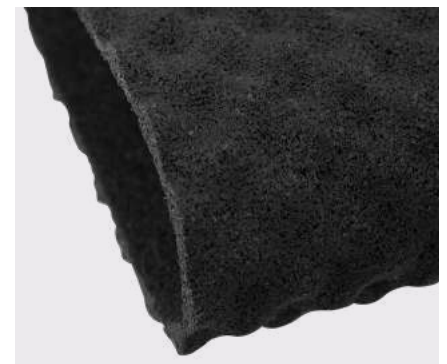
Stravifloor Mat products are a **low-profile roll-out isolation** solutions made of recycled materials, providing economic structure-borne noise protection. Stravifloor Mat can be used with gypsum, lightweight, or normal weight concrete without the need for formwork, and can also be installed with panelized plywood and cement board panelized systems.

Available in various thicknesses, Stravifloor Mat provides a great level of impact noise reduction with **minimal system thickness** and is a cost-effective solution to achieve building code requirements for floor-ceiling assemblies. The wavy form (dimples) on the underside of the mat reduces the contact area to the subfloor and reduces the dynamic stiffness of the material to maximize its performance.

Natural Frequency	Mat	≥ 9 Hz
Standard Product Height	Mat (Wavy)	5/8" (17 mm) 1" (25 mm) 2" (50 mm) 3" (75 mm)
Minimum Build-Up Height	Panelized	2-3/16" (55 mm)
	Concrete	2-3/4" (70 mm)



Solution data sheet
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Natural Rubber vs. Neoprene Rubber

Benefits of CDM Stravitec Elastomeric Materials

CDM Stravitec discrete elastomeric bearings are available in two standard types of resilient pads: natural rubber and neoprene rubber.

	Neoprene Rubber	Natural Rubber
Low Natural Frequency	● ●	● ● ●
Damping	● ● ●	● ●
Low Deflection	● ● ●	● ● ●
Low r-factor	● ●	● ● ●
Isotropic Behavior	● *	● ● ●
Low Creep	● ● ●	● ● ●
High Recovery	● ●	● ● ●
Overload Capacity	● ● ●	● ● ●
Low Water Absorption	● ● ●	● ● ●
Oil Resistance	● ● ●	● ●
Heat Resistance	● ●	● ● ●
Colors**	●	● ● ●

CDM Stravitec natural rubber isolators have an extremely low r-factor, achieving very low natural frequencies while limiting deflection. This results in greater stability of the floating structure and reduces differential deflection under concentrated loads, live load and foot traffic, and dynamic impacts.

CDM Stravitec also offers neoprene rubber pads for applications that require higher damping pads, AASHTO-grade isolation pads, or where contact with petroleum or synthetic oils might be a concern. Neoprene rubber ages well and does not soften when exposed to heat, although its tensile strength at high temperatures is lower than that of natural rubber.

Both natural rubber and neoprene rubber pads can withstand significant loads while remaining elastic with acceptable deformations in the specified load window (low deformation). Various types of stiffnesses for either product family allow for optimum loading and performance. Minimum long-term creep, meaning deformation over time, assures smooth transitions between isolated and non-isolated floors even after decades.

For more information about neoprene and natural rubber elastomers and their performance compared with other alternative synthetic elastomers, please refer to our [Technical Bulletin](#) about this subject.

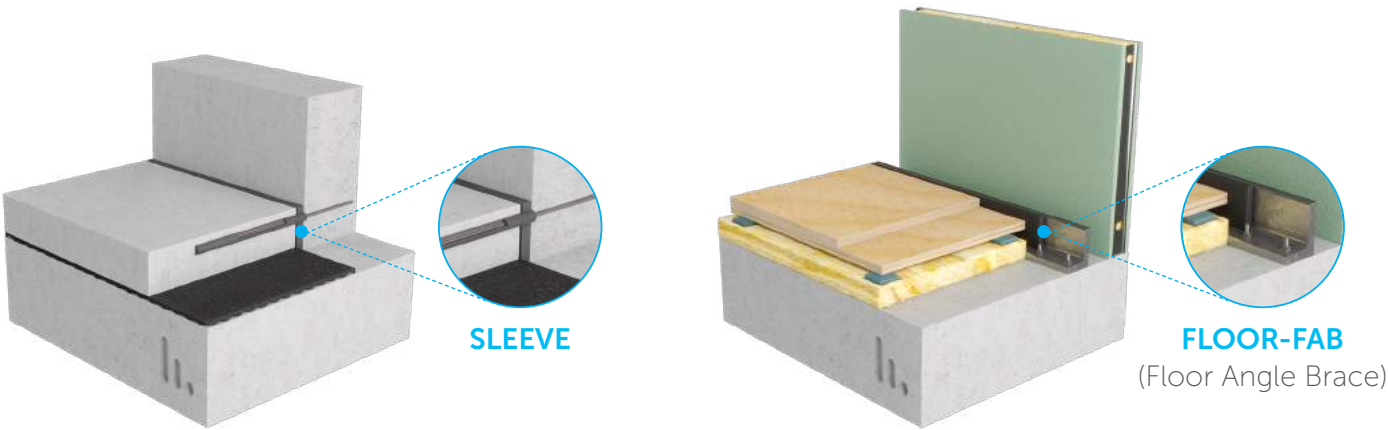


* Neoprene is an isotropic material; however CDM Stravitec’s neoprene pads have a hole in the middle, making them anisotropic.
** Different colors per pad type (according to pad stiffness).

