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Mass Timber Construction: Products, Performance and Design

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> Course Description

Due to their high strength, dimensional stability and positive environmental performance, mass timber building products are quickly becoming materials of choice for sustainably-minded designers. This presentation will provide a detailed look at the variety of mass timber products available, including glue-laminated timber (glulam), cross laminated timber (CLT), nail laminated timber (NLT), heavy timber decking, and other engineered and composite systems. Applications for the use of these products under modern building codes will be discussed, and examples of their use in U.S. projects reviewed. Mass timber's ability to act as both structure and exposed finish will also be highlighted, as will its performance as part of an assembly, considering design objectives related to structural performance, fire resistance, acoustics, and energy efficiency. Other topics will include detailing and construction best practices, lessons learned from completed projects and trends for the increased use of mass timber products in the future.



> Learning Objectives

1. Identify mass timber products available in North America and consider how they can be used under current building codes and standards.
2. Review completed mass timber projects that demonstrate a range of applications and system configurations.
3. Discuss benefits of using mass timber products, including structural versatility, prefabrication, lighter carbon footprint, and reduced labor costs.
4. Highlight possibilities for the expanded use and application of mass timber in larger and taller buildings.





MASS



TIMBER

TODAY'S AGENDA

MASS TIMBER CONSTRUCTION

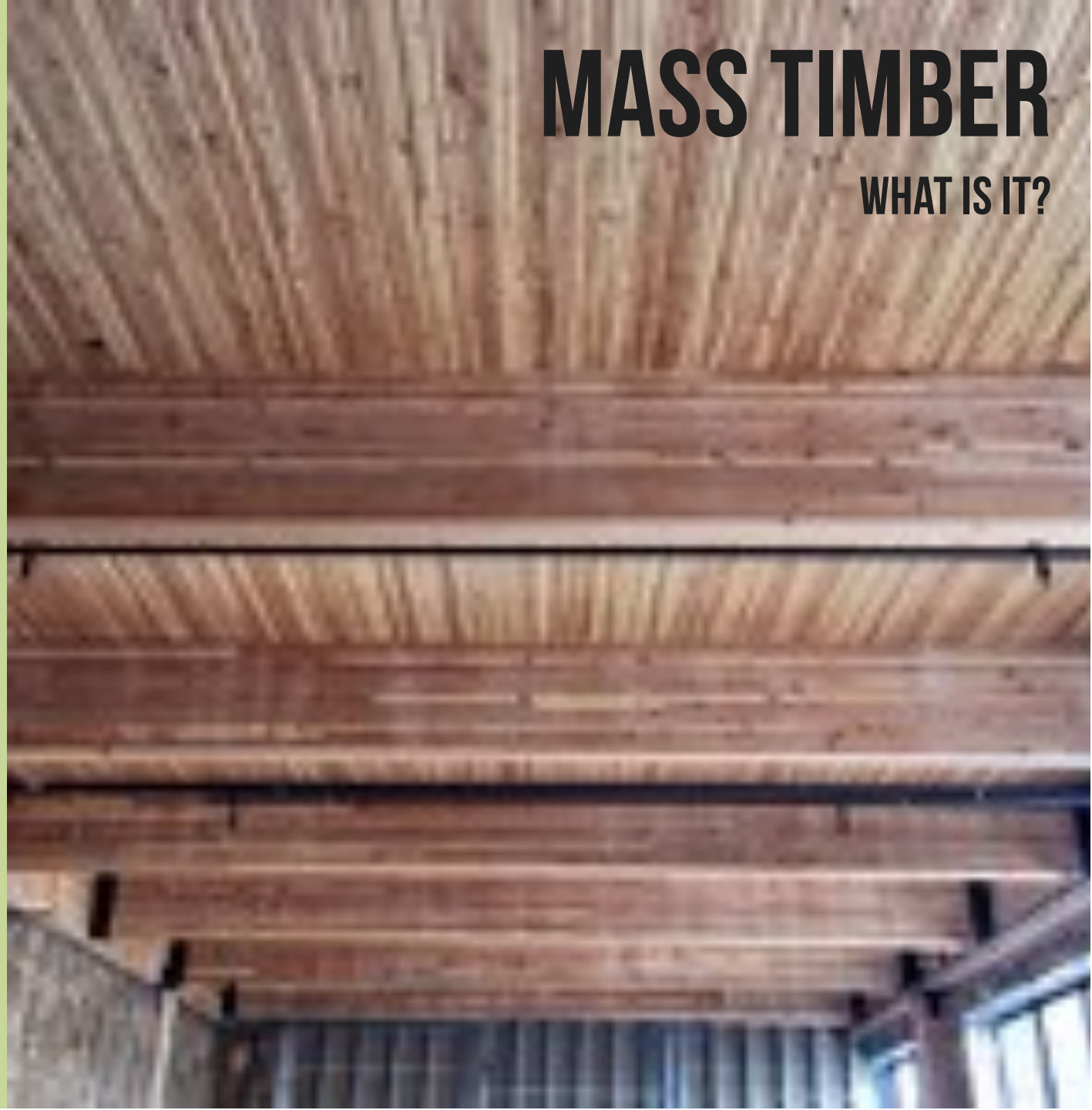
MASS TIMBER

- SYSTEMS
- PRODUCTS
- APPEAL
- DESIGN TOPICS
- CONSTRUCTION, SOURCING & COST
- CASE STUDIES
- WHAT'S NEXT?

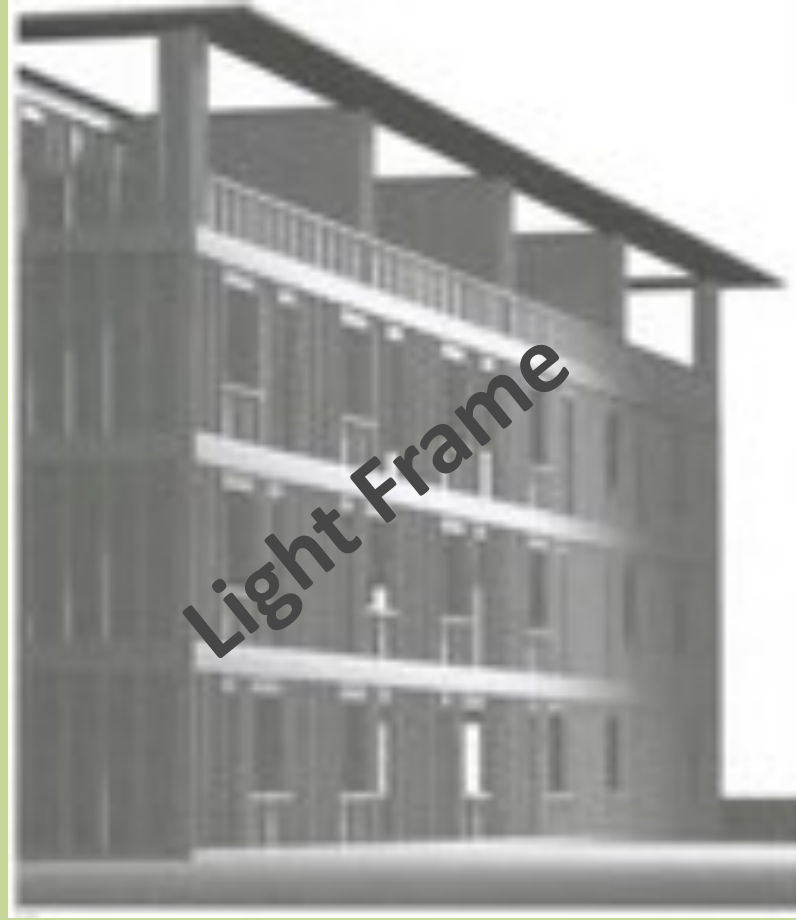
**MASS TIMBER IS A
CATEGORY OF FRAMING
STYLES OFTEN USING SMALL
WOOD MEMBERS FORMED
INTO LARGE PANELIZED
SOLID WOOD CONSTRUCTION
INCLUDING CLT, NLT OR
GLULAM PANELS FOR FLOOR,
ROOF AND WALL FRAMING**

MASS TIMBER

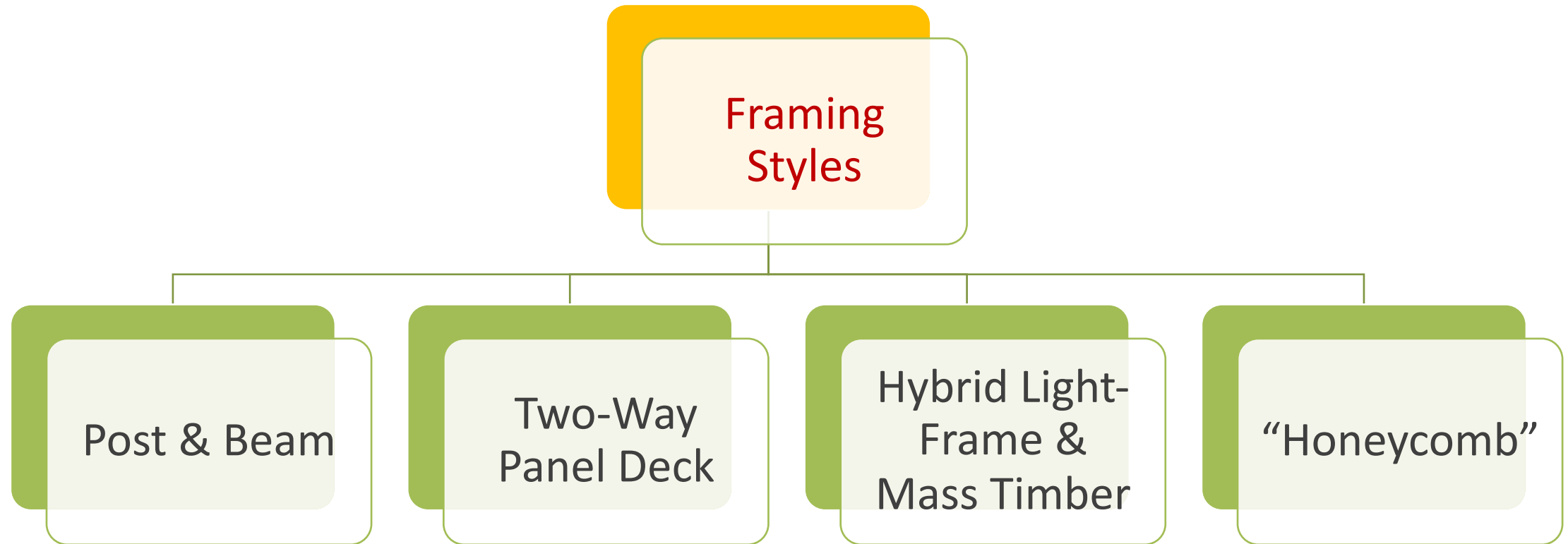
WHAT IS IT?



BUILDING FRAME SYSTEMS



Mass Timber Framing Systems



POST & BEAM

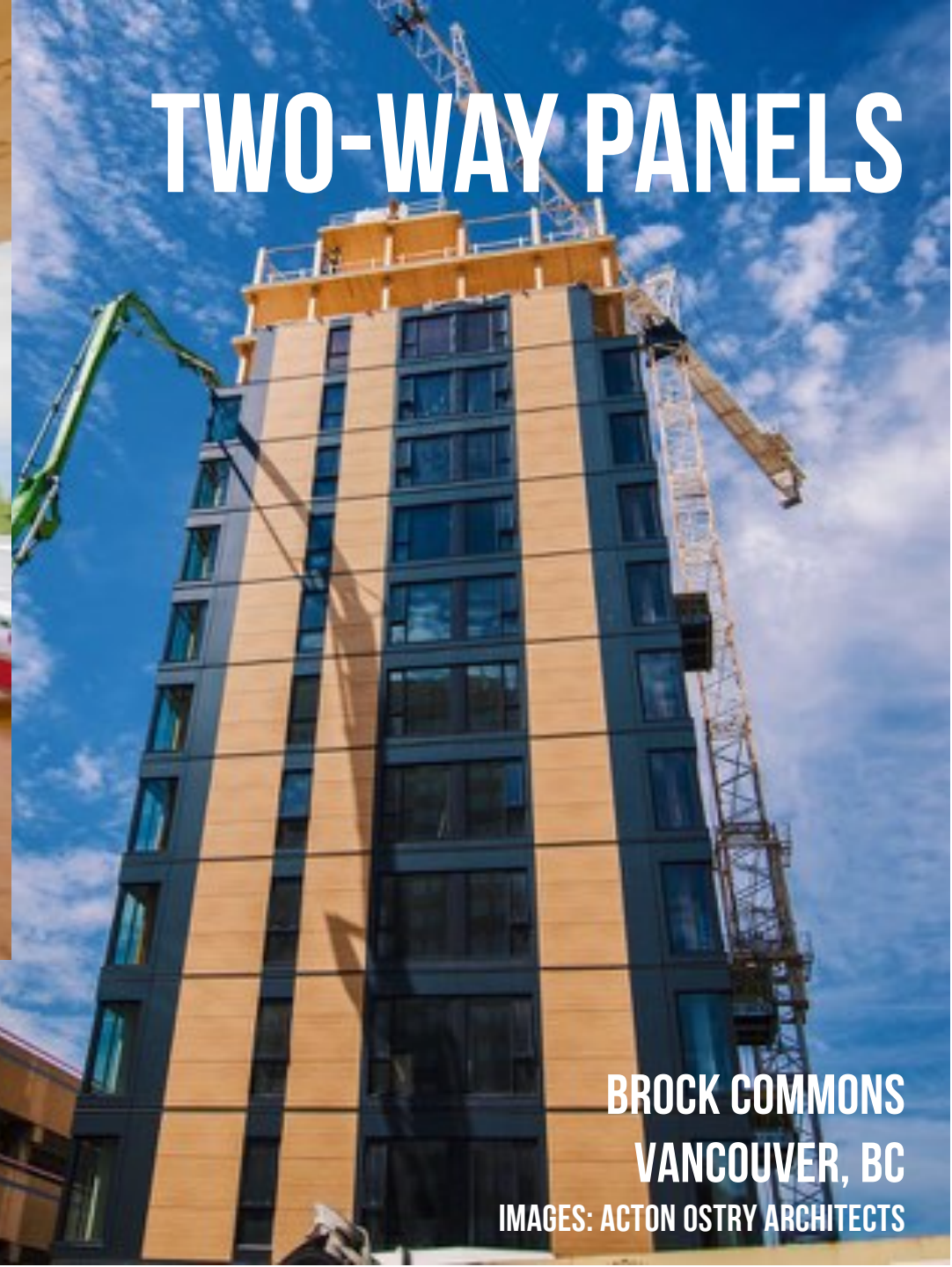
A photograph of a large, open-plan interior space with a prominent post-and-beam structure. The ceiling is composed of light-colored wooden planks, and the walls are also made of wood. A series of vertical wooden posts support the ceiling. Large windows with black frames are visible along the left wall, providing a view of the city outside. The floor is dark and reflective, showing the light from the windows. The overall atmosphere is bright and modern.

**T3 MINNEAPOLIS
MINNEAPOLIS, MN**

IMAGE CREDIT: BLAINE BROWNELL



**5 PLY CLT PANELS, 2-WAY SPAN
~9'X13' GRID OF COLUMNS**



TWO-WAY PANELS

**BROCK COMMONS
VANCOUVER, BC**

IMAGES: ACTON OSTRY ARCHITECTS



HYBRID LIGHT-FRAME & MASS TIMBER



VIRTUOSO
VANCOUVER, BC
IMAGE: SEAGATE STRUCTURES



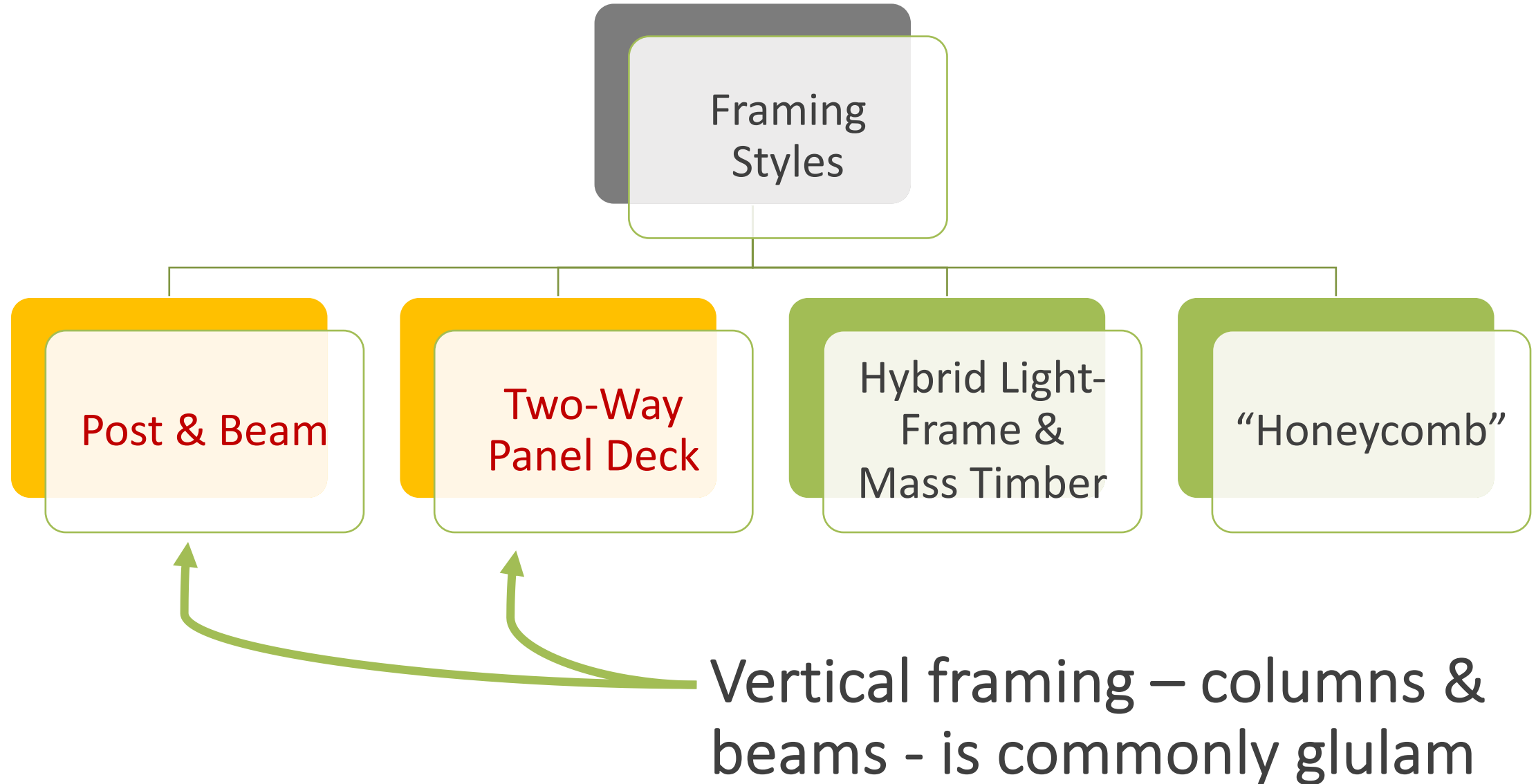
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**CANDLEWOOD SUITES
REDSTONE ARESENAL, AL**
IMAGE CREDIT: LENDLEASE

The background image shows the interior of a modern building with a prominent mass timber ceiling. The ceiling consists of large, horizontal wooden beams. Below the ceiling, there are large windows and glass partitions, suggesting an open-plan office or public space. The lighting is warm and natural, coming from the windows. The overall aesthetic is clean, modern, and emphasizes natural materials.

**What's in a mass timber building?
Products used**

Mass Timber Framing Systems



MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

GLULAM



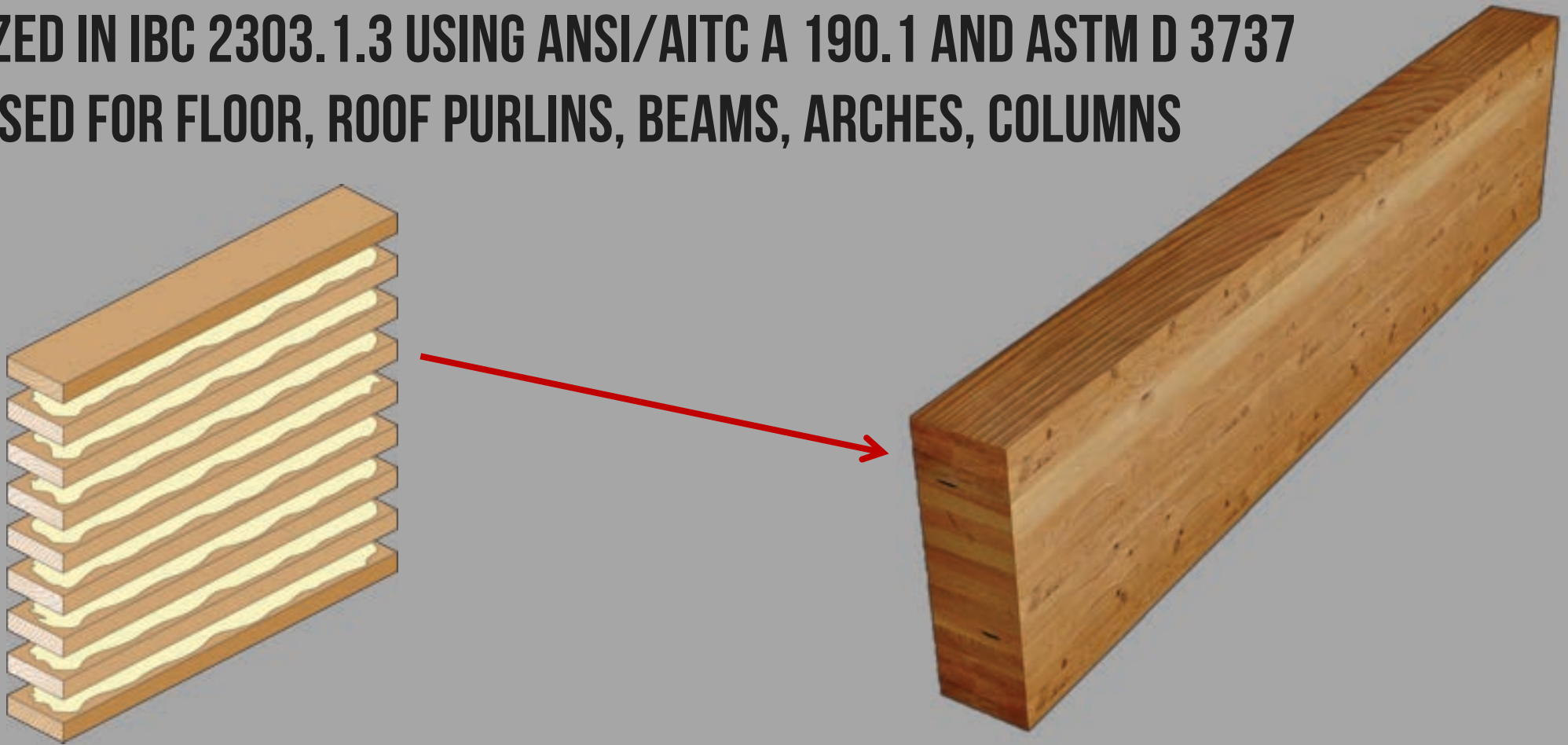
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MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

