

Wood Design Properties

- Dimensioned Sizes
- Moisture and Drying
- Grading
- Engineered Wood Products



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US EDITION

SIZE NOMINCLATURE

Full Sawn

- · The size delivered is the full nominal size
- · Not generally available

Rough Sawn

- · Rough sawn condition with no surface planing
- · Because no surfaces are planed, sizes are approximately 1/8" larger than S4S

Dressed

- · The size after shrinkage from drying and surface planing
- · Typically dressed on all 4 sides S4S

Full Sawn 2 x 4 Rough Sawn ~ 1 3/4 x 3 3/4 Dressed S4S 1 1/2 x 3 1/2



SIZE CATAGORIES



			Nomina	l dimensions	
_	Symbol	Name	Thickness	Width	Examples of sizes
DIM. LUM	LF SLF	Light Framing and Structural Light Framing	2 to 4 in.	2 to 4 in.	$2 \times 2, 2 \times 4, \underline{4 \times 4}$
	SJ&P	Structural Joist and Plank	2 to 4 in.	5 in. and wider	$2 imes 6, 2 imes 14, \ 4 imes 10$
jumber -7 S		Stud	2 to 4 in.	2 to 6 in.	$2 \times 4, 2 \times 6, 4 \times 6$ (lengths limited to 10 ft and shorter)
		Decking*	2 to 4 in.	4 in. and wider	$2 \times 4, 2 \times 8, 4 \times 6$
	B&S	Beams and Stringers	5 in. and thicker	More than 2 in. greater than thickness	$\frac{6 \times 10, 6 \times 14}{12 \times 16}$
	P&T	Posts and Timbers	5 in. and thicker	Not more than <u>2</u> in. greater than thickness	$ \begin{array}{c} 6 \times 6, 6 \times 8, \\ 12 \times \overline{14} \end{array} $

*Decking is normally stressed about its minor axis. In this book, all other bending members are assumed to be stressed about the major axis of the cross section, unless otherwise noted.

Moisture Content

- MC = %water to oven dry wood
- In a living tree, MC can be 200%
- "free water" is contained in cell cavity
- "bound water" is within the cell wall
- Fiber Saturation Point (FSP) is the MC at 0% free and 100% bound water FSP is about 30%
- Equilibrium Moisture Content (EMC) is reached in service









Shrinkage

- Shrinkage begins once MC<FSP
- Shrinkage is not the same in each direction
- · Uncontrolled shrinkage results in splits





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Yard Dry

- · Initial free water is removed
- stacked separated by 1" stickers
- · Air dried outdoors or under cover
- · Dry rate depends on humidity and circulation
- Coating ends reduces splitting
- Takes ~ weeks to months

Kiln Dry - KD

- · Enclosed in humidity controlled chamber
- · Introduction of controlled heat
- · Air circulation
- Dried to < <u>%18</u>

Heat Treated - HT

- temperature raised to 53° C (127° F) for 30 min.
- · kills organisms
- · requirement for imports

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GRADING

Visual Grading <

Each member is assessed for visual defects. (splits, knots, density, etc.)

Machine Evaluated Lumber (MEL) -

Each member is assessed for density using x-ray technology.

Machine Stress Rated (MSR) <

Each member is stressed by running it through rollers which measure the deflection and stiffness. The E modulus in bending can be calculated from the deflection.





GROWTH CHARACTERISTICS

Annual Rings

- Latewood is denser and stronger than earlywood.
- Sapwood is the actively living part of the tree. It is younger and transports water more readily than heartwood. The strength of the two is about the same.
- Density can be gauged visually by noting the % of latewood to earlywood

Knots

- Knots result from tree branches
- Knots weaken the member and effect the grading



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Checks, Shakes and Splits

- All three are defects which weaken the wood
- Checks and splits are seasoning defects
- Shakes result from stress in the growing tree





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Slope of Grain

- The slope of the grain is taken in relation to the long edge of the member
- It is measured as a ratio e.g. 1" in 8"
- Increase in slope lowers the strength of the member

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Wane

• Untrimmed bark or wood that is missing along the edge or corner of cut lumber

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Pressure treating and Incising

- When wood is kept dry there is generally no problem with decay. When M.C. exceeds 19% problems can result.
- Contact with soil or concrete should be avoided.
- To prevent mold or rot, a chemical preservative can be impregnated in the wood under pressure (pressure treated).
- Some wood accepts pressure treatment well (e.g. Southern Pine) while others not so well. To aid in the chemical penetration the wood surface can be incised with small cuts to increase the surface area. This however has a detrimental effect on the strength and E modulus.



Glulam

- Glue laminated lumber
- Stress rated and graded
- Parallel grain
- Different finish grades
- Standard widths and lams
- Straight or curved
- Size limit by transportation
- Stock or custom dimensions



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Prefabricated Wood I-Joists

- ASTM D 5055
- Standard dimensions
- Specifications per manufacturer







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Engineered Wood Products Structural Composite Lumber • Laminated Veneer Lumber (LVL) • Veneer ≤ ½" • Parallel Strand Lumber (PSL) • Strand thickness ≤ ½" • Laminated Strand Lumber (LSL) • Strand thickness ≤ .10" Farallel Strand Lumber (LSL) • Strand thickness ≤ .10" Later Composite Lumber (LSL) • Strand thickness ≤ .10" Later Composite Lumber (LSL) • Strand thickness ≤ .10" Later Composite Lumber (LSL) • Strand thickness ≤ .10" Later Composite Lumber (LSL) • Strand thickness ≤ .10" Later Composite Lumber (LSL) • Composite Lumber (LSL)<

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Wood Structural Panels



- **Plywood** cross laminated wood veneer panels pressed and glued.
- Oriented Strand Board (OSB) cross laminated layers of wood strands or wafers, compressed and glued
- Composite Panel wood or plastic veneer and reconstituted wood based material





Wood Structural Panels

Cross Laminated Timber (CLT) – cross laminated wood panels using at least three layers of boards or dimensioned lumber pressed and glued together. Thickness of layers varies from 5/8 inch to 2.0 inches. The width to pieces may vary from 2.4 to 9.5 inches. Panels are produced in different widths – commonly: 2 ft., 4 ft., 8 ft., 10 ft. and up to 60 ft. length.





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Wood Structural Panels



Brock Commons Tallwood House

The University of British Columbia

18-storey, 53 m 2017

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InHabitat in Portland - 8 stories, 85 ft tall, 14 units

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Ascent in Milwaukee - 25 stories, 284 ft, tallest in the world.

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