Note: the neoprene and natural rubber materials compared on this page are CDM Stravitec proprietary materials.

Complementary Restraint Elements

CDM Stravitec provides restraining solutions for floating floors to ensure structural integrity and acoustical performance during and after seismic events or other external impacts. Additional solutions for uplift protection are available upon request.



Related Products

Wall & Ceiling Solutions - Stravilink

When addressing the floor to prevent the transmission of unwanted noise and vibration, it is equally important to consider airborne noise radiating from walls and ceilings. Together with high-performance floating floors, our engineered wall and ceiling solutions provide total acoustical room isolation (box-in-box design).

Gym Applications - Stravigym

Our high-performance floating floor range is our standard range of full-surface and discrete isolated floating floor systems; however, gym and fitness areas often have special requirements. That is why we have designed a bespoke range of Stravigym engineered lightweight floating floors with damping capacity.

Please visit our website or contact your local CDM Stravitec representative for more information.

Accreditations & Memberships

CDM Stravitec is Gold Sponsor of the National Council of the Acoustical Consultants.



CDM Stravitec is a Sustaining Member of the Institute of Noise Control Engineering of the USA.



Quality Assurance

CDM Stravitec operates an ISO 9001:2015 approved quality management system.



References

At CDM Stravitec, we take pride in the quality of work that we produce. Our extensive resume is comprised of over 10,000 projects completed since 1951. Our diverse project list includes commercial and residential buildings, manufacturing plants, medical facilities, schools, hotels, gyms, and more.

During that time, we have made many contributions to the intelligent design and noise mitigation of buildings with our engineered products. Take a look at some of our latest projects carried out with well-known brands and reputable acoustical consultants.

“ We are very pleased with CDM Stravitec’s assistance throughout this project. CDM Stravitec provided the pre-construction engineering and shop drawings in collaboration with the acoustical consultant and assisted during installation on site. The process from the shop drawing approval to materials being delivered was extremely fast and better than anticipated. The color-coding of the isolation pads made the installation fast and easy. CDM Stravitec really helped out here.

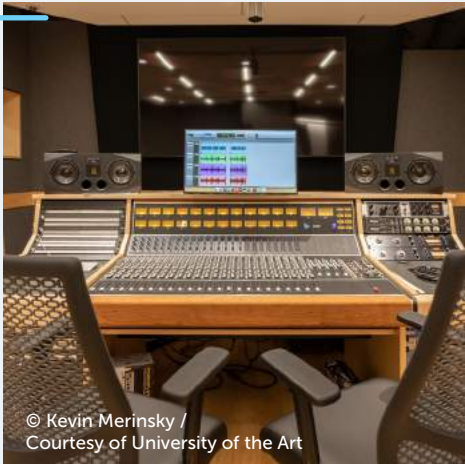
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Stravilink WallFix

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Stravilink WallFix
Housekeeping Pads

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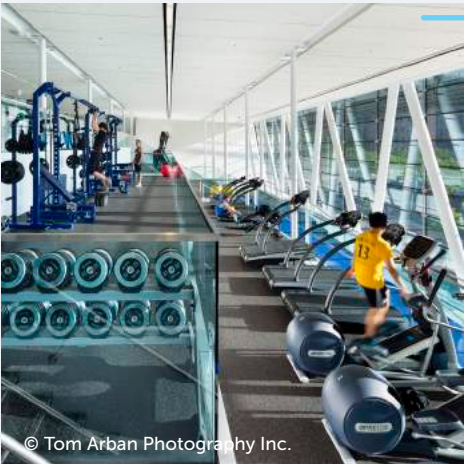


Stravifloor Mount

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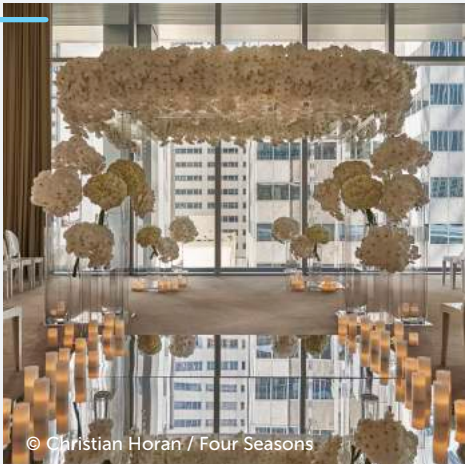
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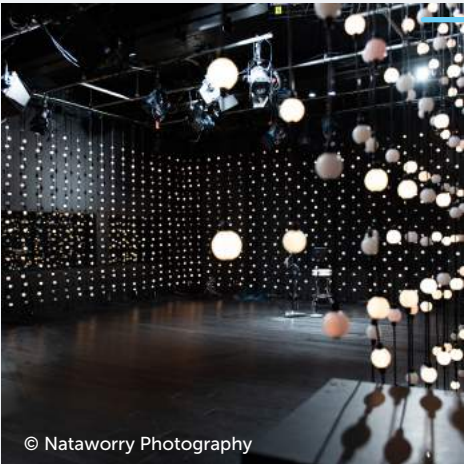
Stravifloor Jackup

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Stravifloor Deck
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Stravifloor Channel



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