GLULAM

GLULAM = A STRUCTURAL COMPOSITE OF LUMBER AND ADHESIVES

- RECOGNIZED IN IBC 2303.1.3 USING ANSI/AITC A 190.1 AND ASTM D 3737
- CAN BE USED FOR FLOOR, ROOF PURLINS, BEAMS, ARCHES, COLUMNS



MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

GLULAM

GLULAM SPECS:

TYPICAL WIDTHS:

3-1/8", 3-1/2", 5-1/8", 5-1/2", 6-3/4", 8-3/4",
10-3/4", 12-1/4"

TYPICAL DEPTHS:

INCREMENTS PER # OF LAMS FROM 6" TO 60"±

WESTERN SPECIES LAMS ARE TYPICALLY 1-1/2" THICK

SOUTHERN PINE LAMS ARE TYPICALLY 1-3/8" THICK

TYPICAL SPECIES:

DOUGLAS-FIR, SOUTHERN PINE, SPRUCE

ALSO AVAILABLE IN CEDAR & OTHERS

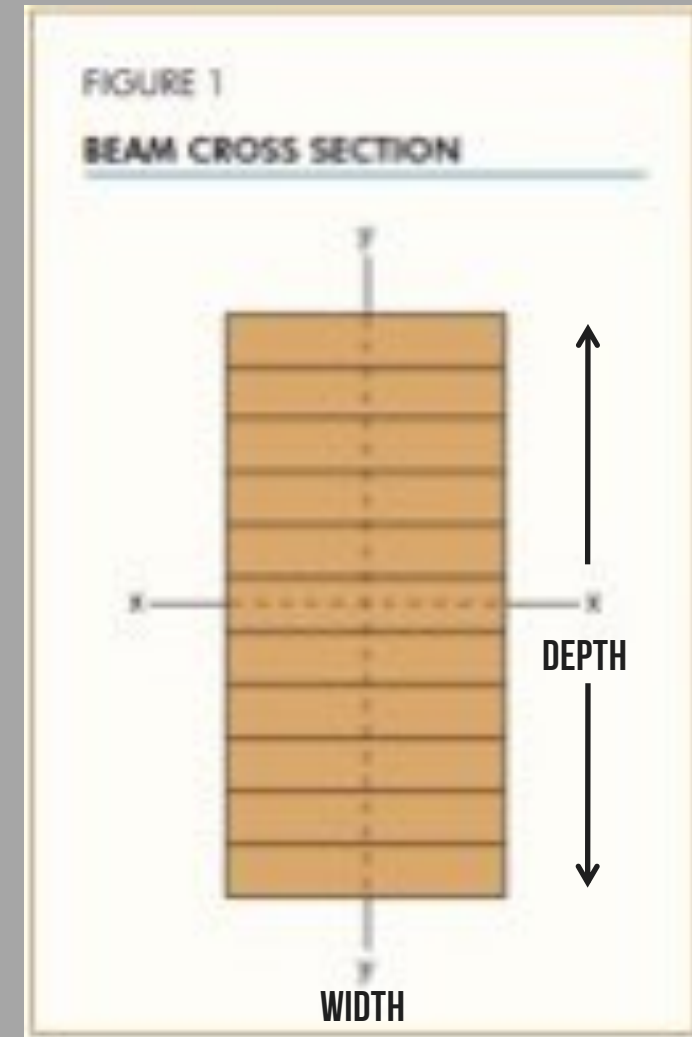


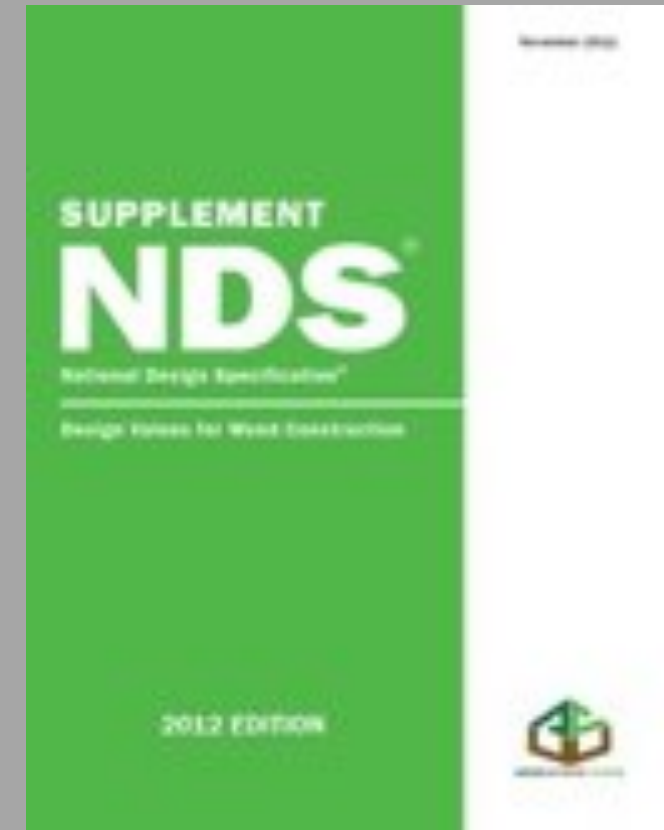
IMAGE: APA GLULAM PRODUCT GUIDE

GLULAM DESIGN VALUES

MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

GLULAM

Combination Symbol	Species Outer/ Core	Bending About X-X Axis (Loaded Perpendicular to Wide Faces of Laminations)						
		Bending		Compression Perpendicular to Grain		Shear Parallel to Grain $F_{vx}^{(2)}$ (psi)	Modulus of Elasticity	
		Bottom of Beam Stressed in Tension (Positive Bending)	Top of Beam Stressed in Tension (Negative Bending)	Tension Face	Compression Face		For Deflection Calculations	For Stability Calculations
		F_{bx}^+ (psi)	F_{bx}^- (psi)	$F_{c \perp x}$ (psi)			E_x (10^3 psi)	$E_{x \text{ min}}$ (10^3 psi)
24F-1.8E		2400	1450	650		265	1.8	0.95
24F-V4	DF/DF	2400	1850	650	650	265	1.8	0.95
24F-V8	DF/DF	2400	2400	650	650	265	1.8	0.95
24F-E4	DF/DF	2400	1450	650	650	265	1.8	0.95
24F-E13	DF/DF	2400	2400	650	650	265	1.8	0.95
24F-E18	DF/DF	2400	2400	650	650	265	1.8	0.95
24F-V3	SP/SP	2400	2000	740	740	300	1.8	0.95
24F-V8	SP/SP	2400	2400	740	740	300	1.8	0.95
24F-E1	SP/SP	2400	1450	805	650	300	1.8	0.95
24F-E4	SP/SP	2400	2400	805	805	300	1.9	1.00



SOURCE: NDS SUPPLEMENT TABLE 5A

MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

GLULAM

GLULAM BEAM CAPACITIES

TABLE DF-27

DOUGLAS FIR - LARCH

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF TIMBER CONSTRUCTION

Structural Glued Laminated Timber

FLOOR BEAMS

FLOOR LIVE LOAD

F_b F_v E C_D Deflection limit
2400 240 1.8 1.00 Span / 360
psi psi million psi for LIVE LOAD

Simple Span Beams

For Preliminary Design Purposes

Lamination thickness: 1.500 in.

FLOOR LOAD FACTOR = 0.80

BEAM SIZE		BEAM WEIGHT plf	BEAM CAPACITY, UNIFORM LOAD w, plf													
Width ft. in.	Depth d, in.		SPAN, ft.													
			8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
5 1/8	8	7.5	601 D	422 D	307 D	231 D	178 D	140 D	112 D	91 D	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 1/8	7 1/2	9.3	1173 D	824 D	601 D	451 D	348 D	273 D	219 D	178 D	147 D	122 D	103 D	—	—	—
5 1/8	9	11.2	1730 B	1367 B	1038 D	780 D	601 D	472 D	378 D	307 D	253 D	211 D	178 D	151 D	130 D	112 D
5 1/8	10 1/2	13.1	2354 B	1860 B	1507 B	1238 D	954 D	750 D	601 D	488 D	402 D	335 D	283 D	240 D	208 D	178 D
5 1/8	12	14.9	3075 B	2430 B	1968 B	1626 B	1367 B	1120 D	896 D	729 D	601 D	501 D	422 D	369 D	307 D	266 D
5 1/8	13 1/2	16.8	3850 S	3075 B	2491 B	2058 B	1730 B	1474 B	1271 B	1038 D	855 D	713 D	601 D	511 D	438 D	378 D
5 1/8	15	18.7	4473 S	3785 S	3075 B	2541 B	2135 B	1820 B	1589 B	1367 B	1173 D	978 D	824 D	700 D	601 D	519 D
5 1/8	16 1/2	20.6	5154 S	4330 S	3721 B	3075 B	2584 B	2202 B	1898 B	1654 B	1447 B	1274 B	1097 D	932 D	799 D	691 D
5 1/8	18	22.4	5804 S	4920 S	4217 S	3660 B	3075 B	2620 B	2259 B	1954 B	1707 B	1503 B	1333 B	1190 B	1038 D	896 D
5 1/8	19 1/2	24.3	6000 *	5562 S	4738 S	4128 S	3609 B	3073 B	2630 B	2275 B	1987 B	1750 B	1552 B	1385 B	1244 B	1123 B
5 1/8	21	26.2	6000 *	6000 *	5298 S	4592 S	4052 S	3538 B	3028 B	2620 B	2288 B	2014 B	1786 B	1595 B	1432 B	1292 B
5 1/8	22 1/2	28.0	6000 *	6000 *	5904 S	5090 S	4473 S	3989 S	3452 B	2988 B	2608 B	2296 B	2036 B	1818 B	1632 B	1473 B
5 1/8	24	29.9	6000 *	6000 *	6000 *	5623 S	4920 S	4373 S	3902 B	3378 B	2948 B	2596 B	2302 B	2055 B	1845 B	1665 B
5 1/8	25 1/2	31.8	6000 *	6000 *	6000 *	6000 *	5398 S	4779 S	4288 S	3788 B	3308 B	2913 B	2583 B	2306 B	2070 B	1869 B

AITC BEAM CAPACITY TABLES [HTTP://WWW.AITC-GLULAM.ORG/CAPACITY.ASP](http://www.aitc-glulam.org/capacity.asp)

S = CONTROLLED BY SHEAR, D = CONTROLLED BY DEFLECTION, B = CONTROLLED BY BENDING

GLUED LAMINATED
BEAM DESIGN TABLES



SOURCE: APA

MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

GLULAM

GLULAM COLUMN CAPACITIES

American Institute of Timber Construction Glued Laminated Timber Columns with Eccentric End Loads* Combination 47** (SP N2M) Duration of Load (C_D) = 1.00										
Lamination Thickness = 1- 3/8 in.										Dry Conditions of Use
Width (in)	3	3	5	5	5	6 3/4	6 3/4	6 3/4	8 1/2	Width (in)
Depth (in)	4 1/8	5 1/2	4 1/8	5 1/2	6 7/8	5 1/2	6 7/8	8 1/4	8 1/4	Depth (in)
Length (ft)	Column Capacity (lb)									Length (ft)
4	6050	13900	14270	24690	32110	33690	43720	53390	67420	4
5	7410	11260	13370	23420	30710	31780	42120	51920	65700	5
6	6240	9020	12300	21700	28950	29600	40230	50160	63660	6
7	5180	7300	11100	19780	26820	27200	38100	48090	61320	7
8	4310	6000	9860	17780	24000	24700	35770	45730	58730	8
9	3620	5000	8680	15860	21050	22230	33300	43090	55930	9
10	3080	4230	7630	14110	18470	19930	30760	40210	52950	10
11	2640	3610	6720	12580	16270	17870	28250	37230	49840	11
12	2290	3120	5940	11240	14400	16050	25870	34210	46680	12
13	—	—	5280	10090	12810	14460	23680	31060	43550	13
14	—	—	4720	9090	11480	13080	21690	28250	40520	14
15	—	—	4240	8220	10300	11860	19890	25750	37670	15
16	—	—	3830	7440	9300	10800	18290	23530	35020	16
17	—	—	3470	6750	8440	9870	16850	21570	32580	17
18	—	—	—	6150	7690	9050	15560	19820	30340	18
19	—	—	—	5620	7030	8320	14400	18270	28290	19
20	—	—	—	5160	6450	7680	13360	16890	26420	20

MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

GLULAM



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GLULAM SPECS:

PT READILY AVAILABLE
FRT MAY BE AVAILABLE,
VARIES BY MANUFACTURER
& TREATER

CAN BE CAMBERED, CURVED
& TAPERED

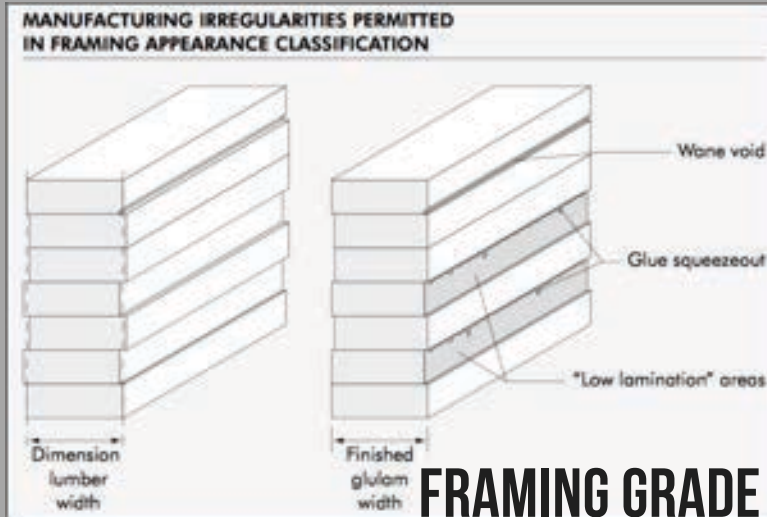
DIFFERENT APPEARANCE
GRADES AVAILABLE



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MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

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GLULAM APPEARANCE GRADES



IMAGES: AMERICAN LAMINATORS

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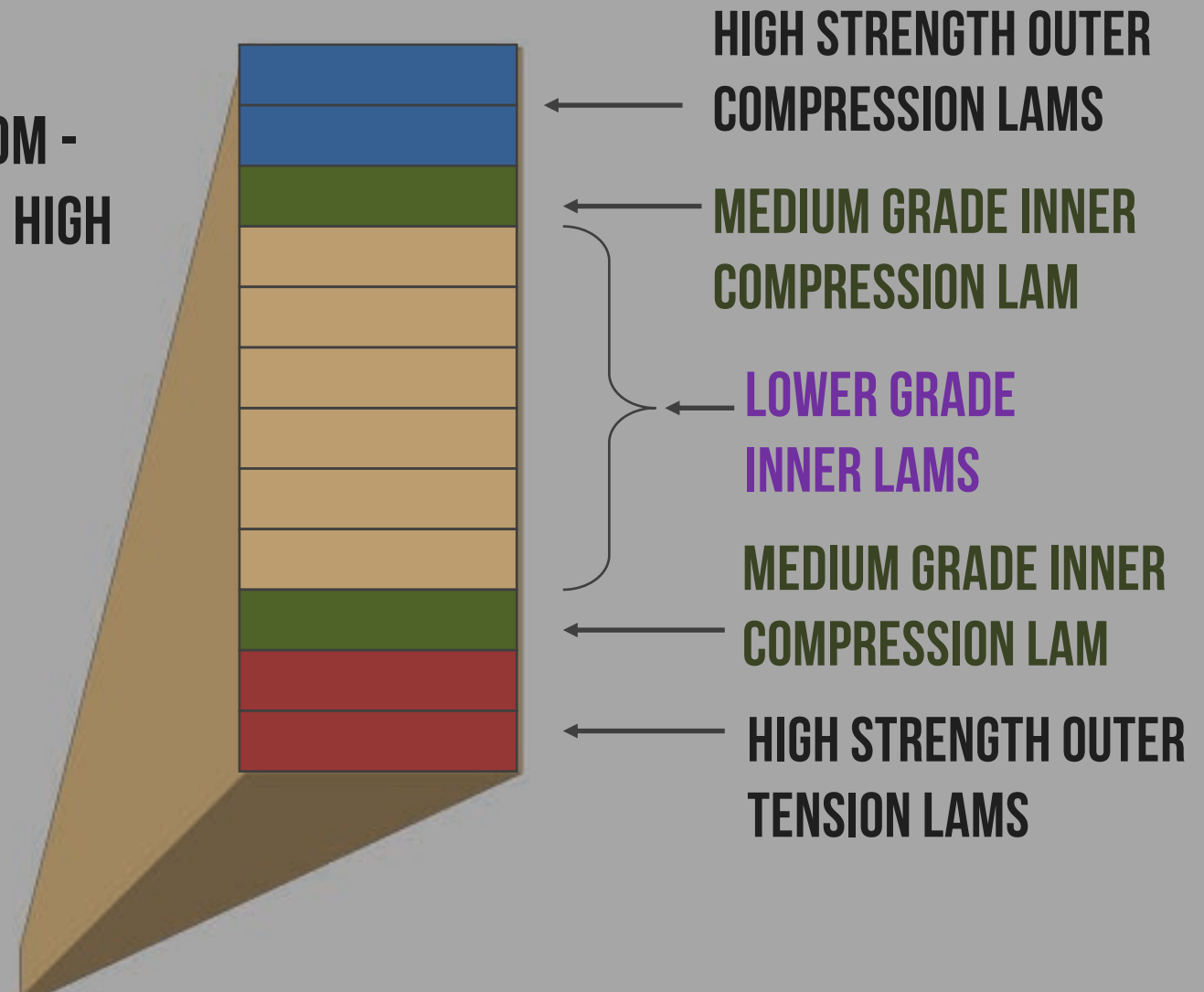
GLULAM LAYUP:

VARY STRENGTH OF LAMINATIONS

- HIGHER STRENGTH LAMS AT TOP AND BOTTOM - TENSION AND COMPRESSION STRESSES ARE HIGH
- LOWER STRENGTH LAMS IN CENTER PLIES



IMAGE: APA

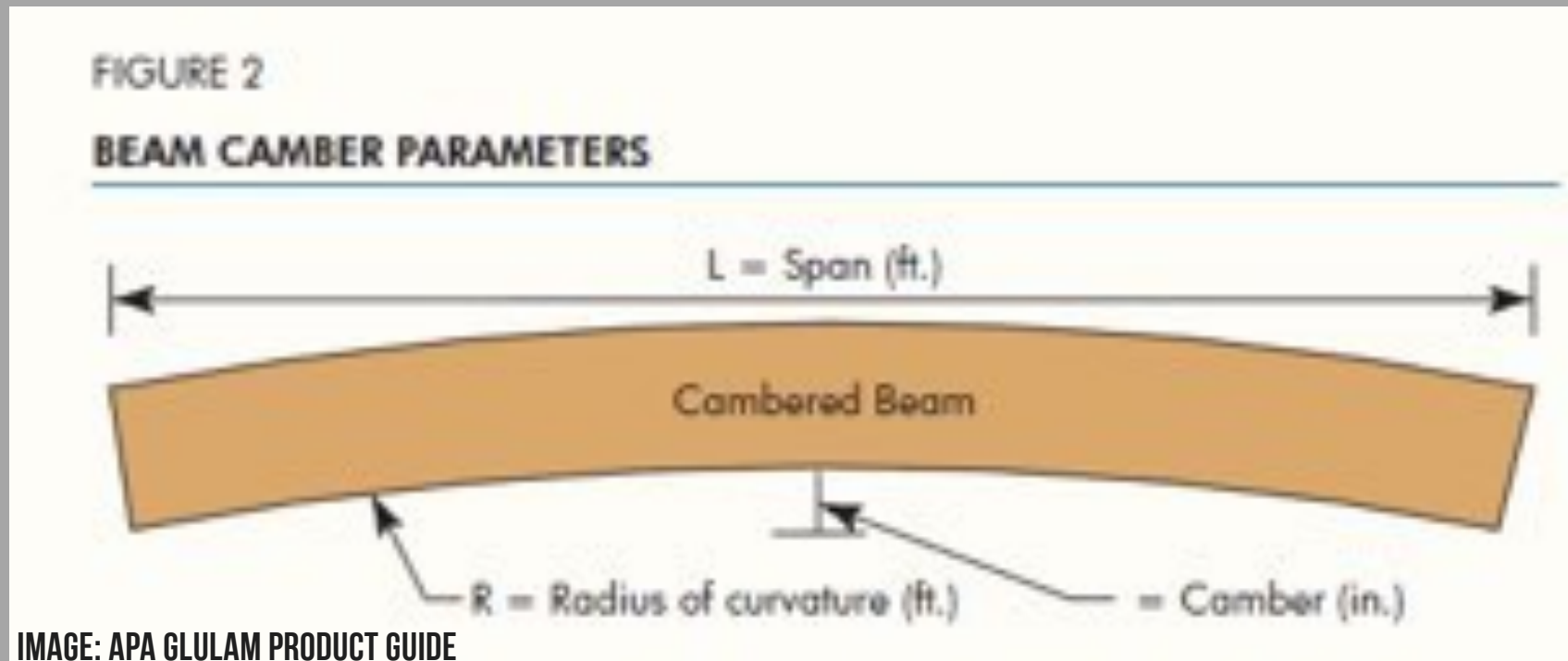


MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

GLULAM

GLULAM CAMBER

- GLULAM CAN BE MANUFACTURED WITH CAMBER TO OFFSET DEAD LOAD DEFLECTION
- VERY IMPORTANT FOR LONG SPAN MEMBERS
- GLULAM INDUSTRY RECOMMENDS CAMBER = 1.5 TIMES CALCULATED DEAD LOAD DEFLECTION



FLEXIBILITY OF SPANS AND SHAPES

RICHMOND OLYMPIC OVAL, RICHMOND, BC, CANADA

DESIGN TEAM: CANNON DESIGN ARCHITECTURE, FAST + EPP, GLOTMAN SIMPSON

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ZIGGY WELSCH**

**104' SPAN GLULAM ARCHES
GLULAM PURLINS @ 4' 0.C**

**LEMAY AMERICA AUTO MUSUEM
PHOTO CREDIT: WESTERN WOOD STRUCTURES**

THE CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE LIGHT, OAKLAND, CA
PHOTO: TIMOTHY HURSLEY, CESAR RUBIO, AND JOHN BLAUSTEIN



