



RISA Software Update

Designing Your Next Building in Wood Just Got Easier

As part of an agreement with WoodWorks, RISA has expanded its popular design software to reflect the growing interest in non-residential wood buildings. Now it's easier than ever to lower the cost of your next building project while also choosing sustainably—and benefiting from wood's other attributes such as design flexibility and speed of construction.

Building on a phase one update released last fall, the new release includes:

Hybrid structure design – wood and concrete; wood and steel

Diaphragm design – flexible and rigid diaphragm analysis as well as deflection calculations

Lateral force design – calculation of seismic forces for regular and irregular structures

Shear wall design – segmented design, force transfer around openings, perforated shear wall approach

Design codes – National Design Specification® for Wood Construction (NDS®), International Building Code 2006, California Building Code 2007

Current RISA license holders will receive the update automatically as well as information on training opportunities. To purchase a copy of the software, please contact Amber Freund of RISA Technologies at amberf@risatech.com. If you have a non-residential project in development that could benefit from the RISA update, please visit woodworks.org and contact a field representative in your area.

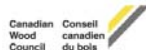


The nine-story Stadthaus building in the UK is the world's tallest mixed-use wood structure. It was built using cross-laminated timber (CLT), which is being considered for several buildings in the US.

For more information, a webinar presentation by the building's architect, Andrew Waugh, is available for streaming at woodworks.org.

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