BUFFALO HARBOR CENTER RINK 1, BUFFALO, NY
PHOTO: HARBORCENTER.COM



LONG SPAN GLULAMS



MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

GLULAM



**BUILT UP SECTIONS:
AVAILABLE FROM SOME
MANUFACTURERS FOR WIDE
BEAMS, LARGE COLUMNS.
WIDTHS OF 24"± AVAILABLE**



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FIRST TECH CREDIT UNION

HILLSBORO, OR



5 STORIES
156,000 SF



ARCHITECT: HACKER
IMAGE CREDIT: STRUCTURLAM

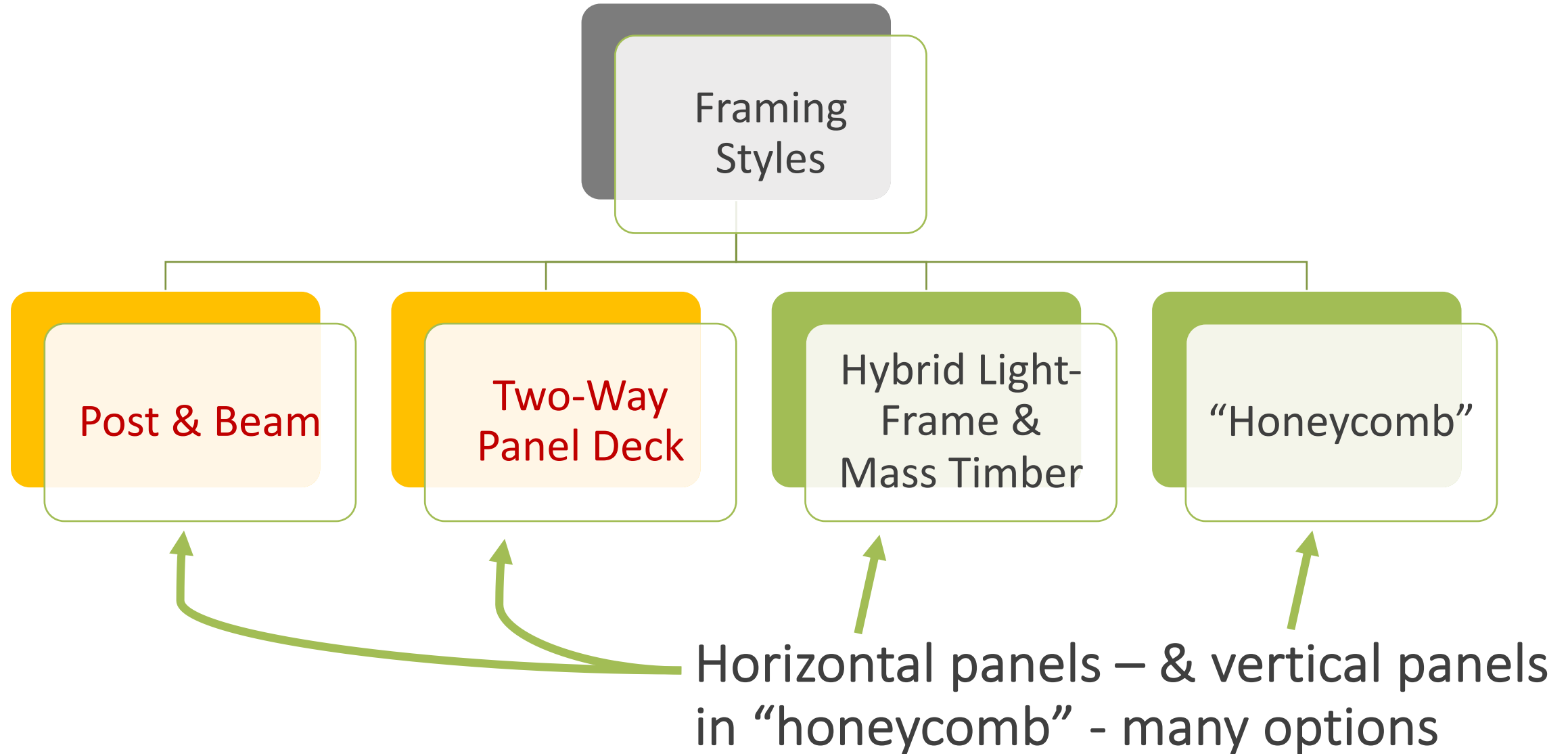


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ARCHITECT: HACKER
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Mass Timber Framing Systems





Glue Laminated Timber
GLT



Laminated Veneer Lumber
LVL



Parallel Strand Lumber
PSL



Laminated Strand Lumber
LSL



Cross Laminated Timber
CLT



Nail Laminated Timber
NLT



Timber-Concrete Composite
TCC



DLT Dowel Laminated Timber



MPP Mass Plywood Panel

Mass Timber Products

Photo credit: StructureCraft Builders/Freres Lumber

NAIL LAMINATED TIMBER

A close-up photograph of a nail laminated timber (NLT) wall. The image shows multiple horizontal layers of light-colored wood planks, which are joined together by vertical lines of adhesive. The wood grain is visible, and there are some small dark spots or knots scattered across the surface.

PHOTO CREDIT: STRUCTURECRAFT BUILDERS

MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

NAIL-LAMINATED TIMBER (NLT) PANELS

What is it?

Nail-laminated timber (NLT) is mechanically laminated to create a solid timber panel. NLT is created by placing dimension lumber (nominal 2x, 3x, or 4x thickness and 4 in. to 12 in. width) on edge and fastening the individual laminations together with nails.

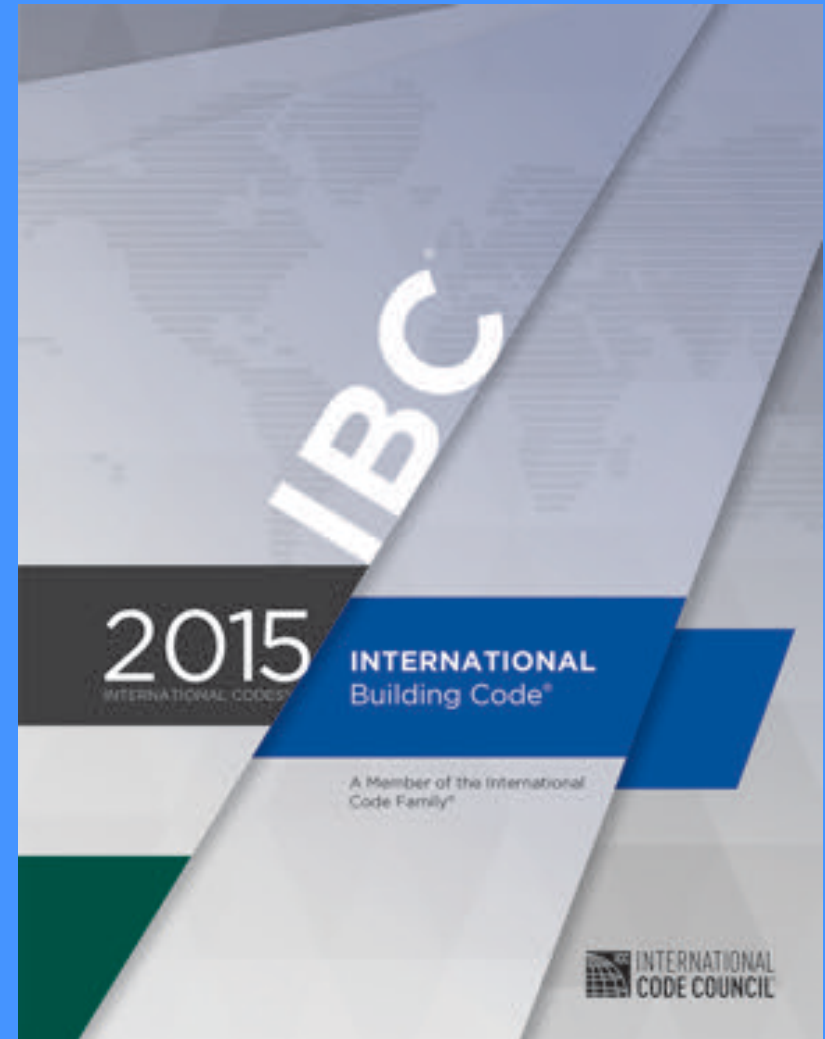
MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

NAIL-LAMINATED TIMBER (NLT) PANELS

When does the code allow it to be used?

IBC defines NLT as mechanically laminated decking per IBC 2304.9.3

Permitted anywhere that combustible materials and heavy timber are allowed, plus more



MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

NAIL-LAMINATED TIMBER (NLT) PANELS

When is it used?

NLT is typically used for floor and roof panels.

Plywood/OSB added to one face can provide in-plane shear capacity, allowing the product to be used as a diaphragm. Can also be used for walls, shafts.



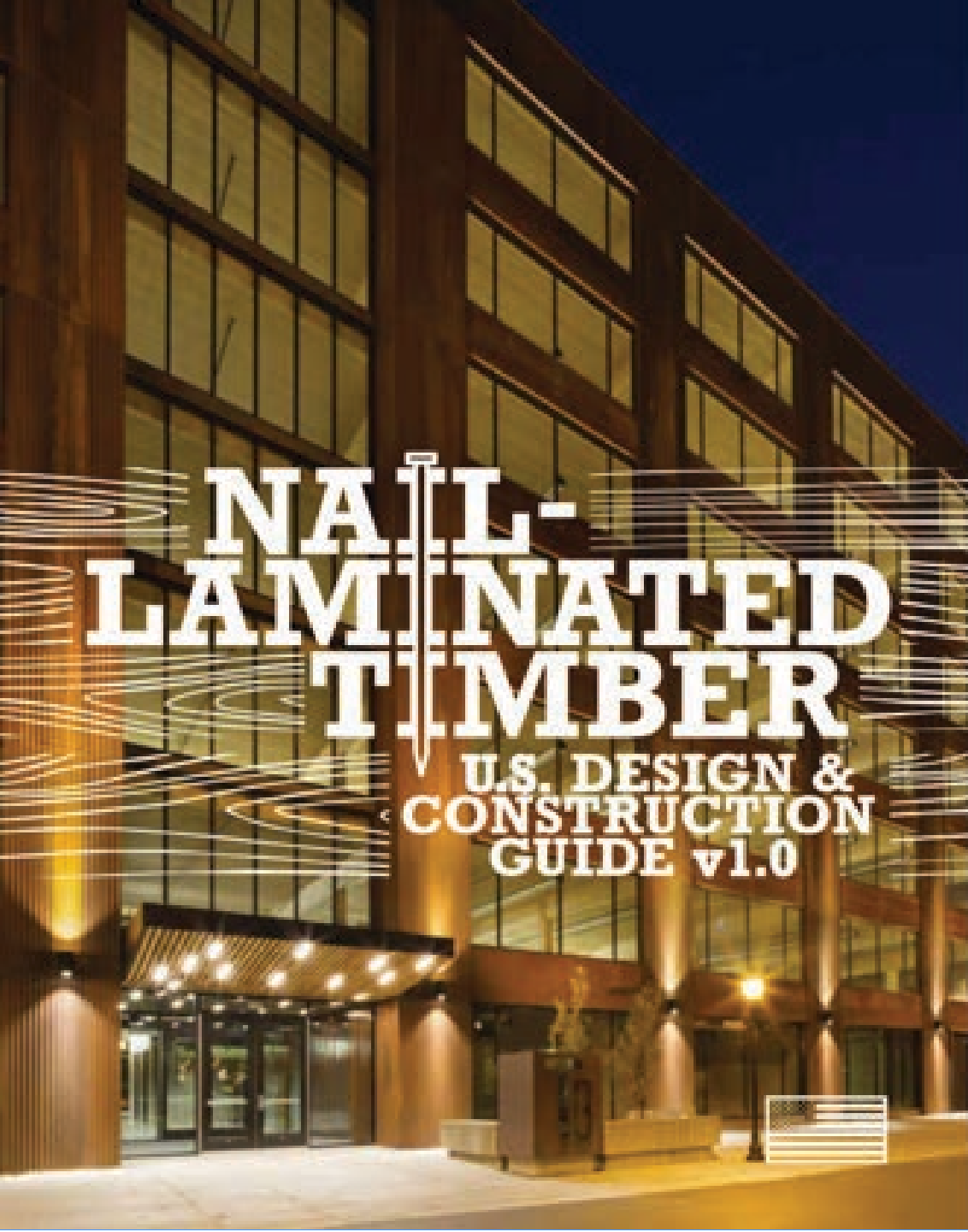
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MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

NAIL-LAMINATED TIMBER (NLT) PANELS

OFTEN EXPOSED ON UNDERSIDE
STRUCTURE IS FINISH

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MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

NAIL-LAMINATED TIMBER (NLT) PANELS

CONTENT INCLUDES:

- ARCHITECTURE
- FIRE
- STRUCTURE
- ENCLOSURE
- SUPPLY AND FABRICATION
- CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION
- ERECTION ENGINEERING

FREE DOWNLOAD AT

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NAIL-LAMINATED TIMBER (NLT) PANELS

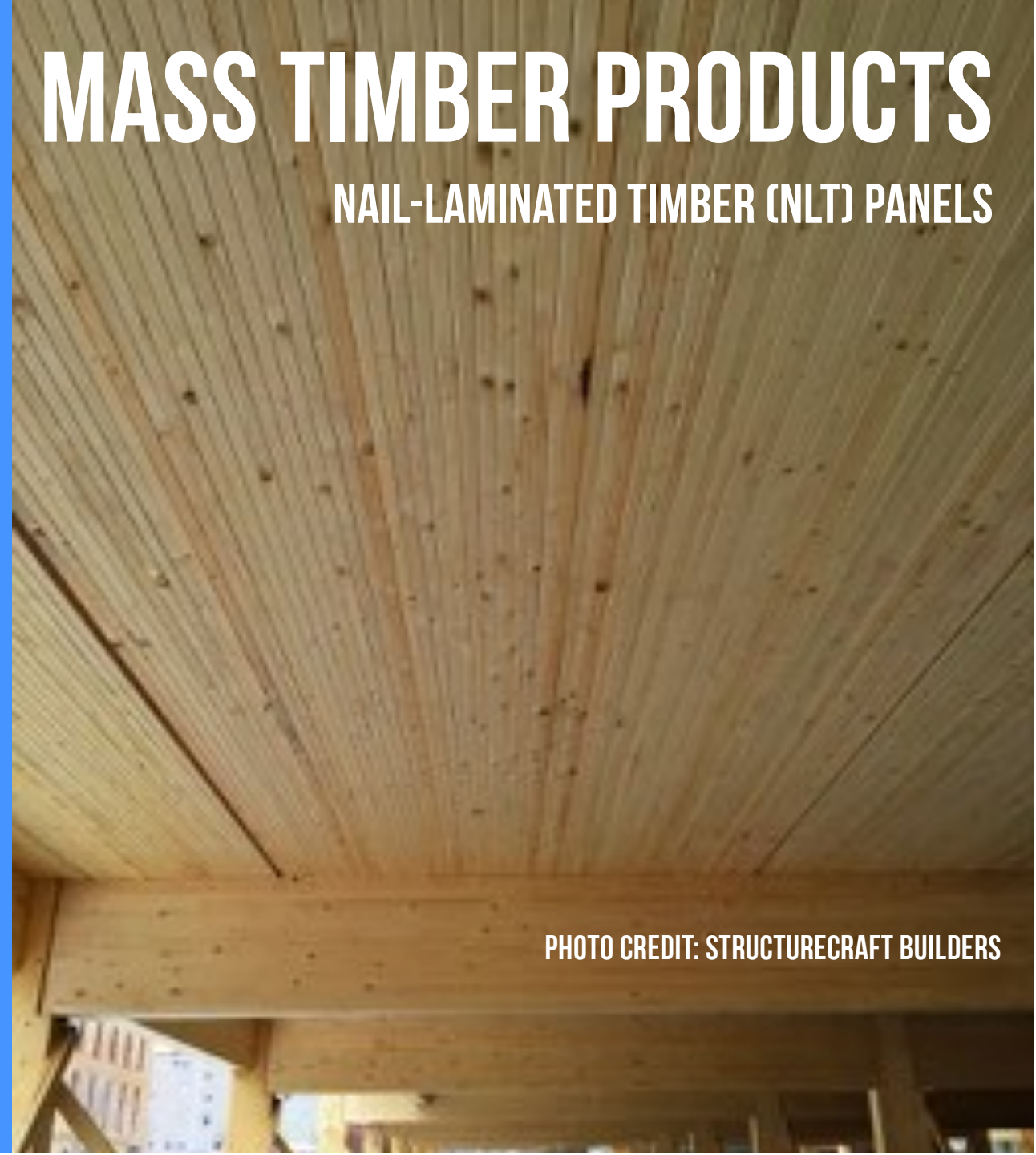


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NLT DIAPHRAGM DESIGN:

LACK OF TESTED, PUBLISHED DIAPHRAGM VALUES FOR BARE NLT LEAD MANY ENGINEERS TO COVERING WITH WOOD STRUCTURAL PANELS. DESIGN AS A BLOCKED, SHEATHED DIAPHRAGM. USE SDPWS TABLE 4.2A/4.2B



MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

NAIL-LAMINATED TIMBER (NLT) PANELS



**NLT SHRINKAGE/EXPANSION DESIGN:
RULE OF THUMB: LEAVE ONE PLY OUT PER 8'-
10' WIDE PANEL**



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MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

NAIL-LAMINATED TIMBER (NLT) PANELS

**FLUTED PANEL OPTIONS
VARY LAMINATION DEPTHS**



MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

NAIL-LAMINATED TIMBER (NLT) PANELS

NLT PANELS CAN BE BUILT ON-SITE/IN-PLACE OR PRE-FABRICATED OFFSITE



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MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

NAIL-LAMINATED TIMBER (NLT) PANELS

**PRE-FABRICATED PANELS
OFTEN PRE-SHEATHED**

**ONCE INSTALLED, ADD
STITCHING STRIPS, TAPE
JOINT IF APPLICABLE**

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MINNEAPOLIS, MN



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T3 MINNEAPOLIS

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

Type IV Construction
7 stories (6 Timber on 1 Concrete)
234,000 sf
2x8 NLT Floor Panels w/3" Concrete Topping
Glulam Beam and Column Frame
20'x25' Grid

Image Credit: StructureCraft Builders

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MINNEAPOLIS, MN



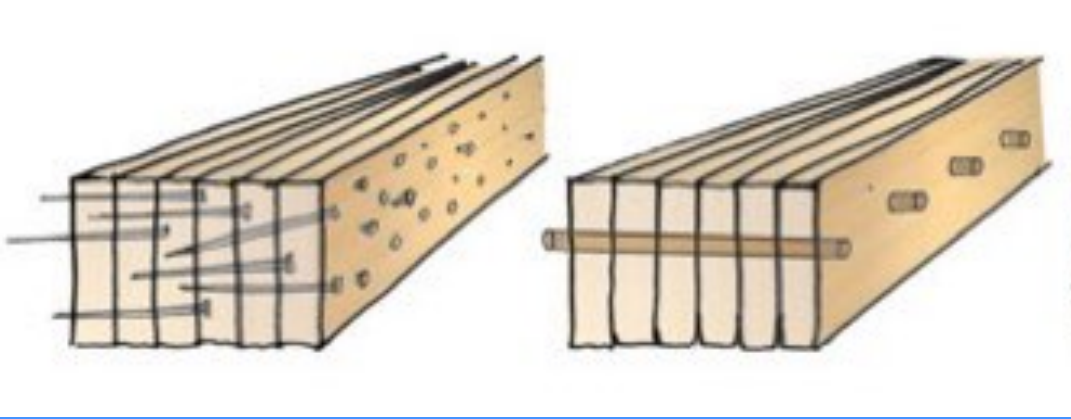
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MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

DOWEL-LAMINATED TIMBER (DLT)



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MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

DOWEL-LAMINATED TIMBER (DLT) PANELS

DLT:

- **SIMILAR TO NLT — NAILS CONNECTING LAMS REPLACED WITH HARDWOOD DOWELS**
- **COMMON IN EUROPE — OFTEN REFERRED TO AS BRETTSTAPEL**
- **NOT CURRENTLY RECOGNIZED AS PRESCRIPTIVELY PERMITTED MATERIAL IN IBC**
- **TIMBER FRAMERS GUILD — RESOURCES ON DOWEL DESIGN**



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MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

DOWEL-LAMINATED TIMBER (DLT) PANELS

Dowel Laminated Timber

The All Wood Panel

Mass Timber Design Guide

**DLT: SIMILAR TO NLT — BUT LAMS ARE USUALLY FINGER
JOINTED IN DLT SO JOINT LAYUPS NOT A CONCERN**

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MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

VARIOUS PROFILE OPTIONS

DOWEL-LAMINATED TIMBER (DLT) PANELS



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111 EAST GRAND

DES MOINES, IA

CREDIT: NUEMANN MONSON ARCHITECTS
COURTESY: RYAN COMPANIES

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4 STORY, 66,800 SF SPEC OFFICE BUILDING
DLT PANELS, GLULAM FRAME





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MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

GLUE-LAMINATED TIMBER (GLT) PANELS

PHOTO CREDIT: UNALAM

MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

GLUE-LAMINATED TIMBER (GLT) PANELS



IMAGE SOURCE: MANASC ISAAC
ARCHITECTS/FAST ± EPP

GLULAM DECKING:

- SIMILAR TO DEEP GLULAM BEAMS LAID ON THEIR SIDE
- SAME CODE REFERENCES AND MANUFACTURING STANDARDS AS GLULAM BEAMS AND COLUMNS
- BE CAREFUL OF DESIGN STRESSES AND LAYUPS USED — SPEC UNIFORM LAYUP (ALL LAMS SAME SPECIES & GRADE)



IMAGE SOURCE: STRUCTURECRAFT BUILDERS

MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

GLUE-LAMINATED TIMBER (GLT) PANELS



IMAGE SOURCE: STRUCTURECRAFT BUILDERS

Use with Table 5A Adjustment Factors												
Species and Grade	Bending About X-X Axis (Loaded Perpendicular to Wide Faces of Laminations)							Bending About Y-Y Axis (Loaded Parallel to Wide Faces of Laminations)				
	Bending		Compression Perpendicular to Grain		Shear Parallel to Grain	Modulus of Elasticity		Bending	Compression Perpendicular to Grain	Shear Parallel to Grain	Modulus of Elasticity	
	Bottom of Beam Stressed in Tension (Positive Bending)	Top of Beam Stressed in Tension (Negative Bending)	Tension Face	Compression Face		For Deflection Calculations	For Stability Calculations				For Deflection Calculations	For Stability Calculations
	F_{bx}^+ (psi)	F_{bx}^- (psi)	F_{cLx} (psi)		$F_{vx}^{(2)}$ (psi)	E_x (10^3 psi)	$E_{x,min}$ (10^3 psi)	F_{by} (psi)	F_{cLy} (psi)	$F_{vy}^{(2)(3)}$ (psi)	E_y (10^3 psi)	$E_{y,min}$ (10^3 psi)
F/CF	2400	1450	650		265	1.8	0.95	1450	550	230	1.8	0.85
F/CF	2400	1850	650	650	265	1.8	0.95	1450	550	230	1.8	0.85
F/CF	2400	2400	650	650	265	1.8	0.95	1550	550	230	1.8	0.85
F/CF	2400	1450	650	650	265	1.8	0.95	1400	550	230	1.7	0.90
F/CF	2400	2400	650	650	265	1.8	0.95	1750	550	230	1.7	0.90
F/CF	2400	2400	650	650	265	1.8	0.95	1550	550	230	1.7	0.90
P/SP	2400	2000	740	740	300	1.8	0.95	1700	650	260	1.8	0.85

NDS SUPPLEMENT LISTS DIFFERENT
DESIGN VALUES FOR BENDING.
LAYUP COMBINATIONS TYPICALLY
OPTIMIZED FOR BEAM APPLICATIONS.
LAYUP COMBINATIONS AREN'T EFFECTIVE
IN GLT DECKING APPLICATIONS

MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

GLUE-LAMINATED TIMBER (GLT)

**SAME SHRINKAGE AND DIAPHRAGM
CONSIDERATIONS AS NLT:**

- **GAP PANELS TO ALLOW
MOVEMENT**
- **COVER WITH WOOD STRUCTURAL
PANEL FOR DIAPHRAGM**
- **AVAILABLE IN VARIETY OF
LAMINATION OPTIONS**

Fluted



MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

MASS PLYWOOD PANELS (MPP)



THICKNESSES IN 1" INCREMENTS STRUCTURAL PROPERTIES IN APA PRODUCT REPORT PR-L325

MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

MASS PLYWOOD PANELS (MPP)

Table 1. ASD Reference Design Values^(a,b,c) for Fiores MPP (For Use in the U.S.)

MPP Layup	Layup ID	Thickness, t (in.)	Major Strength Direction				Minor Strength Direction			
			$(F_b S)_{allow}$ (lb-ft ²)	$(EI)_{allow}$ (10 ³ lb-ft ² /ft)	$(GA)_{allow}$ (10 ³ lb/ft)	V_{allow} (lb/ft)	$(F_b S)_{allow}$ (lb-ft ²)	$(EI)_{allow}$ (10 ³ lb-ft ² /ft)	$(GA)_{allow}$ (10 ³ lb/ft)	V_{allow} (lb/ft)
F16	F16-2	2	1,190	16	0.82	2,190	210	2.8	0.17	695
	F16-3	3	1,870	51	1.23	2,190	355	9.0	0.26	695
	F16-4	4	3,325	122	1.64	2,925	630	21	0.34	930
	F16-5	5	5,200	238	2.05	3,650	985	42	0.43	1,160
	F16-6	6	7,500	410	2.46	4,375	1,420	72	0.69	1,390
	F16-7	7	10,200	652	2.66	5,100	1,930	114	0.81	1,630
	F16-8	8	13,325	973	3.04	5,825	2,525	170	0.91	1,860
	F16-9	9	16,850	1,385	3.42	6,575	3,200	242	1.04	2,090
	F16-10	10	20,825	1,900	3.80	7,300	3,950	333	1.15	2,320
	F16-11	11	25,175	2,529	4.18	8,025	4,775	443	1.27	2,550
	F16-12	12	29,975	3,283	4.56	8,750	5,675	575	1.38	2,775

For SI: 1 in. = 25.4 mm; 1 ft = 304.8 mm; 1 lb = 4.448 N

- ^(a) Tabulated values are allowable design values.
- ^(b) Tabulated values are limited to MPP manufactured with 1-inch-thick Fiores 1.6E Douglas-fir LVL.
- ^(c) Deflection under a specified uniformly distributed load, w , acting perpendicular to the face of a single deflections due to moment and shear effects using the effective bending stiffness, $(EI)_{eff}$, and the eff follows:

$$\delta = \frac{22.5 w L^4}{(EI)_{eff}} + \frac{3 w L^2}{2(GA)_{eff}}$$

where: δ = Estimated deflection, inches;

L = span, feet;

$(GA)_{eff}$ = tabulated effective in-plane (planar) shear rigidity, 10³ lb/ft

w = uniform load, plf;

$(EI)_{eff}$ = tabulated effective bending stiffness, 10³



MPP



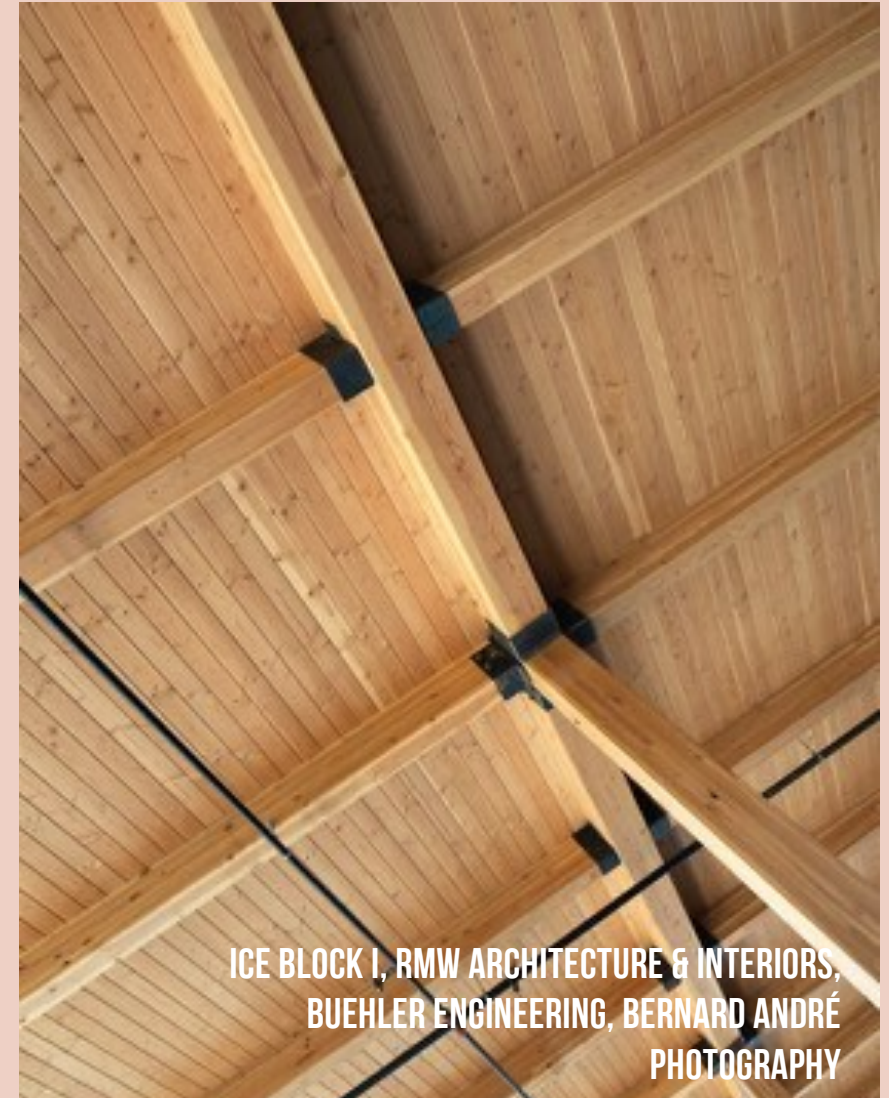
MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

TONGUE AND GROOVE DECKING

TONGUE AND GROOVE DECKING:

2X, 3X OR 4X SOLID OR LAMINATED WOOD DECKING
LAID FLAT WITH INTERLOCKING TONGUE AND GROOVE
ON NARROW (SIDE) FACE

- RECOGNIZED IN IBC 2304.8 (LUMBER DECKING)
- 2X USUALLY HAS A SINGLE T&G; 3X AND 4X USUALLY HAVE A DOUBLE T&G
- 6" AND 8" ARE COMMON WIDTHS
- CAN BE USED FOR FLOOR, ROOF DECKING



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MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

TONGUE AND GROOVE DECKING

T&G DIAPHRAGM DESIGN



**CAN BE USED BY ITSELF AS A
DIAPHRAGM: SDPWS TABLE 4.2D
OR ADD LAYER OF WSP ON TOP, TREAT
AS BLOCKED DIAPHRAGM**

MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

T&G DECKING DESIGN

TONGUE AND GROOVE DECKING

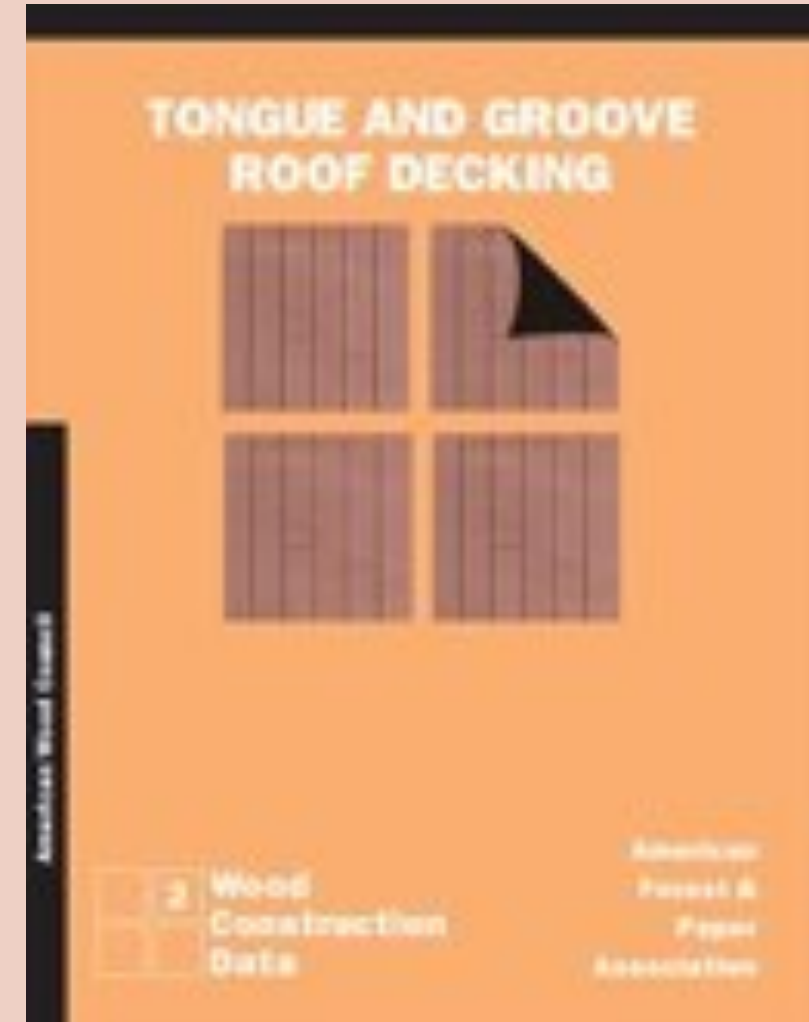
Table 4E Reference Design Values for Visually Graded Decking^{1,2}

(Tabulated design values are for normal load duration and dry service conditions, unless specified otherwise. See NDS 4.3 for a comprehensive description of design value adjustment factors.)

USE WITH TABLE 4E ADJUSTMENT FACTORS

Species and commercial grade	Size classification	Design values in pounds per square inch (psi)					Specific Gravity ³	Grading Rules Agency
		Bending		Compression perpendicular to grain	Modulus of Elasticity			
		Single Member	Repetitive Member					
					F _b	F _b (C _m)		
BALSAH FIR								
Select	2'-4" thick	—	1,600	—	1,500,000	590,000	0.38	NELMA
Commercial	4'-12" wide	—	1,400	—	1,300,000	470,000		
COAST SITKA SPRUCE								
Select	2'-4" thick	1,250	1,450	455	1,700,000	620,000	0.43	NLGA
Commercial	4" & wider	1,050	1,200	455	1,500,000	550,000		
COAST SPECIES								
Select	2'-4" thick	1,250	1,450	370	1,500,000	590,000	0.43	NLGA
Commercial	4" & wider	1,050	1,200	370	1,400,000	510,000		
DOUGLAS FIR-LARCH								
Select Deck	2'-4" thick	1,750	2,000	625	1,800,000	690,000	0.50	WCLB
Commercial Deck	4" & wider	1,550	1,800	625	1,600,000	610,000		

NDS SUPPLEMENT CONTAINS ALLOWABLE DESIGN VALUES
AWC'S WCD-2 CONTAINS SPAN TABLES



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135,000 SF OF RETAIL AND RESTAURANT SPACE
GLULAM FRAME, 3X T&G DECKING



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MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

CROSS-LAMINATED TIMBER (CLT)



WHAT IS CLT?

SOLID WOOD PANEL

3 LAYERS MIN. OF SOLID SAWN LAMS

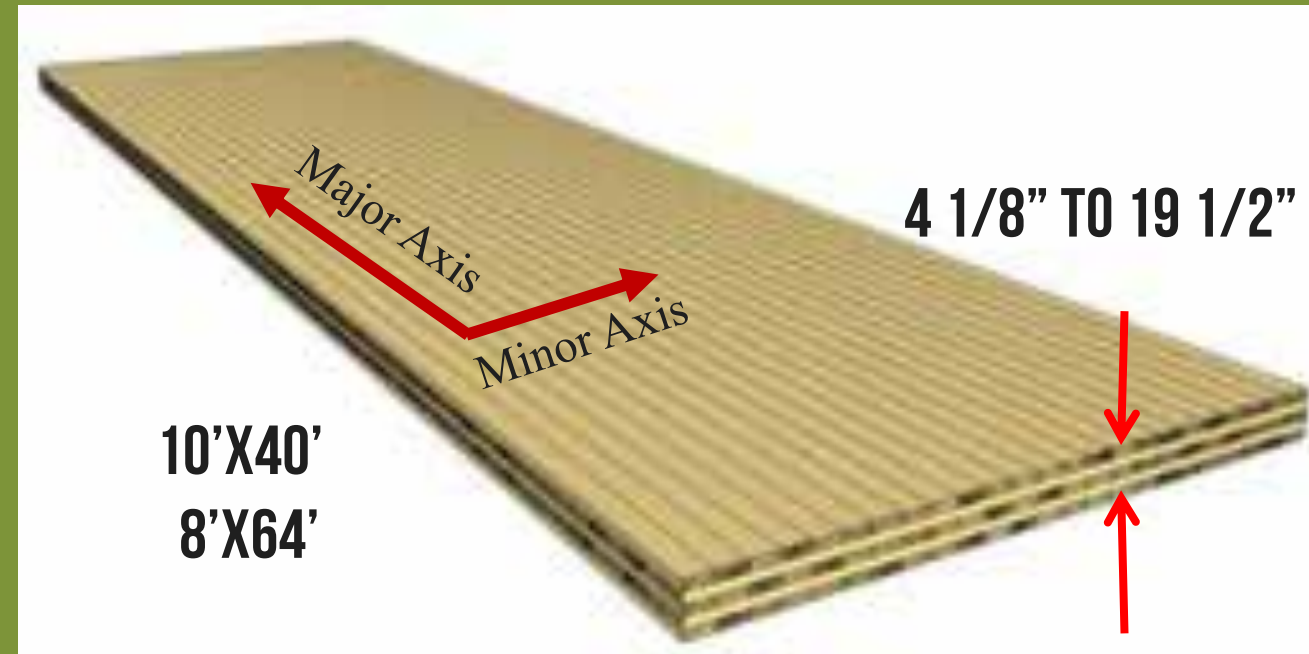
90 DEG. CROSS-LAMS

SIMILAR TO PLYWOOD SHEATHING



MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

CROSS-LAMINATED TIMBER (CLT)



MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

COMMON CLT LAYUPS

3-PLY 3-LAYER



5-PLY 5-LAYER



7-PLY 7-LAYER



9-PLY 9-LAYER



CROSS-LAMINATED TIMBER (CLT)



7-PLY 5-LAYER



9-PLY 7-LAYER



MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

CROSS-LAMINATED TIMBER (CLT)



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MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

CLT PANEL FABRICATION

CROSS-LAMINATED TIMBER (CLT)





MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

CROSS-LAMINATED TIMBER (CLT)

CLT PREFABRICATION

- FINISHED PANELS ARE PLANED, SANDED, CUT TO SIZE. THEN OPENINGS ARE CUT WITH PRECISE CNC ROUTERS.
- THIRD PARTY INSPECTION AT FACTORY
- CUSTOM ENGINEERED FOR MATERIAL EFFICIENCY
- CUSTOM DESIGNED FOR PROJECT
- EACH PANEL NUMBERED, DELIVERED & INSTALLED IN PREDETERMINED SEQUENCE

ALBINA YARD

PORTLAND, OR



4 STORIES
16,000 SF
GREEN ROOF



ARCHITECT: LEVER ARCHITECTURE
IMAGE CREDIT: LEVER ARCHITECTURE

- 20'X20' GRID, 12' FLOOR TO FLOOR
- 3-PLY CLT FLOOR PANELS WITH ELECTRICAL CONDUIT POURED INTO 1" LIGHT WEIGH GYPSUM TOPPING
- WOOD SHEARWALL CORE WITH OPEN FRONT DESIGN FOR GLAZING WALL



ALBINA YARD

PORTLAND, OR

**CLT PANELS FOR AN ENTIRE FLOOR
INSTALLED IN LESS THAN 4 HOURS**

SOURCE: LEVER ARCHITECTURE¹

ARCHITECT: LEVER ARCHITECTURE
IMAGE CREDIT: LEVER ARCHITECTURE

CANDLEWOOD SUITES

REDSTONE ARSENAL, AL



IMAGE CREDIT: IHG® ARMY HOTELS, LENDLEASE

CANDLEWOOD SUITES

REDSTONE ARSENAL, AL



IMAGE CREDIT: LEND LEASE & SCHAEFER



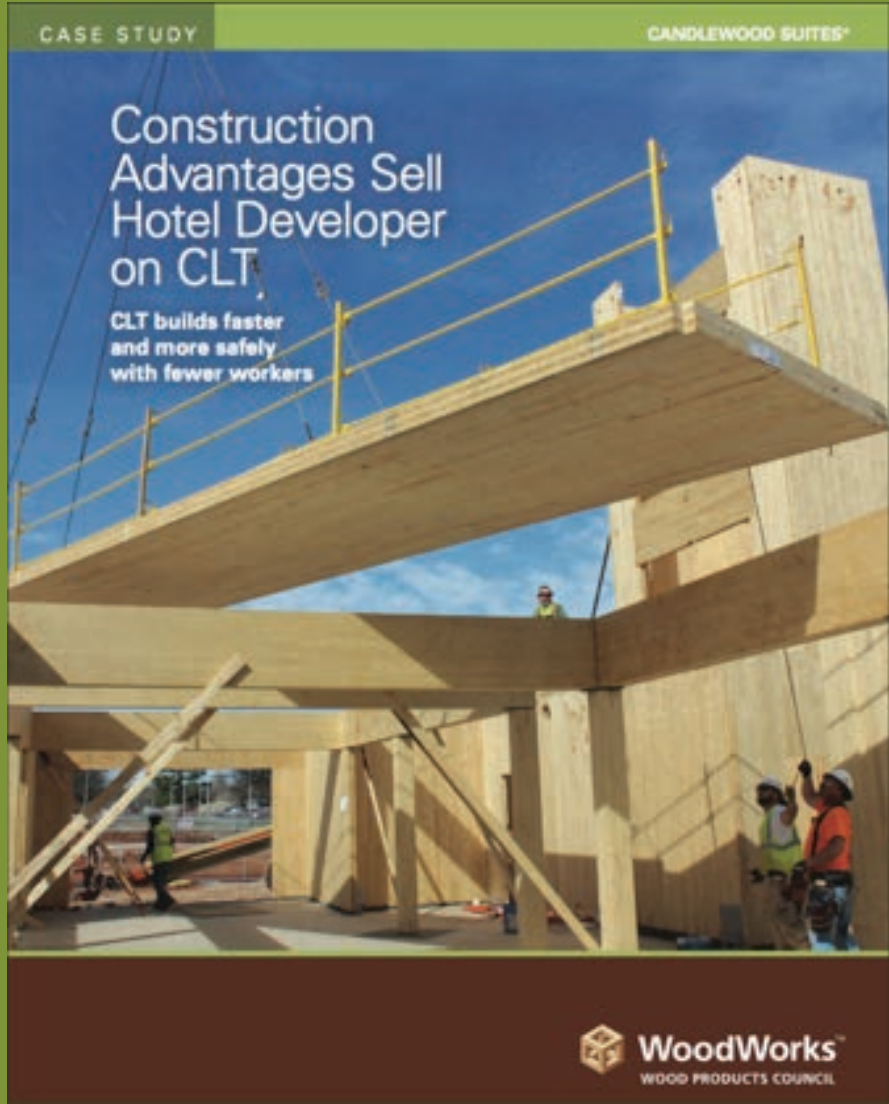


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CANDLEWOOD SUITES

REDSTONE ARSENAL, AL

- 62,600 SF, 4 STORY HOTEL, 92 PRIVATE ROOMS
- CLT UTILIZED FOR WALLS, ROOF PANELS, AND FLOOR PANELS
- 1,557 CLT PANELS; TYPICAL FLOOR PANEL IS 8'X50' & WEIGHS 8,000 LBS
- COMPLETED LATE 2015



PAL Portfolio	Typical New PAL Hotel (Actual*)	Redstone Arsenal (Actual)	Difference
Gross square feet (sf)	54,891	62,688	+14%
Average # of employees	18 (peak 26)	10 (peak 11)	-43%
Structural duration (days)	123	78	-37%
Structural person hours	14,735	8,203	-44%
Structural production rate/day	460 sf	803 sf	+75%
Overall schedule	15 months	12 months	-20%

* PAL New Build Hotel Historical Average
Source: Lendlease

Savings on this CLT
project compared to
typical light gauge steel
construction

Candlewood Suites at Redstone Arsenal, AL
4 Stories, 62k SF

43%



37%

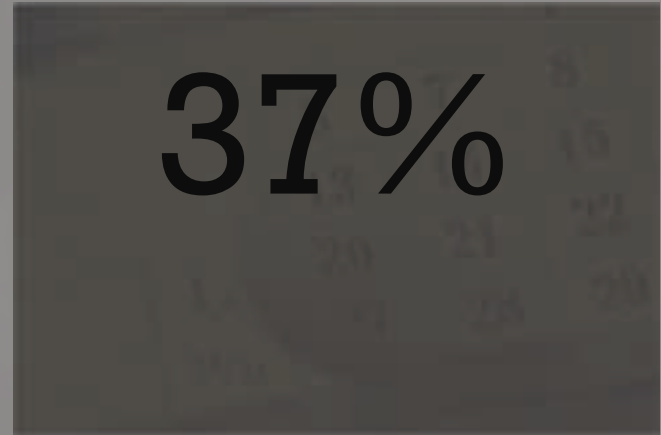


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MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

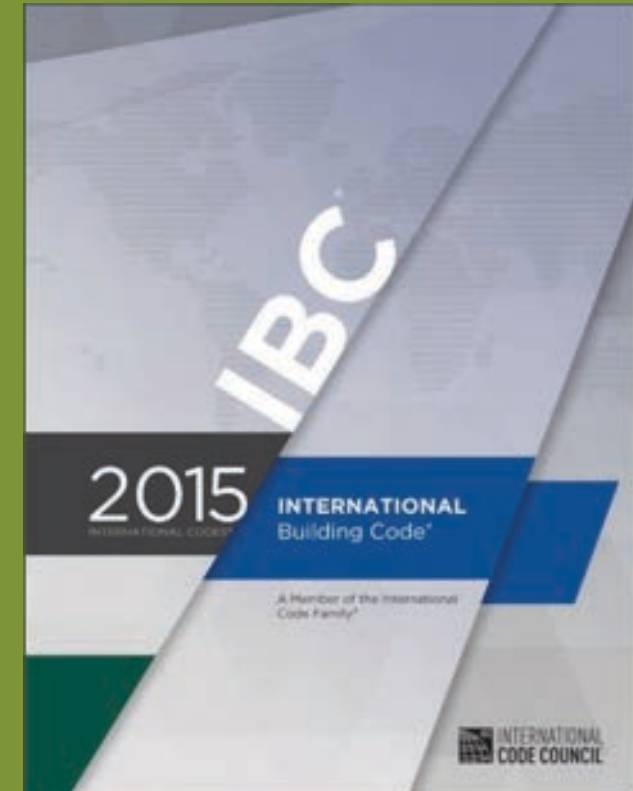
CROSS-LAMINATED TIMBER (CLT)

IN 2015 IBC, CLT IS NOW DEFINED IN CHAPTER 2 DEFINITIONS:

[BS] CROSS-LAMINATED TIMBER. A prefabricated engineered wood product consisting of not less than three layers of solid-sawn lumber or *structural composite lumber* where the adjacent layers are cross oriented and bonded with structural adhesive to form a solid wood element.

AND IS REFERENCED IN CHAPTER 23:

2303.1.4 Structural glued cross-laminated timber. Cross-laminated timbers shall be manufactured and identified in accordance with ANSI/APA PRG 320.



ANSI/APA PRG 320-2012

AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARD

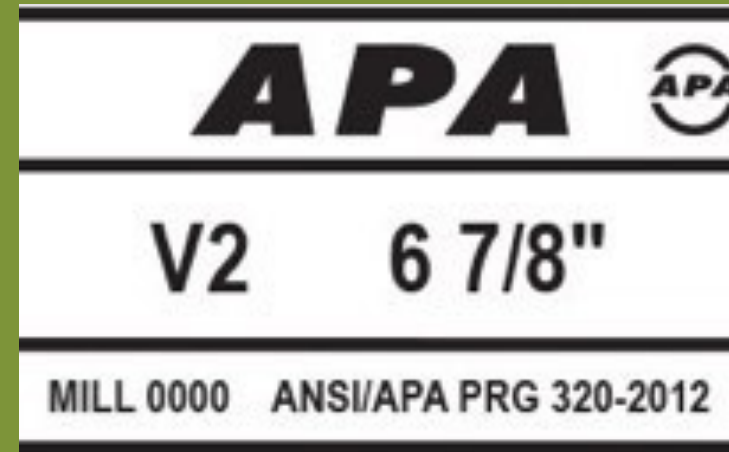
Standard for Performance-Rated Cross-Laminated Timber



MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

CROSS-LAMINATED TIMBER (CLT)

CLT PRODUCT STANDARD



ANSI / APA PRG 320 STANDARD FOR PERFORMANCE
RATED CROSS-LAMINATED TIMBER

CLT PRODUCT REPORTS

INTERTEK DIRECTORY OF BUILDING PRODUCTS

KLH Massivholz GmbH - Massivholzplatten (solid wood slabs)
CLT



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1. Basis of the product report:
 - 2015 International Building Code (IBC): Section 2303.1.4 Structural Glued Cross-Laminated Timber
 - 2012 and 2009 IBC: Section 104.11 Alternative materials
 - 2015 International Residential Code (IRC): Sections R502.1.6, R602.1.6, and R802.1.6 Cross-Laminated Timber
 - 2012 and 2009 IRC: Section R104.11 Alternative materials
 - ANSI/APA PRG 320-2012 and PRG 320-2011 Performance Rated Cross-Laminated Timber
 - FPinno Innovations Reports 201002775, 201004981, and 301010401, HPVA Report T-14054R, and other qualification data
2. Product description:
Nordic X-Lam cross-laminated timber (CLT) is manufactured with spruce-pine-fir in accordance with the E1 or custom grades of ANSI/APA PRG 320 through product
3. Design procedure:
Structurlam CrossLam (SPF) lumber is approved for use in floor joists up to 120 inches

MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

CROSS-LAMINATED TIMBER (CLT)



SmartLam Cross-Laminated Timber SmartLam, LLC

PR-L319

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DRJ Cross-Laminated Timber Riddle Laminators, Inc.

PR-L320

Issued January 25, 2017

1. Basis of the product report:
 - 2015 International Building Code (IBC): Section 2303.1.4 Structural Glued Cross-Laminated Timber
 - 2012 and 2009 IBC: Section 104.11 Alternative materials
 - 2015 International Residential Code (IRC): Sections R502.1.6, R602.1.6, and R802.1.6 Cross-Laminated Timber
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 - FPinno Innovations Reports 201002775, 201004981, and 301010401, HPVA Report T-14054R, and other qualification data
2. Product description:
SmartLam cross-laminated timber (CLT) is manufactured with spruce-pine-fir in accordance with the E1 or custom grades of ANSI/APA PRG 320 through product
3. Design procedure:
SmartLam CrossLam (SPF) lumber is approved for use in floor joists up to 120 inches

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FRERES Mass Panel Products Freres Lumber Co., Inc.

PR-L325

Issued July 3, 2018

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 - 2015 International Building Code (IBC): Section 2303.1.4 Structural Glued Cross-Laminated Timber
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2. Product description:
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 - ANSI/APA PRG 320-2012 and PRG 320-2011 Performance Rated Cross-Laminated Timber
 - ASTM D5456-14a, D5456-13, and D5456-09 recognized by the 2015 IBC and IRC, 2012 IBC and IRC, respectively
 - APA Report T2018P-21 and other qualification data
2. Product description:
Freres mass panel products (MPP) are manufactured with 1-inch-thick Freres 1 & 2 Douglas-fir LVL in accordance with custom layouts of ANSI/APA PRG 320 through product qualification and mathematical models using principles of engineering mechanics. The LVL
3. Design procedure:
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MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

CROSS-LAMINATED TIMBER (CLT)

STRUCTURAL DESIGN

design issues for
structural engineers

Increased availability of cross-laminated timber (CLT) in North America, combined with successful use in projects worldwide, has generated interest in its properties and performance within the U.S. design community. With the inclusion of CLT in the 2015 *International Building Code (IBC)* and 2015 *National Design Specification® (NDS®) for Wood Construction*, curiosity is evolving, with some developers, architects and structural engineers using CLT in projects. One application under frequent consideration is the use of CLT within horizontal floor and roof systems to create long-spanning structural decks. This article covers the available U.S. design standards and methods being used by engineers on these projects.

CLT in North America

Cross-laminated timber is an engineered wood component manufactured from dimension lumber or structural composite lumber to create large, flat panels of solid wood. It is a member of a new class of massive (or "mass") timber products—i.e., large-dimension engineered structural wood components that perform like dimension sawn lumber, solid sawn timbers, and structural composite lumber products frequently used in building framing. Other forms of mass

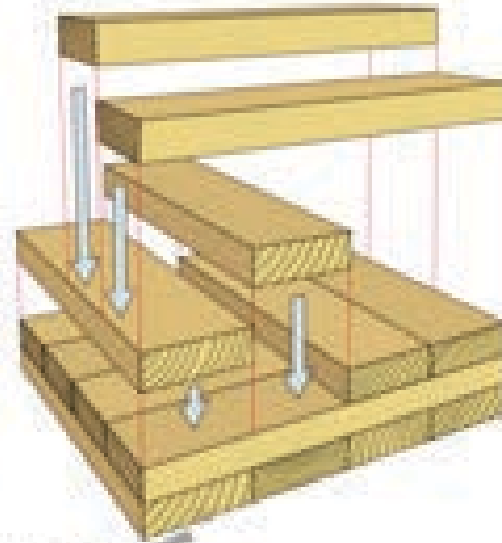


Figure 1. CLT layer.

panels as large as 8 feet by 40 feet. While CLT is shipped anywhere in the U.S., it is not a "stock" product with material sitting at a local distribution center; panels are manufactured for specific projects. Design teams considering using CLT should work closely with manufacturers to understand availability and lead times. With extended lead times, importing CLT from overseas, notably Europe, is also possible.

CLT panels can be used in floor, roof, and wall framing. There are cases where buildings were constructed using CLT for all of the structural framing above the foundations, including walls, floors, and roofs. Other buildings use CLT for specific structural components such as floor decking,

Cross-Laminated Timber Structural Floor and Roof Design

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CROSS-LAMINATED TIMBER (CLT)



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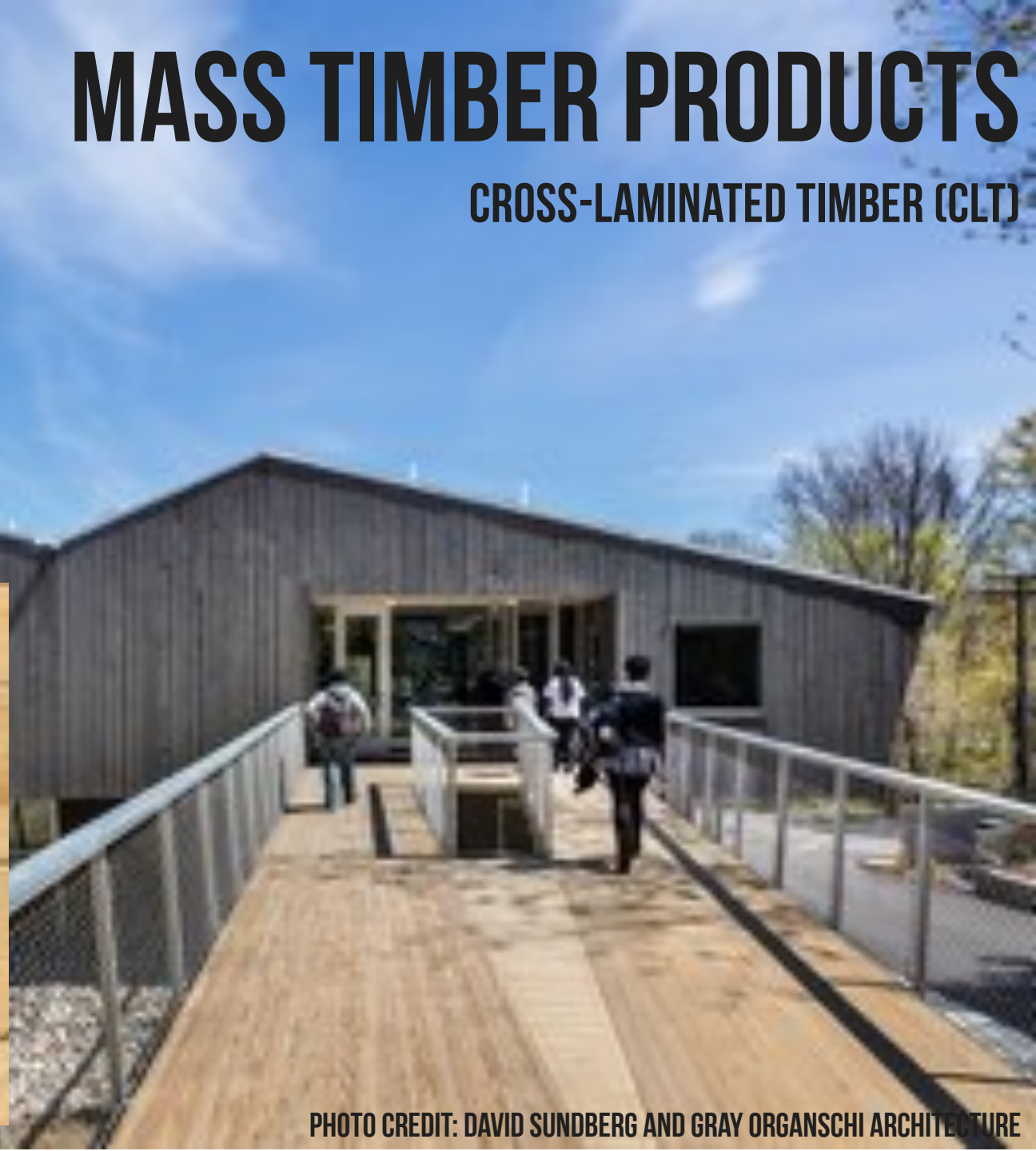


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Timber Concrete Composite



Timber Concrete Composites

Design Considerations:

- Unique composite connection options
- Not standardized in code
– requires unique analysis and project approval



TIMBER COMPOSITE TECHNOLOGY

www.TiComTec.de

UBC Earth Science Building, Vancouver, Canada

ARCHITECT: Perkins + Will

ENGINEER: Equilibrium

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MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

WOOD CONCRETE COMPOSITE



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STRUCTURAL COMPOSITE LUMBER (SCL)

LVL PANEL



LSL PANEL

GRID OPTIONS AND MEMBER SIZES: WHAT'S BEEN DONE

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BULLITT CENTER

SEATTLE, WA

11'-6" BEAM SPACING

11'-6" COLUMN SPACING AT EXTERIOR

23'-0" COLUMN SPACING AT INTERIOR

2X6 NLT FLOOR DECK

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CLAY CREATIVE

PORTLAND, OR

- ~8' FINISHED FLOOR TO BOTTOM OF BEAM
- 25'X30' AT PERIMETER
- 30'X30' BAYS AT CENTER
- 2X6 NLT SPANS 15'
- EXTERIOR STEEL MOMENT FRAME KEEPS CORE AREA MORE VERSATILE

HUDSON BUILDING

VANCOUVER, WA

- 25'X25' GRID, 1 ROW INTERMEDIATE BEAMS
- 15'-18' FLOOR TO FLOOR HEIGHTS
- COMPOSITE FLOOR: 2X4 AND 2X6 NLT FLOOR PANELS WITH 3 ½" REINFORCED CONCRETE TOPPING



T3 MINNEAPOLIS

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

20'X25' GRID

2X8 NLT FLOOR PANELS SPAN 20' W/3" CONCRETE TOPPING

ALBINA YARD

PORTLAND, OR



**20'X20' GRID
BEAMS AT 10' O.C.
3-PLY CLT**



ARCHITECT: LEVER ARCHITECTURE
IMAGE CREDIT: LEVER ARCHITECTURE

FIRST TECH CREDIT UNION

HILLSBORO, OR



IMAGE CREDIT: SWINERTON BUILDERS

15'X32' & 15'X26' GRIDS
5-PLY CLT SPANS 15'



ARCHITECT: HACKER
IMAGE CREDIT: STRUCTURLAM

CANDLEWOOD SUITES

REDSTONE ARSENAL, AL

- **5-PLY CLT FLOOR PANELS, 3-PLY ROOF PANELS SPAN 16.5 FT**

IMAGE CREDIT: LENDLEASE

JOHN W. OLVER DESIGN BUILDING

UMASS, AMHERST, MA

- 5-PLY CLT FLOOR PANELS, COMPOSITE WITH HBV SYSTEM
- GRIDS 20'X24' TO 26'

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**5 PLY CLT PANELS, 2-WAY SPAN
~9'X13' GRID OF COLUMNS**



BROCK COMMONS

VANCOUVER, BC

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MASS TIMBER APPEAL



MARKET DRIVERS FOR MASS TIMBER

PRIMARY DRIVERS

- » Construction Efficiency & Speed
- » Construction site constraints – Urban Infill
- » Innovation/Aesthetic

SECONDARY DRIVERS

- » Carbon Reductions
- » Structural Performance – lightweight

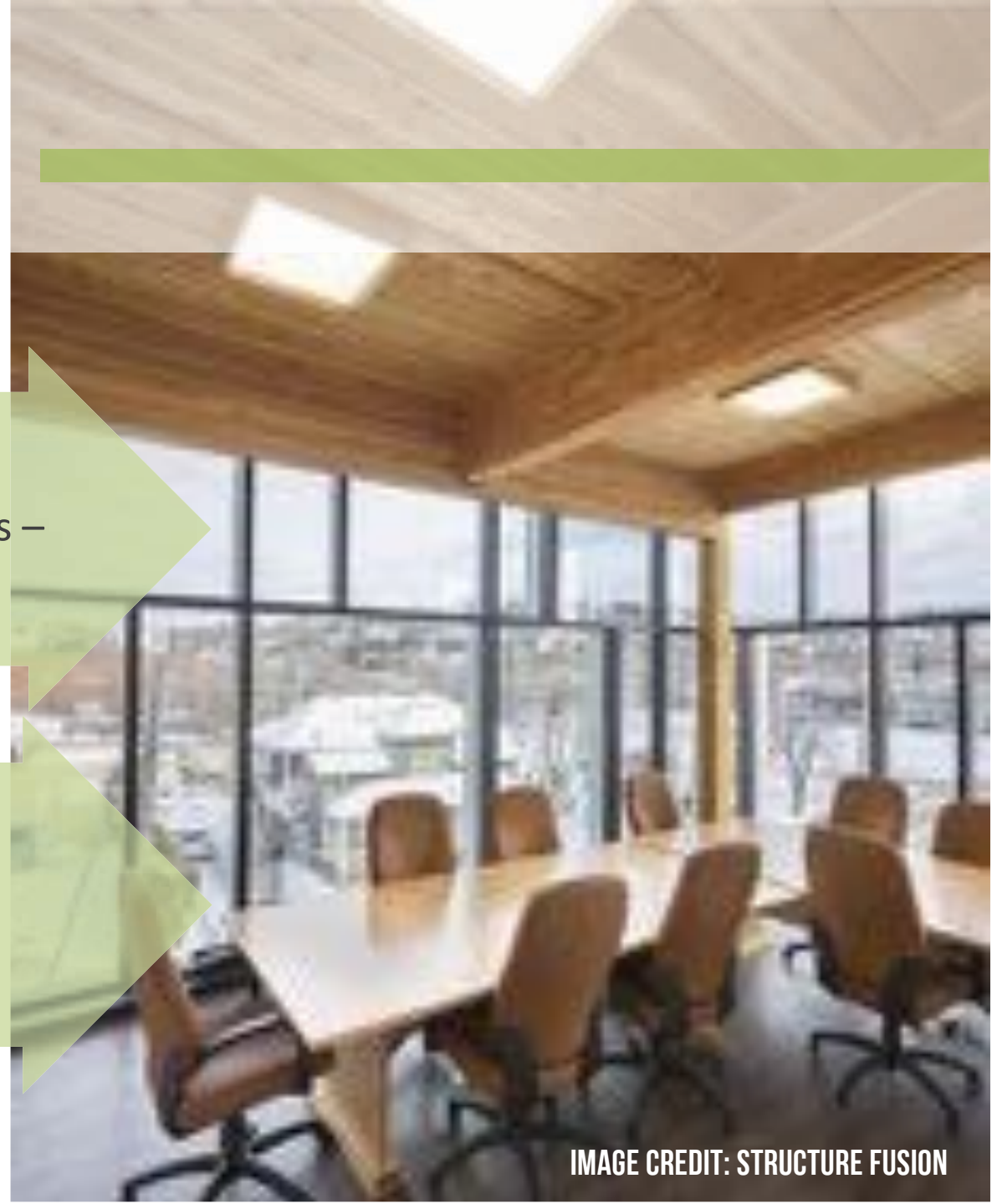


IMAGE CREDIT: STRUCTURE FUSION

MASS TIMBER APPEAL

**WHAT IS THE ULTIMATE APPEAL AND DRIVER
FOR ANY BUILDING AND MATERIAL TYPE?**



MASS TIMBER APPEAL

REDUCED CONSTRUCTION TIME

LESS TIME ON SITE =
LESS \$\$

**MURRAY GROVE,
LONDON UK**
8 STORIES OF CLT OVER 1
STORY CONCRETE PODIUM

8 STORIES BUILT IN 27
DAYS (~1/2 THE TIME OF
PRECAST CONCRETE)



SOURCE: ARCHITECT MAGAZINE³



SOURCE: CITY CONSTRUCTION⁴

**FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL, FRANKLIN, WV**

45,200 FT² 2 STORY
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2.5 MONTHS TO ERECT CLT

MASS TIMBER APPEAL

REDUCED CONSTRUCTION TIME

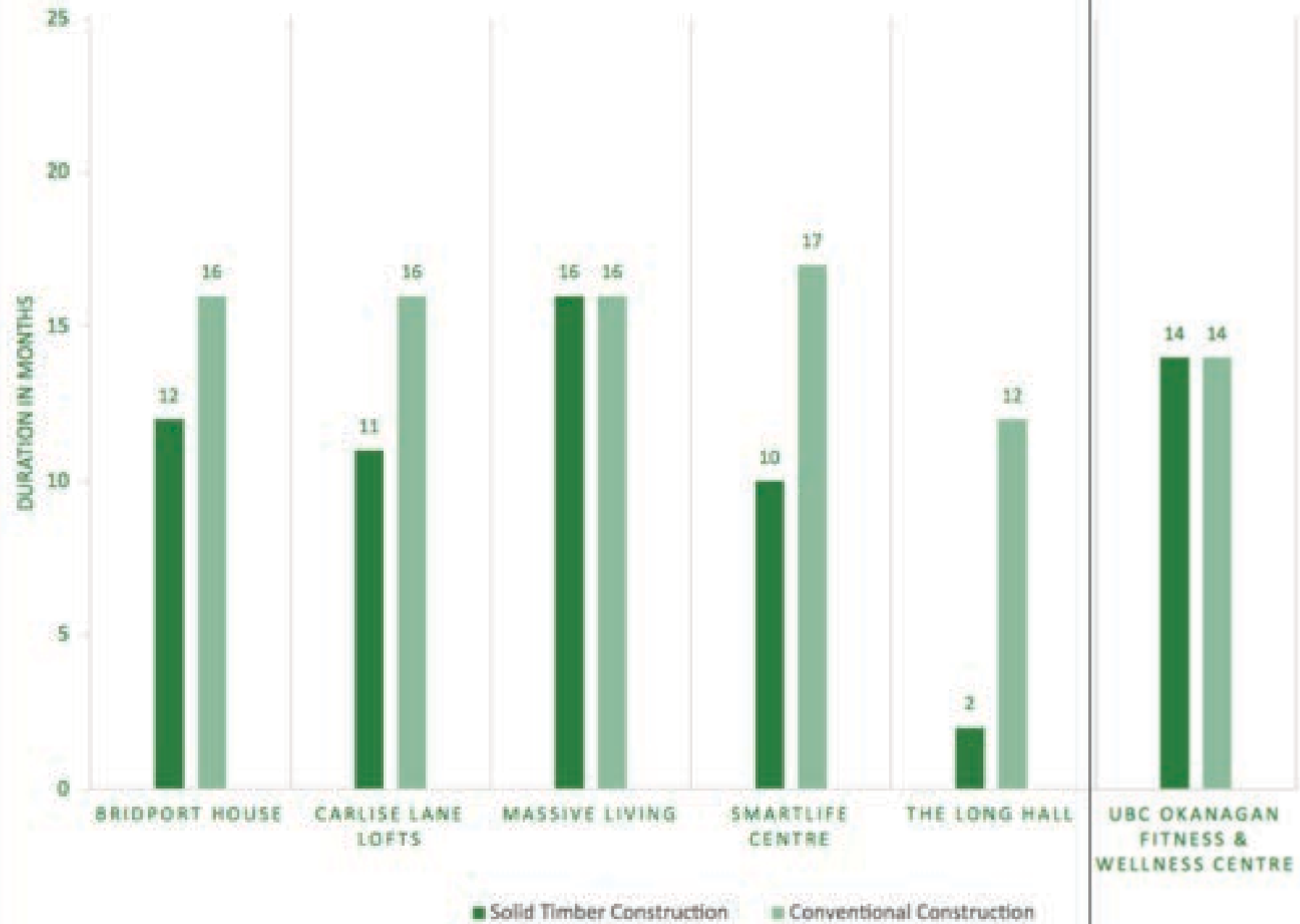
1 Floor = 3 Days

**17 Floors Erected
in 9.5 Weeks**

Brock Commons, Vancouver, BC
Source: naturally:wood⁵



SCHEDULE COMPARISON



Source: Solid Timber Construction⁶, Ryan Smith

MASS TIMBER APPEAL

FORTE TIME LAPSE VIDEO

REDUCED CONSTRUCTION TIME



MASS TIMBER APPEAL

ALTERNATE TO CONCRETE & MASONRY



PHOTO CREDIT: CHARLES JUDD



MASS TIMBER APPEAL

MATERIAL MASS



MASS TIMBER APPEAL

MATERIAL MASS

75% LIGHTER WEIGHT THAN CONCRETE

SOURCE: STRUCTURLAM⁷





FORTE', VICTORIA HARBOR, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA
ARCHITECT: LENDLEASE | SOURCE: LENDLEASE⁸

MASS TIMBER APPEAL

MATERIAL MASS

COMPLETED IN 2012

10 STORIES

~ 105 FT. TALL, > 18.6 K SQFT.

3 YEAR INVESTMENT IN R&D

**POOR SOILS REQUIRED A MUCH LIGHTER
BUILDING**



ESTIMATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF WOOD USE



Volume of wood products used:
2,233 cubic meters of CLT and Glulam



U.S. and Canadian forests grow this much wood in:
6 minutes



Carbon stored in the wood:
1,753 metric tons of CO₂



Avoided greenhouse gas emissions:
679 metric tons of CO₂



Total potential carbon benefit:
2,432 metric tons of CO₂

THE ABOVE GHG EMISSIONS ARE EQUIVALENT



511 cars off the road for a year



Energy to operate a home for 222 years

**Estimated by the Wood Carbon Calculator for Buildings, based on research by Sathre, R. and J. O'Connor, 2010, A Synthesis of Research on Wood Products and Greenhouse Gas Impacts, FPInnovations (this relates to carbon stored and avoided GHG).*

**CO₂ in this case study refers to CO₂ equivalent*

SOURCE: NATURALLY:WOOD⁹

MASS TIMBER APPEAL

REDUCED EMBODIED CARBON

BROCK COMMONS, VANCOUVER, BC



PHOTO CREDIT: ACTON OSTRY ARCHITECTS

MASS TIMBER APPEAL

MINIMAL WASTE



MASS TIMBER ELEMENTS FABRICATED TO TIGHT TOLERANCES



COMPUTER NUMERICALLY CONTROLLED (CNC) CONNECTIONS

MASS TIMBER APPEAL

PREFABRICATED AND PRECISE



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MASS TIMBER APPEAL

ENERGY EFFICIENT

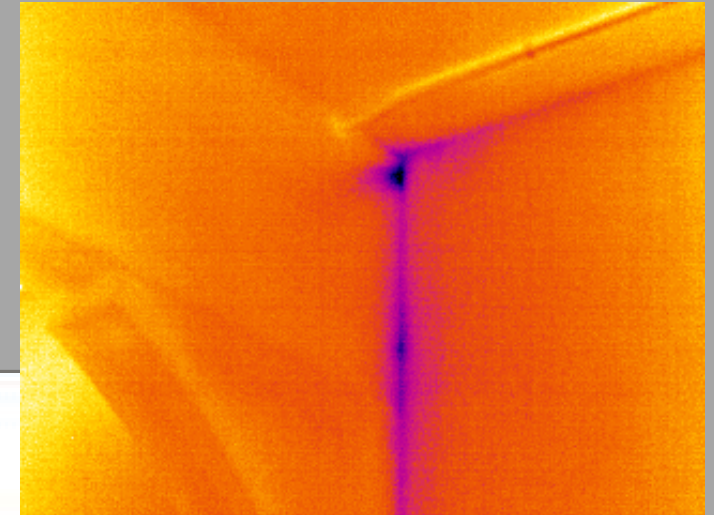


Table 2

Thermal resistance of typical softwood at various thicknesses and 12% moisture content

Thickness	1 in. (25 mm)	4 in. (100 mm)	6 in. (150 mm)	8 in. (200 mm)
R-value ($\text{h} \cdot \text{ft}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{F} \cdot \text{Btu}^{-1}$)	1.25	5.00	7.50	10.00
RSI ($\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{K} \cdot \text{W}^{-1}$)	0.22	0.88	1.30	1.80

CLT HAS AN R-VALUE OF APPROXIMATELY 1.25 PER INCH OF THICKNESS.

SOURCE: US CLT HANDBOOK¹⁰

MASS TIMBER APPEAL

DISASTER RESILIENT



USFPL WOOD TORNADO SHELTER

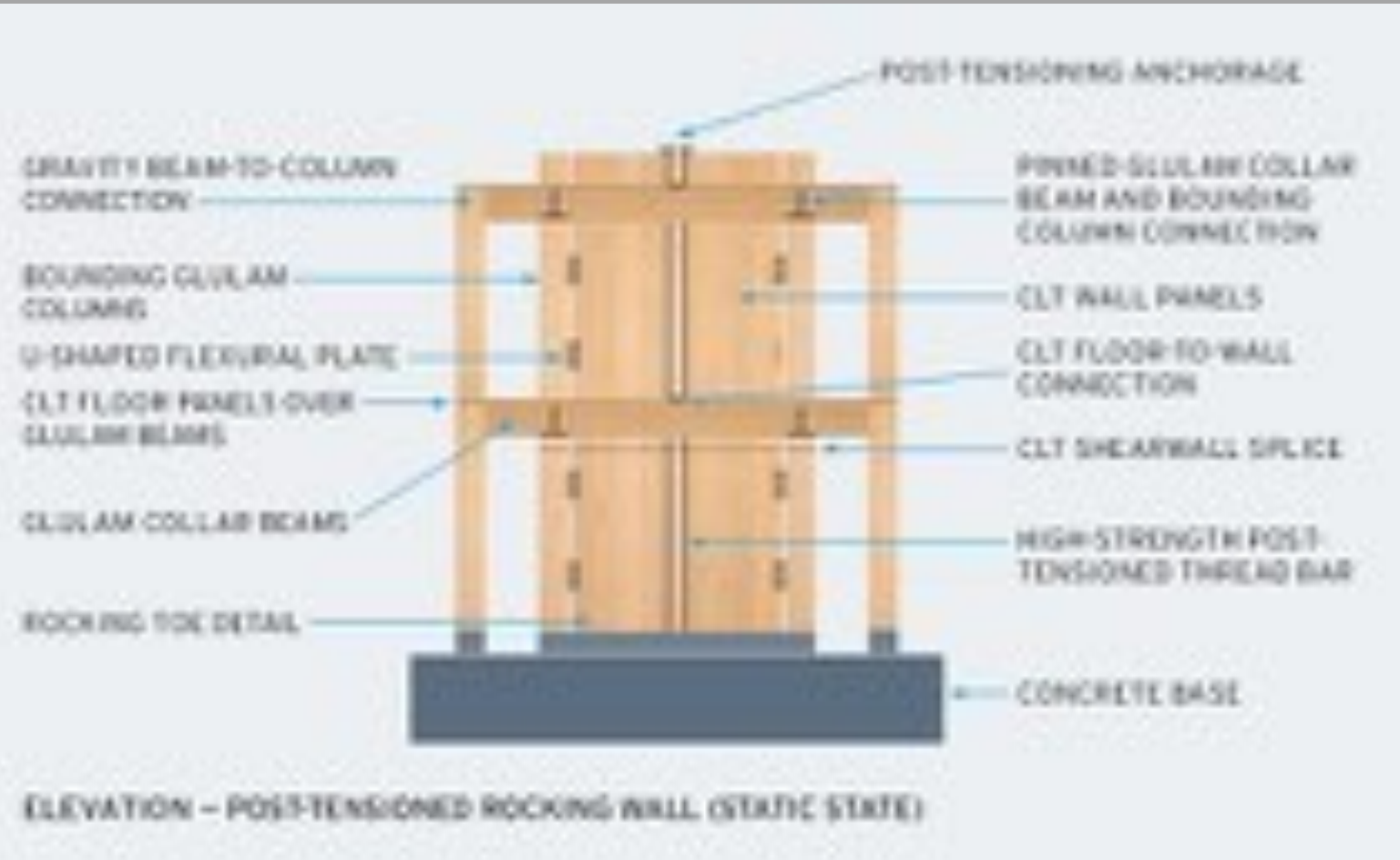
MASS TIMBER APPEAL

DISASTER RESILIENT

INNOVATIVE MASS TIMBER LATERAL FORCE RESISTING SYSTEMS



MASS TIMBER SHAKE TABLE TEST AT UCSD



CLT ROCKING SHEAR WALL CONCEPT

SOURCE: KPFF

MASS TIMBER APPEAL

DISASTER RESILIENT

**LIVE BLAST PERFORMANCE OF MASS TIMBER TESTING PROJECT ON-GOING
INITIAL RESULTS PROMISING**



Image Credit: USDA FS FPL/SLB/WoodWorks Live Blast Testing at Tyndall Air Force Base
<http://www.woodworks.org/publications-media/blast-testing-research/>



MASS TIMBER APPEAL

STRUCTURAL FLEXIBILITY



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E IN TIMBER BUILDII

WHY LIV

WOOD ENVIRONMENTS MAKE PEOPLE HAPPY

WOOD ENVIRONMENTS

Wood environments have been shown to have a positive impact on human health and well-being. Studies have found that people living in wood environments experience lower levels of stress, improved mental health, and increased productivity. Wood environments also have a positive impact on the environment, as they are sustainable and have a lower carbon footprint than other building materials.

NGS?



MASS TIMBER APPEAL

AESTHETICS/OCCUPANT COMFORT



MASS TIMBER SUCCESS

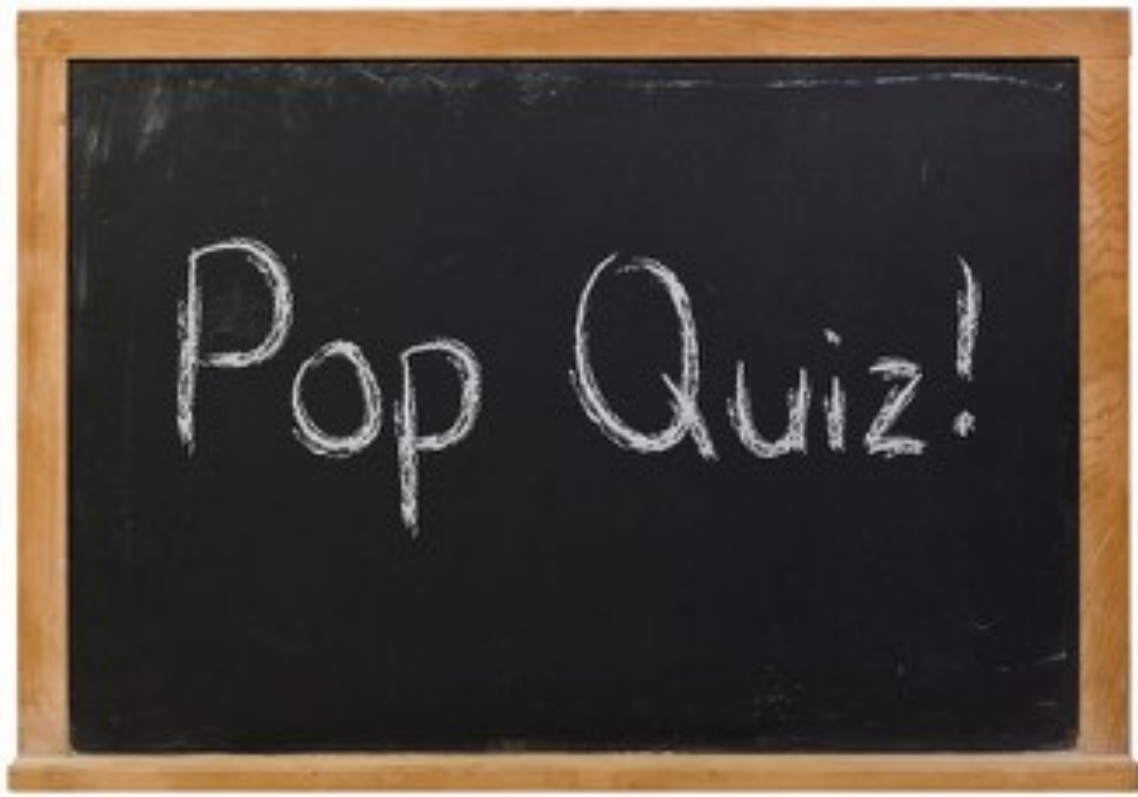
AS A DEVELOPER IS IMPROVED BY ...

- **HAVING A RANGE OF SCALE IN YOUR PORTFOLIO**
- **OPERATING REPETITIVELY IN THE SAME JURISDICTIONS**
- **STARTING WITH HORIZONTAL APPLICATIONS (ROOFS AND FLOORS)**
- **BEING FLEXIBLE WITH REGARDS TO LEVEL OF MASS TIMBER EXPOSURE**
- **COMMITTING EARLY AND HAVE TIME FOR NEGOTIATION**

MASS TIMBER DESIGN

DESIGN TOPICS

- CONSTRUCTION TYPES
- FIRE RESISTANCE
- ACOUSTICS
- SHAFTS
- MEP DETAILING
- BUILDING ENCLOSURE
- LATERAL FRAMING
- CONNECTIONS
- CONSTRUCTION PROCESS



MASS TIMBER DESIGN

CONSTRUCTION TYPES

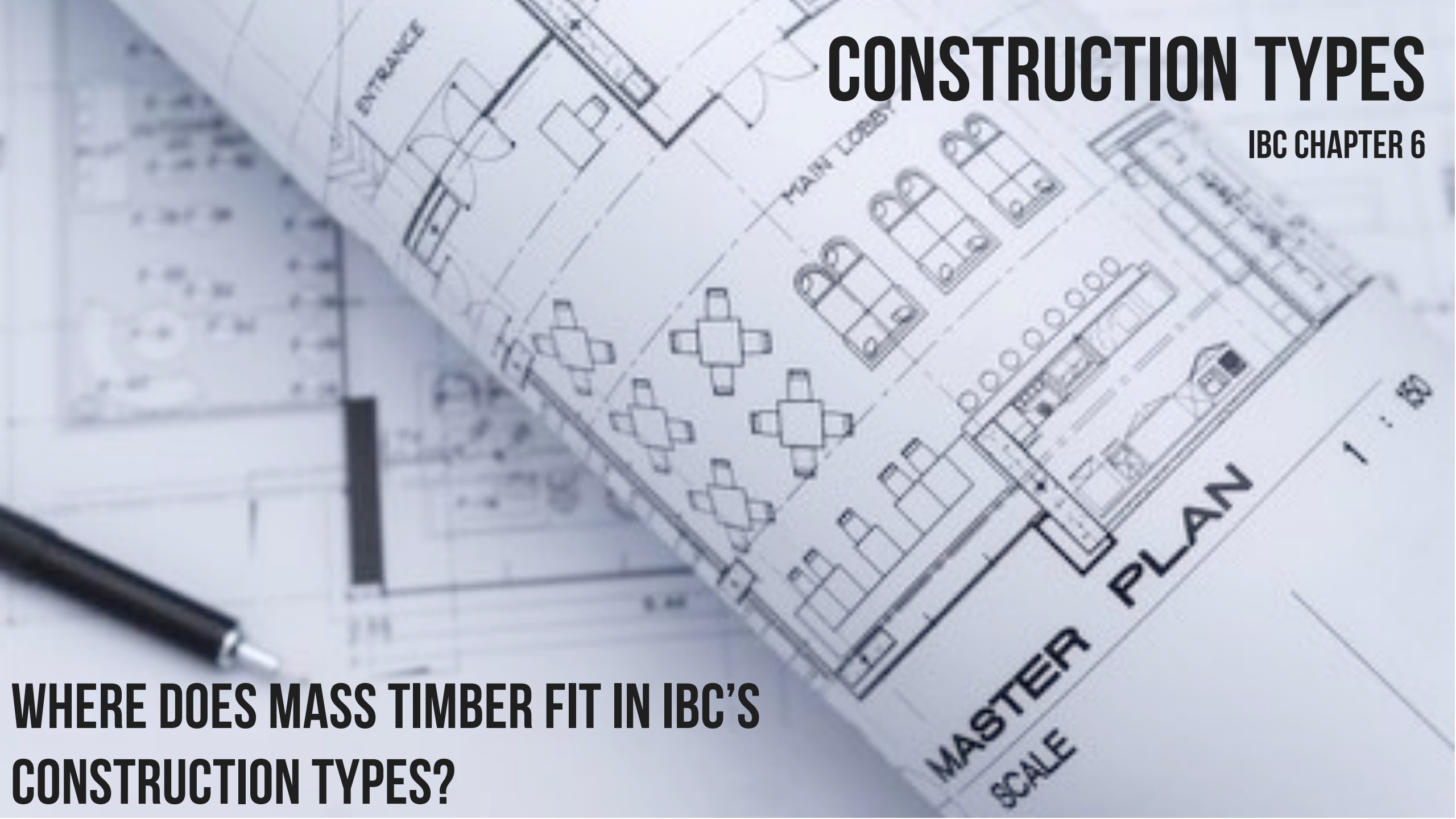
**Q: OF THE 5 CONSTRUCTION TYPES, WHICH
ONES CAN MASS TIMBER BE USED IN?**

A: ALL 5!

CONSTRUCTION TYPES

IBC CHAPTER 6

WHERE DOES MASS TIMBER FIT IN IBC'S
CONSTRUCTION TYPES?



CONSTRUCTION TYPES

IBC 602

**IBC DEFINES 5 CONSTRUCTION TYPES: I, II, III, IV AND V
A BUILDING MUST BE CLASSIFIED AS ONE OF THESE**

**CONSTRUCTION TYPES I & II:
ALL ELEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE NON-COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS**

HOWEVER, THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS INCLUDING SEVERAL FOR MASS TIMBER

CONSTRUCTION TYPES

IBC 602

ALL WOOD FRAMED BUILDING OPTIONS:

TYPE III

EXTERIOR WALLS NON-COMBUSTIBLE (MAY BE FRTW)

INTERIOR ELEMENTS ANY ALLOWED BY CODE, INCLUDING MASS TIMBER

TYPE V

ALL BUILDING ELEMENTS ARE ANY ALLOWED BY CODE, INCLUDING MASS TIMBER

TYPES III AND V ARE SUBDIVIDED TO A (PROTECTED) AND B (UNPROTECTED)

TYPE IV (HEAVY TIMBER)

EXTERIOR WALLS NON-COMBUSTIBLE (MAY BE FRTW OR CLT)

INTERIOR ELEMENTS QUALIFY AS HEAVY TIMBER (MIN. SIZES, NO CONCEALED SPACES)

CONSTRUCTION TYPES

IBC 602

When does the code allow mass timber to be used?

IBC defines mass timber systems in IBC Chapter 2 and notes their acceptance and manufacturing/testing standards in IBC Chapter 23

Permitted anywhere that combustible materials and heavy timber are allowed, plus more



CONSTRUCTION TYPES

Chapter 6: Types of Construction

Where does the code allow MT to be used?

- Type IB & II: Roof Decking





Construction Type IB Exposed Timber Roof Decking and Framing

Portland International Jetport

- LEED Gold
- Completed 2012

Design Team: Gensler, Oest Associates

Photo Credit: DeStafano & Chamberlain, Inc, Robert Benson Photography

CONSTRUCTION TYPES

Chapter 6: Types of Construction

Where does the code allow NLT to be used?

- Type III: Interior elements (floors, roofs, partitions/shafts) and exterior walls if FRT



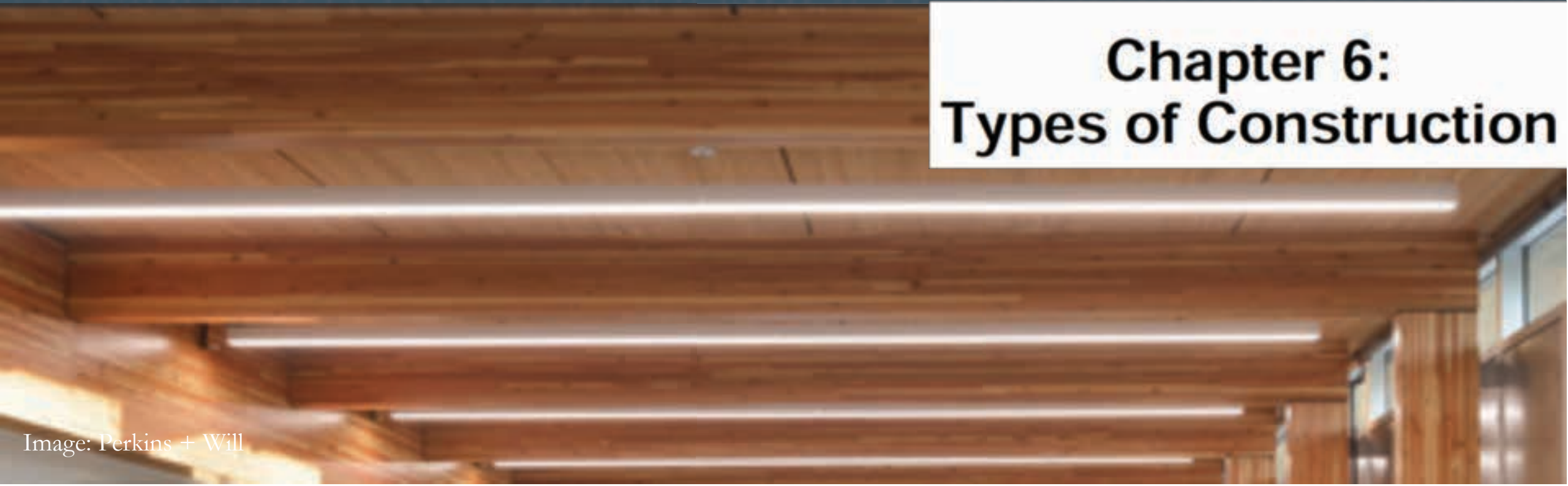
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CONSTRUCTION TYPES

Where does the code allow mass timber to be used?

- Type IV: Any interior elements & roofs if meets min. size; exterior walls if FRT. No concealed spaces permitted

Chapter 6: Types of Construction



CONSTRUCTION TYPES

IBC 602

TYPE IV CONSTRUCTION PERMITS EXPOSED HEAVY/MASS TIMBER ELEMENTS OF MINIMUM SIZES. EXAMPLES INCLUDE:

- ROOF DECKING: 3" CLT, 2X T&G
- COLUMN SUPPORTING ROOF: 6X8
- BEAM SUPPORTING FLOOR: 6X10

TABLE 602.4
WOOD MEMBER SIZE EQUIVALENCIES

MINIMUM NOMINAL SOLID SAWN SIZE		MINIMUM GLUED-LAMINATED NET SIZE		MINIMUM STRUCTURAL COMPOSITE LUMBER NET SIZE	
Width, inch	Depth, inch	Width, inch	Depth, inch	Width, inch	Depth, inch
8	8	6 ³ / ₄	8 ¹ / ₄	7	7 ¹ / ₂
6	10	5	10 ¹ / ₂	5 ¹ / ₄	9 ¹ / ₂
6	8	5	8 ¹ / ₄	5 ¹ / ₄	7 ¹ / ₂
6	6	5	6	5 ¹ / ₄	5 ¹ / ₂
4	6	3	6 ⁷ / ₈	3 ¹ / ₂	5 ¹ / ₂

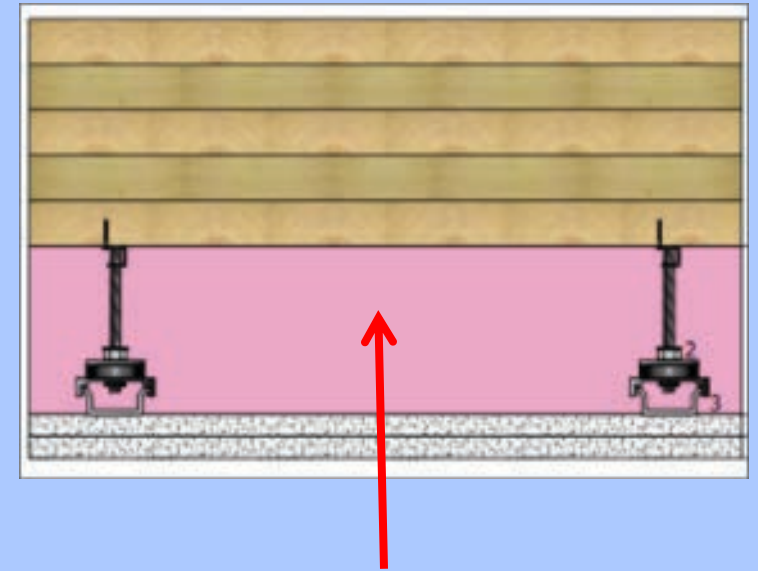
CONSTRUCTION TYPES

IBC 602

CONCEALED SPACES

TYPE IV CONSTRUCTION REQUIRES THAT INTERIOR ELEMENTS BE WITHOUT CONCEALED SPACES:

- CONCEALED SPACES INCLUDE DROPPED CEILINGS, ATTICS, CHASES, OTHERS
- CONCEALED SPACE RESTRICTION DOES NOT APPLY TO ANY OTHER CONSTRUCTION TYPE. IF USING MASS TIMBER ELEMENTS IN NON TYPE IV CONSTRUCTION, CONCEALED SPACES ARE PERMITTED BUT MAY BE REQUIRED TO BE SPRINKLERED
- IBC 602.4.6 PERMITS 1 HOUR FIRE RESISTANCE RATED CONSTRUCTION FOR PARTITIONS



EXAMPLE OF CONCEALED SPACE
CREATED BY DROPPED CEILING

CONSTRUCTION TYPES

Chapter 6: Types of Construction



Image: Christian Columbres Photography

Where does the code allow MT to be used?

- Type V: Interior elements, roofs & exterior walls

CONSTRUCTION TYPES

Type III: 6 stories



Allowable mass timber
building size for
group B occupancy
with NFPA 13
Sprinkler



Image credit: Ema Peter

Type IV: 6 stories



Image: Christian Columbres Photography

Type V: 4 stories

ALLOWABLE BUILDING SIZE

IBC 503

GROUP		TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION								
		TYPE I		TYPE II		TYPE III		TYPE IV	TYPE V	
		A	B	A	B	A	B	HT	A	B
	HEIGHT (feet)	UL	160	65	55	65	55	65	50	40
		STORIES(S) AREA (A)								
A-1	S A	UL UL	5 UL	3 15,500	2 8,500	3 14,000	2 8,500	3 15,000	2 11,500	1 5,500
A-2	S A	UL UL	11 UL	3 15,500	2 9,500	3 14,000	2 9,500	3 15,000	2 11,500	1 6,000
A-3	S A	UL UL	11 UL	3 15,500	2 9,500	3 14,000	2 9,500	3 15,000	2 11,500	1 6,000
A-4	S A	UL UL	11 UL	3 15,500	2 9,500	3 14,000	2 9,500	3 15,000	2 11,500	1 6,000
A-5	S A	UL UL	UL UL	UL UL	UL UL	UL UL	UL UL	UL UL	UL UL	UL UL
B	S A	UL UL	11 UL	5 37,500	3 23,000	5 28,500	3 19,000	5 36,000	3 18,000	2 9,000
E	S A	UL UL	5 UL	3 26,500	2 14,500	3 23,500	2 14,500	3 25,500	1 18,500	1 9,500

ALLOWABLE BUILDING SIZE

IBC 503

MULTI STORY BUSINESS OCCUPANCY (B)

BASED ON IBC 2012 TABLE 503 W/ ALLOWABLE INCREASES

HEIGHT AND AREA (WITH ALLOWABLE INCREASES)	IIB	IIIB	VA	VB
STORIES ¹	4	4	4	3
HEIGHT ¹ (FT)	75	75	70	60
MAX STORY AREA ² (FT ²)	69K	57K	54K	27K
TOTAL BUILDING AREA ³ (FT ²)	207K	171K	162K	81K

¹ ASSUMES NFPA 13 SPRINKLERS THROUGHOUT (IBC 504.2)

² ASSUMES NFPA 13 SPRINKLERS THROUGHOUT (IBC 506.3)

³ ASSUMES 3 OR MORE NUMBER OF STORIES (IBC 506.4)

ALLOWABLE BUILDING SIZE

IBC 503

MULTI STORY BUSINESS OCCUPANCY (B)

BASED ON IBC 2012 TABLE 503 W/ ALLOWABLE INCREASES

CONSTRUCTION TYPE	IIA	IIIA	IV
STORIES ¹	6	6	6
HEIGHT ¹ (FT)	85	85	85
STORY AREA ² (FT ²)	112.5K	85.5K	108K
TOTAL BUILDING AREA ³ (FT ²)	337.5K	256.5K	324K

¹ ASSUMES NFPA 13 SPRINKLERS THROUGHOUT (IBC 504.2)

² ASSUMES NFPA 13 SPRINKLERS THROUGHOUT (IBC 506.3)

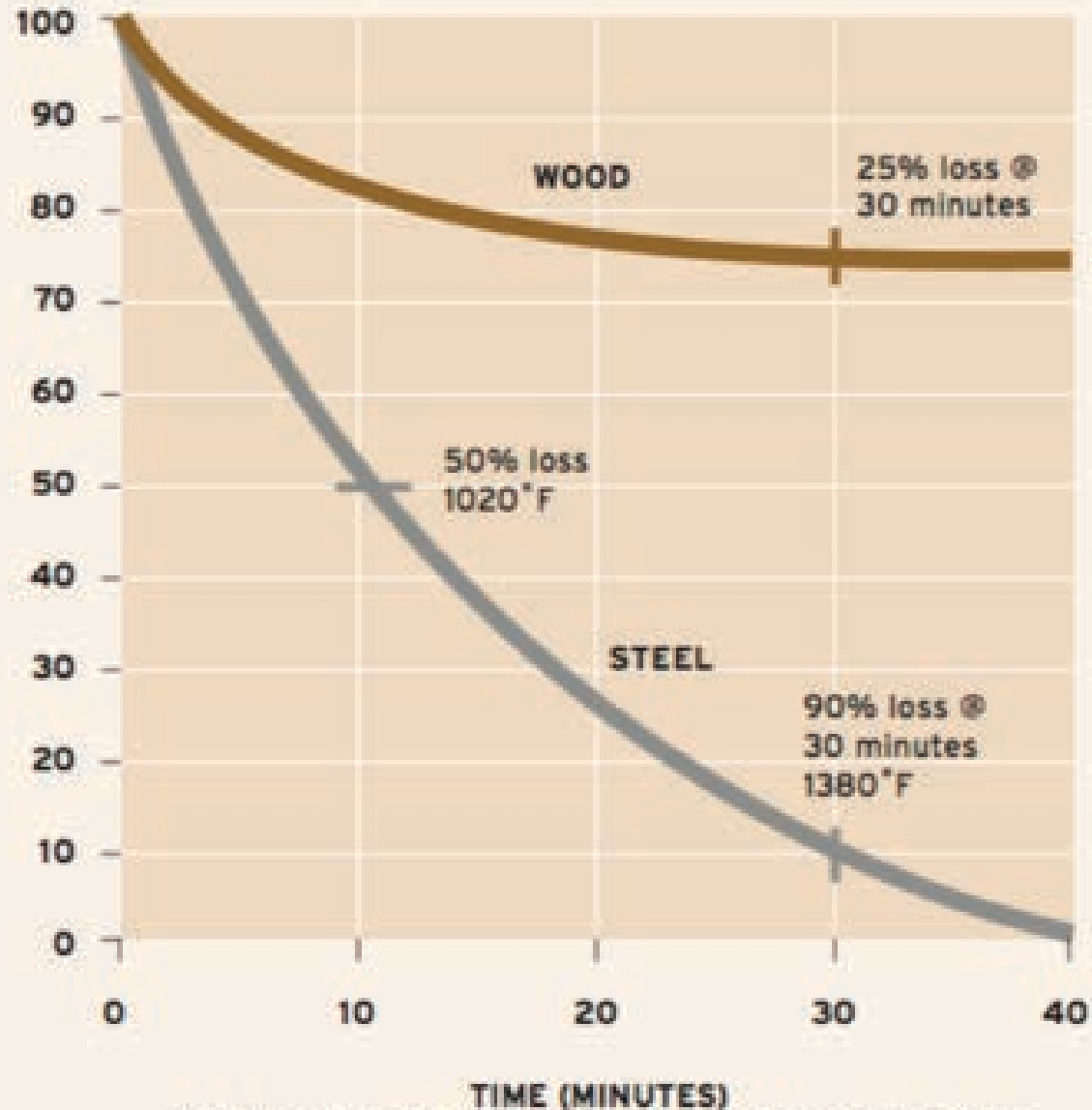
³ ASSUMES 3 OR MORE NUMBER OF STORIES (IBC 506.4)

FIRE RESISTANCE



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COMPARATIVE STRENGTH LOSS OF WOOD VERSUS STEEL



Results from test sponsored by National Forest Products Association at the Southwest Research Institute

SOURCE: AITC

MASS TIMBER DESIGN

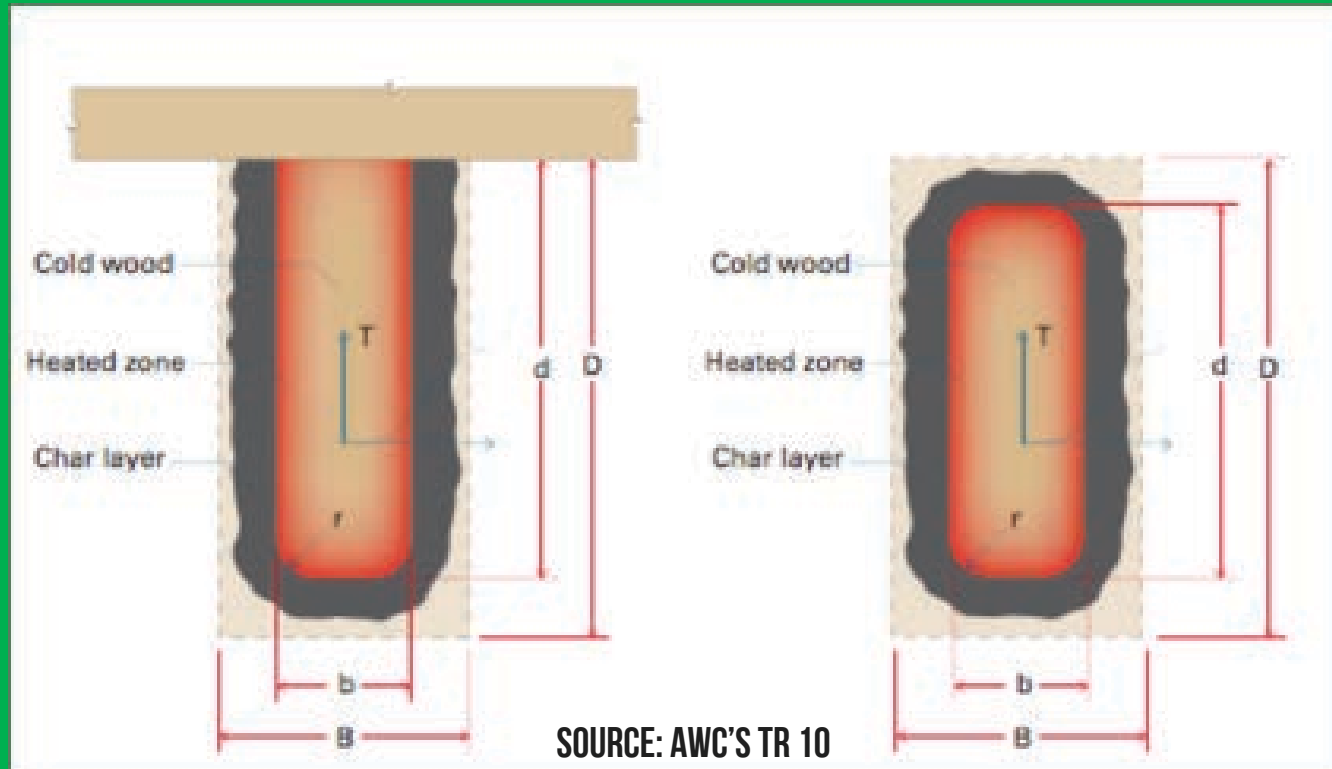
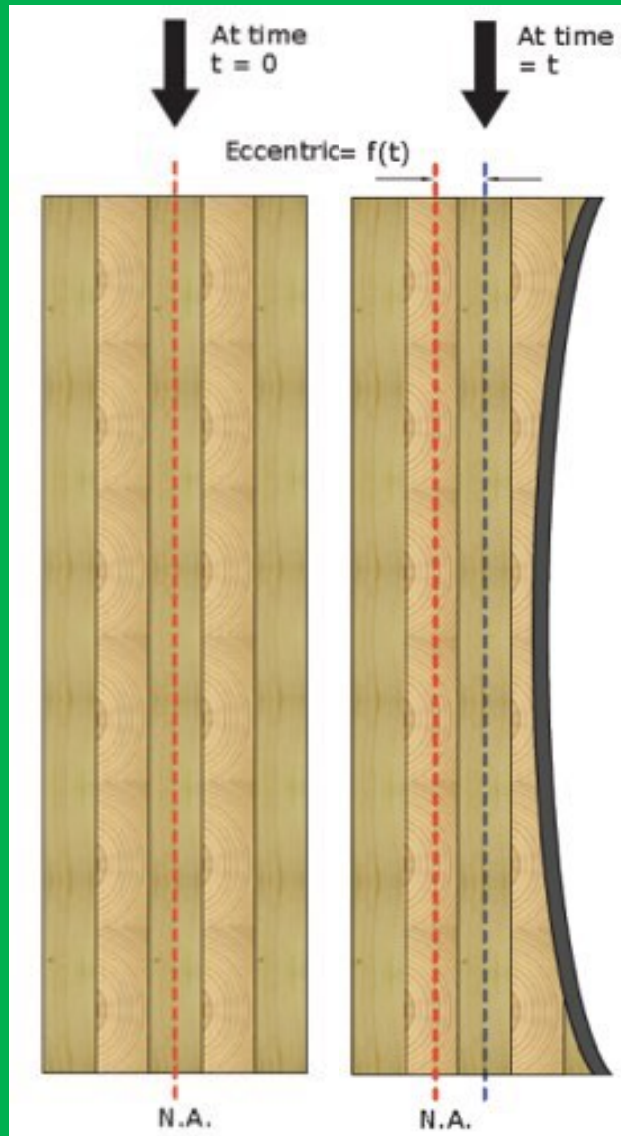
FIRE RESISTANCE



MASS TIMBER DESIGN

FIRE RESISTANCE

SIMILAR TO HEAVY TIMBER, MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS HAVE INHERENT FIRE RESISTANCE PROPERTIES



SOURCE: AWC'S TR 10

MASS TIMBER DESIGN

FIRE RESISTANCE

TABLE 601
FIRE-RESISTANCE RATING REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDING ELEMENTS (HOURS)

BUILDING ELEMENT	TYPE I		TYPE II		TYPE III		TYPE IV	TYPE V	
	A	B	A	B	A	B	HT	A	B
Primary structural frame ^a (see Section 202)	3 ^a	2 ^a	1	0	1	0	HT	1	0
Bearing walls									
Exterior ^{c, f}	3	2	1	0	2	2	2	1	0
Interior	3 ^a	2 ^a	1	0	1	0	1/HT	1	0
Nonbearing walls and partitions									
Exterior	See Table 602								
Interior	0	0	0	0	0	0	See Section 602.4.6	0	0
Floor construction and associated secondary members (see Section 202)	2	2	1	0	1	0	HT	1	0
Roof construction and associated secondary members (see Section 202)	1 ^{1/2} ^b	1 ^{hr}	1 ^{hr}	0 ^c	1 ^{hr}	0	HT	1 ^{hr}	0

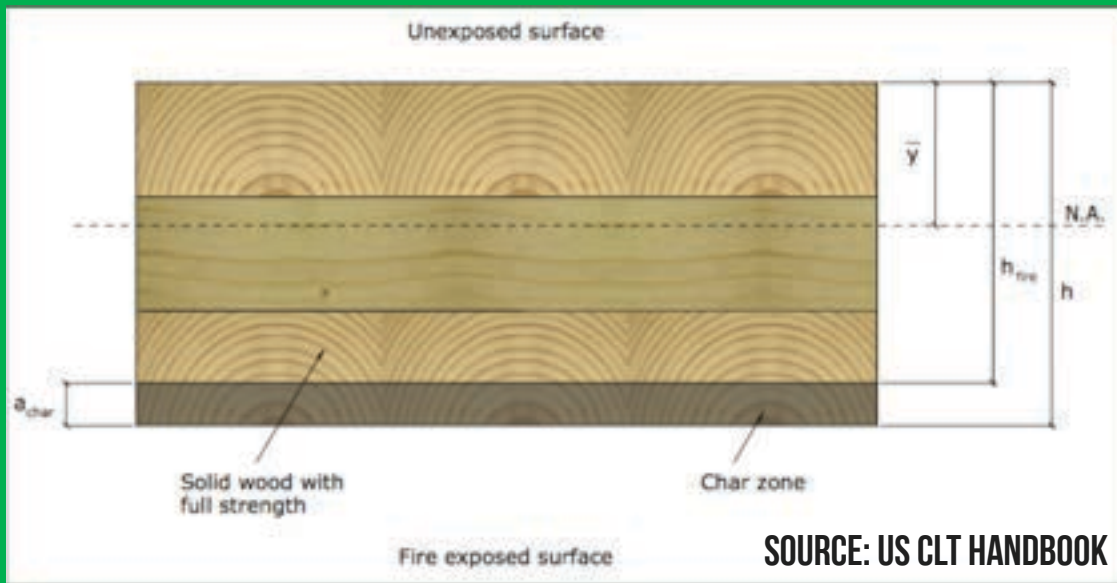
For SI: 1 foot = 304.8 mm.

- a. Roof supports: Fire-resistance ratings of primary structural frame and bearing walls are permitted to be reduced by 1 hour where supporting a roof only.
- b. Except in Group F-1, H, M and S-1 occupancies, fire protection of structural members shall not be required, including protection of roof framing and decking where every part of the roof construction is 20 feet or more above any floor immediately below. Fire-retardant-treated wood members shall be allowed to be used for such unprotected members.
- c. In all occupancies, heavy timber shall be allowed where a 1-hour or less fire-resistance rating is required.
- d. Not less than the fire-resistance rating required by other sections of this code.
- e. Not less than the fire-resistance rating based on fire separation distance (see Table 602).
- f. Not less than the fire-resistance rating as referenced in Section 704.10.

SOURCE: IBC 2015 TABLE 601

MASS TIMBER DESIGN

FIRE RESISTANCE



Construction type selection dictates prescriptive fire resistance requirements:

- Type IV Construction (minimum sizes)
- **Other than type IV**: Demonstrated fire resistance:
 - IBC 703.3 allows several options, including:
 - ASTM E119 assembly test
 - Calculations per IBC 722 → NDS Chapter 16

MASS TIMBER DESIGN

FIRE RESISTANCE

Mass timber in other than Type IV Construction:

- IBC 703.3 allows several options, including:
 - ASTM E119 assembly test (none currently exist for NLT)
 - Calculations per IBC 722 → NDS Chapter 16

703.3 Methods for determining fire resistance. The application of any of the methods listed in this section shall be based on the fire exposure and acceptance criteria specified in ASTM E119 or UL 263. The required *fire resistance* of a building element, component or assembly shall be permitted to be established by any of the following methods or procedures:

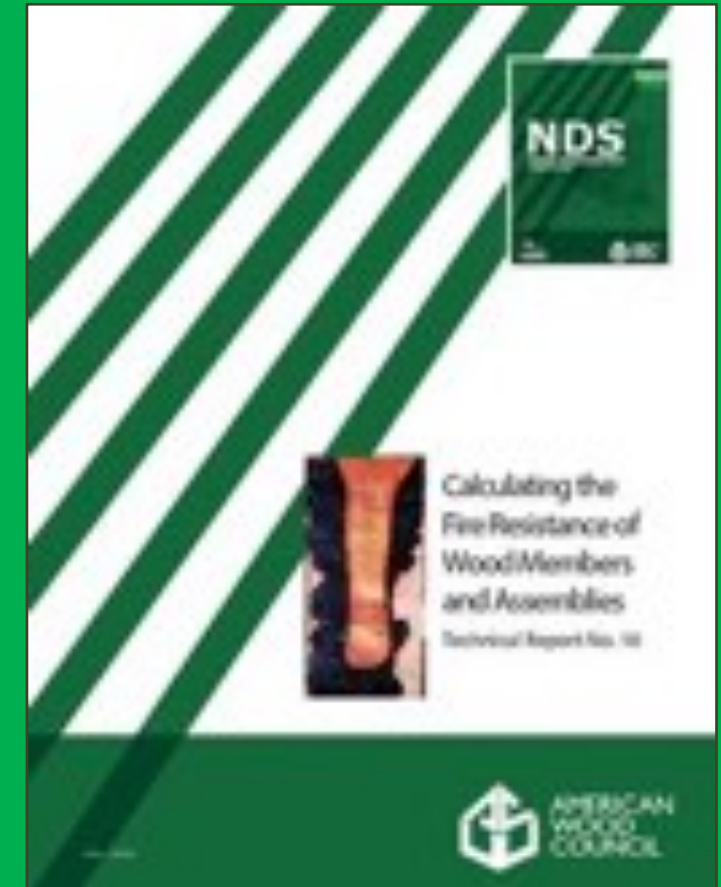
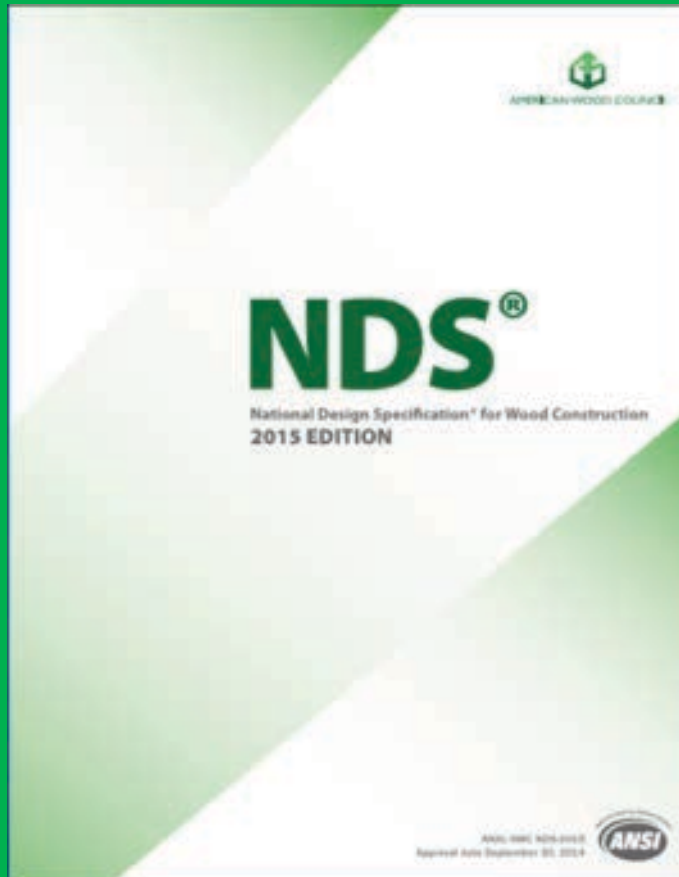
3. Calculations in accordance with Section 722.

722.1 General. The provisions of this section contain procedures by which the *fire resistance* of specific materials or combinations of materials is established by calculations. These procedures apply only to the information contained in this section and shall not be otherwise used. The calculated *fire resistance* of concrete, concrete masonry and clay masonry assemblies shall be permitted in accordance with ACI 216.1/TMS 0216. The calculated *fire resistance* of steel assemblies shall be permitted in accordance with Chapter 5 of ASCE 29. The calculated *fire resistance* of exposed wood members and wood decking shall be permitted in accordance with Chapter 16 of ANSI/AF&PA *National Design Specification for Wood Construction (NDS)*.

MASS TIMBER DESIGN

FIRE RESISTANCE

FOR EXPOSED WOOD MEMBERS: IBC 722.1 REFERENCES AWC'S NDS
CHAPTER 16 (AWC'S TR 10 IS A DESIGN AID TO NDS CHAPTER 16)



MASS TIMBER DESIGN

FIRE RESISTANCE



2015 NDS CHAPTER 16 INCLUDES
CALCULATION OF FIRE RESISTANCE
OF NLT, CLT, GLULAM, SOLID SAWN
AND SCL WOOD PRODUCTS

**Table 16.2.1B Effective Char Depths (for CLT
with $\beta_n=1.5\text{in./hr.}$)**

Required Fire Endurance (hr.)	Effective Char Depths, a_{char} (in.)								
	lamination thicknesses, h_{lam} (in.)								
	5/8	3/4	7/8	1	1-1/4	1-3/8	1-1/2	1-3/4	2
1-Hour	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8
1½-Hour	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.6
2-Hour	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.6

SOURCE: AWC'S NDS

MASS TIMBER DESIGN

FIRE RESISTANCE

NDS Table 16.2.2

Design stress
adjustment
factors applied to
adjust to average
ultimate strength
under fire design
conditions

Table 16.2.2 Adjustment Factors for Fire Design¹

			Design Stress to Member Strength Factor	ASD				
				Size Factor ²	Volume Factor ¹	Flat Use Factor ²	Beam Stability Factor ³	Column Stability Factor ³
Bending Strength	F _b	x	2.85	C _F	C _V	C _{Fu}	C _L	-
Beam Buckling Strength	F _{bE}	x	2.03	-	-	-	-	-
Tensile Strength	F _t	x	2.85	C _F	-	-	-	-
Compressive Strength	F _c	x	2.58	C _F	-	-	-	C _P
Column Buckling Strength	F _{cE}	x	2.03	-	-	-	-	-

1. See 4.3, 5.3, 8.3, and 10.3 for applicability of adjustment factors for specific products.

2. Factor shall be based on initial cross-section dimensions.

3. Factor shall be based on reduced cross-section dimensions.

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How do you demonstrate the fire resistance of exposed wood members using char methods in lieu of gypsum?

Per IRC Sections 703.2 and 703.3, there are multiple ways to demonstrate fire-resistance ratings of structural members and assemblies. One method noted in Section 703.3 is to calculate the rating in accordance with IRC Section 703.

For calculated fire resistance of exposed wood members and decking, IRC Section 703.1 references Chapter 16 of the American Wood Council's [National Design Specification \(NDS®\) for Wood Construction](#). This chapter gives a nominal char rate of 1.5 inches of wood thickness per hour of fire resistance. Using the calculations and information contained in NDS Chapter 16, a fire rating of up to 2 hours can be calculated.

The 2015 NDS allows calculated fire resistance of a number of wood products, including solid sawn lumber (this includes nail laminated lumber), glue-laminated timber (glulam), laminated veneer lumber (LVL), parallel strand lumber (PSL), laminated strand lumber (LSL), and cross-laminated timber (CLT). For structural members using this method of exposed fire-resistance calculations, the effective char rate, which is slightly higher than the nominal char rate and includes a heat-affected zone, is used. For non-structural members, the nominal char rate is used. Additional design considerations for certain structural members are presented in NDS Chapter 16. Adjustment factors applied to the allowable stress values for fire resistance are also presented in this chapter.



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Q: Can exposed wood framing be used in buildings such as aquatic centers and pools? Are there durability concerns?

A: The main durability consideration associated with the use of wood in environments such as pools and aquatic centers is high moisture content in the wood. Buildings such as this may have high relative humidity and, as such, it is important to understand how relative humidity of a condition space affects exposed wood within that space.

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PROJECT: Blomley Heating Plant, Middlesex School

MASS TIMBER DESIGN

FIRE RESISTANCE

GLULAM BEAM FIRE DESIGN:

- FOR UNBALANCED BEAMS, SUBSTITUTE 1 CORE LAM FOR 1 TENSION LAM FOR 1 HOUR RATING, 2 CORE LAMS FOR 2 TENSION LAMS FOR 1.5 & 2 HOUR RATING
- FOR BALANCED BEAMS, MATCH ON COMPRESSION SIDE

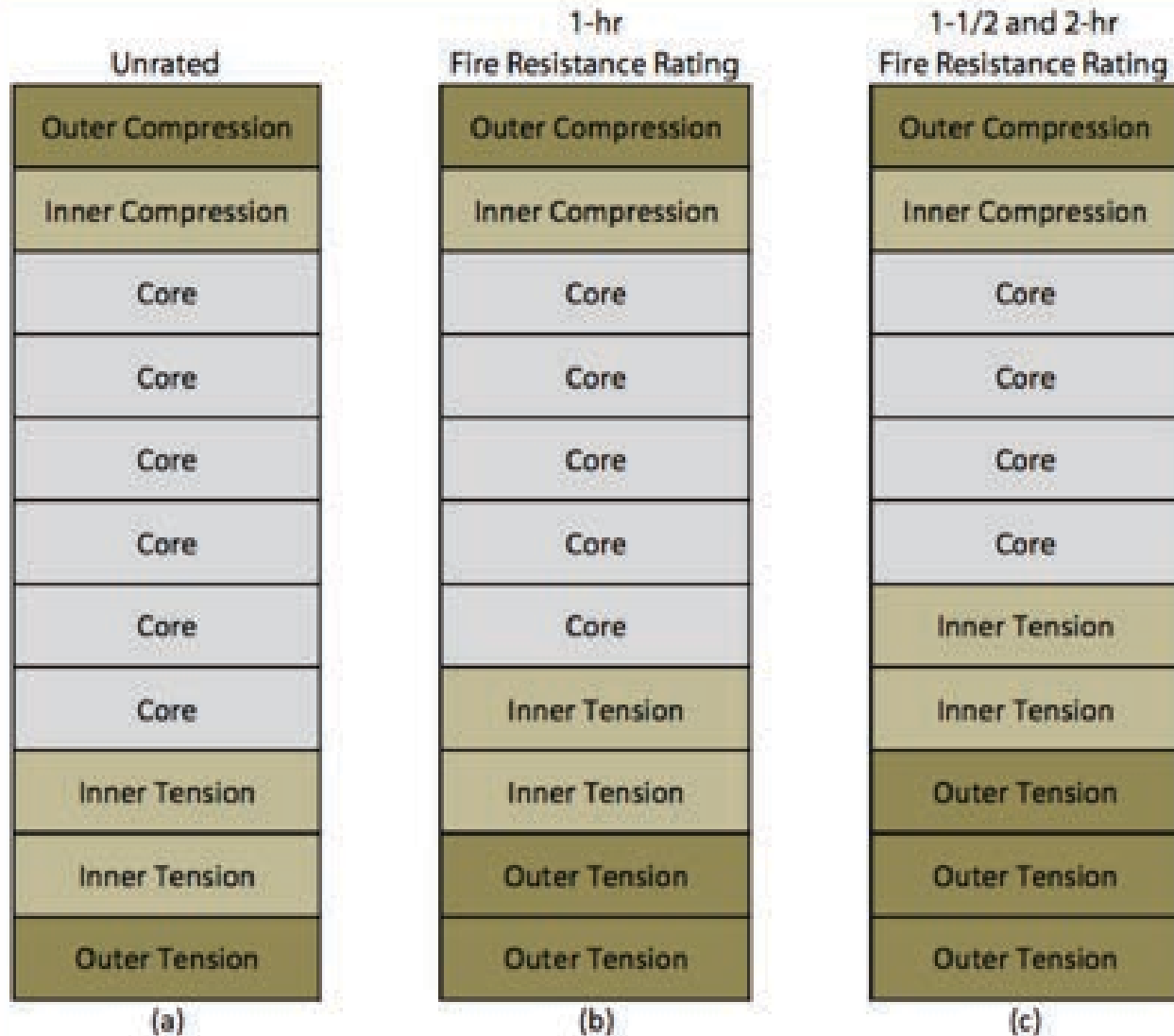


Figure 3-1 Typical glulam unbalanced beam layups

SOURCE: AWC'S TR 10

MASS TIMBER DESIGN

FIRE RESISTANCE

GLULAM BEAM FIRE DESIGN EXAMPLE:

SPAN = 18', TRIB WIDTH = 6'

LL = 100 PSF, DL = 25 PSF

$$w_{\text{load}} = s (q_{\text{dead}} + q_{\text{live}}) = (6)(25 + 100) = 750 \text{ plf}$$

$$M_{\text{max}} = w_{\text{load}} L^2 / 8 = (750)(18^2)/8 = 30,375 \text{ ft-lb}$$

TRY 6-3/4"X13-1/2" DF 24F GLULAM

$$S_s = bd^2/6 = (6.75)(13.5)^2/6 = 205 \text{ in}^3$$

$$F'_b = F_b (C_D)(C_M)(C_t)(\text{lesser of } C_L \text{ or } C_V)$$

$$= 2400 (1.0)(1.0)(1.0)(0.98) = 2343 \text{ psi (NDS 5.3.1)}$$

SOURCE: AWC'S TR 10



SOURCE: WOODWORKS

MASS TIMBER DESIGN

FIRE RESISTANCE

GLULAM BEAM FIRE DESIGN EXAMPLE:

$$M'_s = F'_b S_s = (2343)(205.0)/12 = 40,032 \text{ ft-lb}$$

SOURCE: AWC'S TR 10

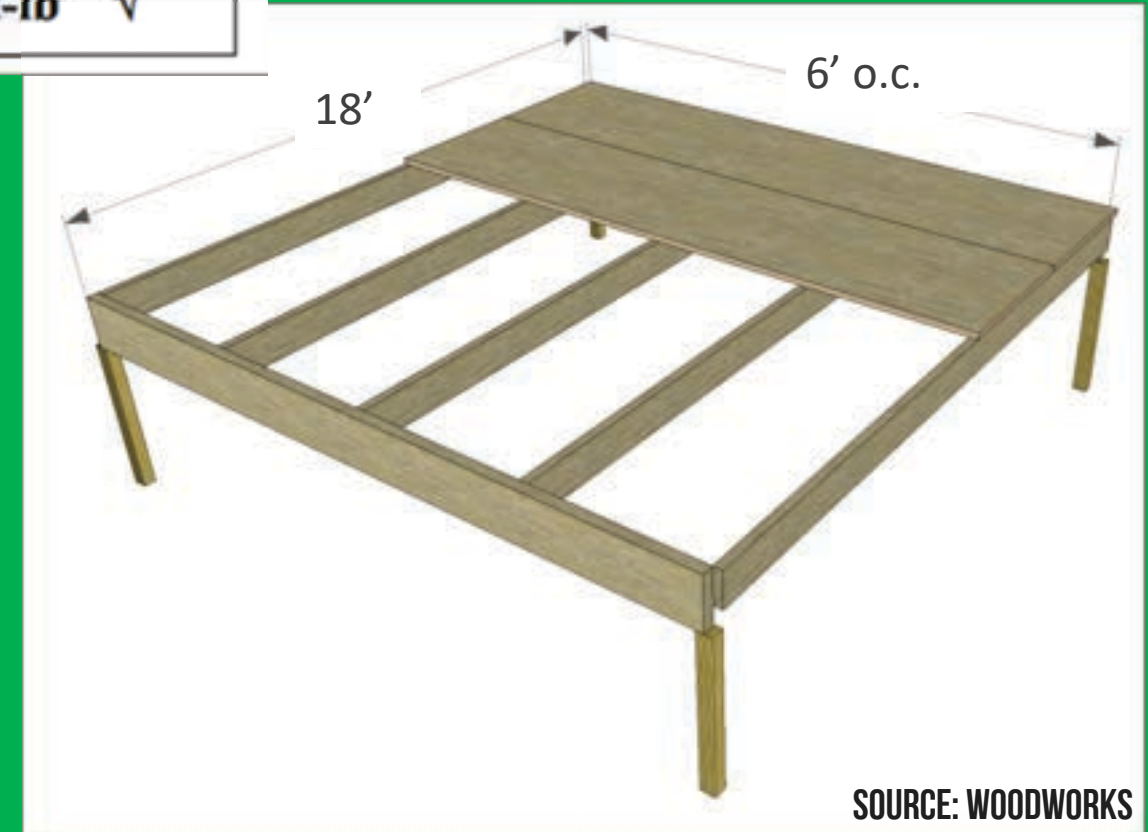
Structural Check: $M'_s \geq M_{\max}$ $40,032 \text{ ft-lb} > 30,375 \text{ ft-lb}$ ✓

CHECK FOR 1 HOUR FIRE RATING — EXPOSED 3 SIDES

Table 16.2.1A Effective Char Rates and Char Depths (for $\beta_n = 1.5 \text{ in./hr.}$)

Required Fire Endurance (hr.)	Effective Char Rate, β_{eff} (in./hr.)	Effective Char Depth, a_{char} (in.)
1-Hour	1.8	1.8
1½-Hour	1.67	2.5
2-Hour	1.58	3.2

SOURCE: AWC'S NDS



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GLULAM BEAM FIRE DESIGN EXAMPLE:

SOURCE: AWC'S TR 10

$$S_f = (b-2a)(d-a)^2/6 = (6.75-3.6)(13.5-1.8)^2/6 = 71.9 \text{ in}^3 \text{ (NDS 16.2.1)}$$

$$F'_{b,f} = (2.85) F_{b,f} \text{ (lesser of } C_L \text{ or } C_V)$$

$$= 2.85(2400)(0.98) = 6703 \text{ psi (NDS 16.2.2)}$$

$$M'_f = F'_{b,f} S_f = (6703)(71.9)/12 = 40,145 \text{ ft-lb (NDS 16.2.2)}$$

$$\text{Fire Check: } M'_f \geq M_{\max} \quad 40,145 \text{ ft-lb} > 30,375 \text{ ft-lb} \quad \checkmark$$

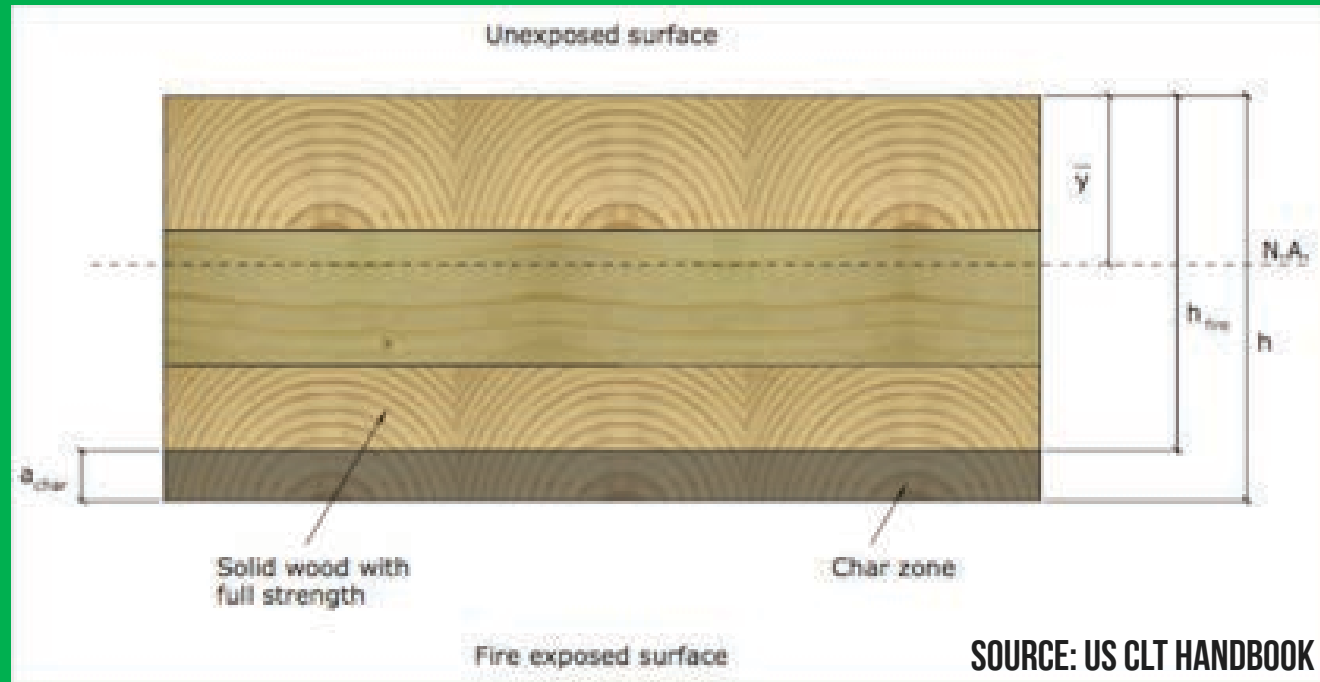
**6-3/4"X13-1/2" DF 24F GLULAM ADEQUATE FOR 1
HOUR RATING, EXPOSED 3 SIDES**



SOURCE: WOODWORKS

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CLT FIRE DESIGN:

- **LAM THICKNESS AFFECTS CHAR DEPTH**
- **PARTIALLY CHARRED CROSS LAYERS ARE TYPICALLY NEGLECTED FOR STRUCTURAL CHECKS**

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CLT FIRE DESIGN EXAMPLE:

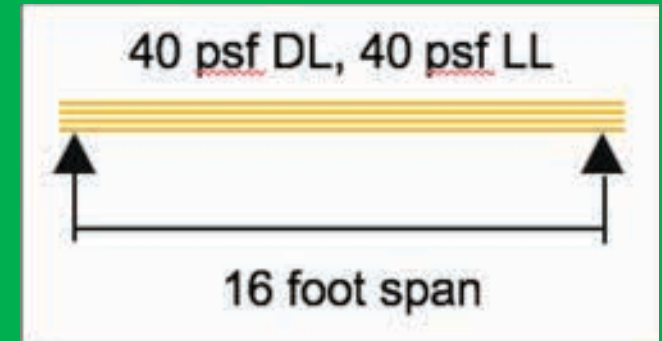
SPAN = 16', LL = 40 PSF, DL = 40 PSF

TRY 5-PLY, V1 CLT W/ 1-3/8" THICK LAMS

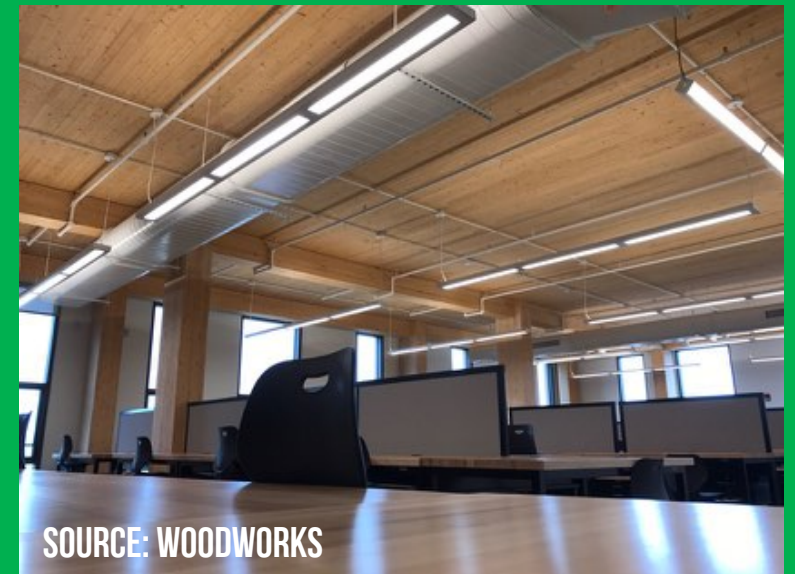
CHECK FOR 1 HOUR FIRE EXPOSURE

$$M_b = w L^2 / 8 = (40+40\text{psf}) (16\text{ft})^2 / 8 = 2560 \text{ lb-ft/ft}$$

$$(F_b S_{\text{eff}})' = C_D (1.0) (F_b S_{\text{eff}}) = 4800 \text{ lb-ft/ft PER PRG 320}$$



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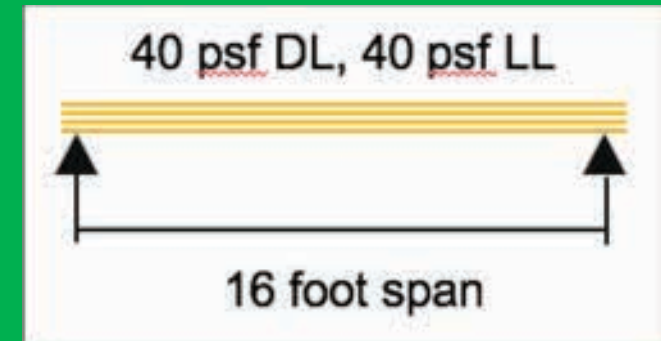
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CLT FIRE DESIGN EXAMPLE:

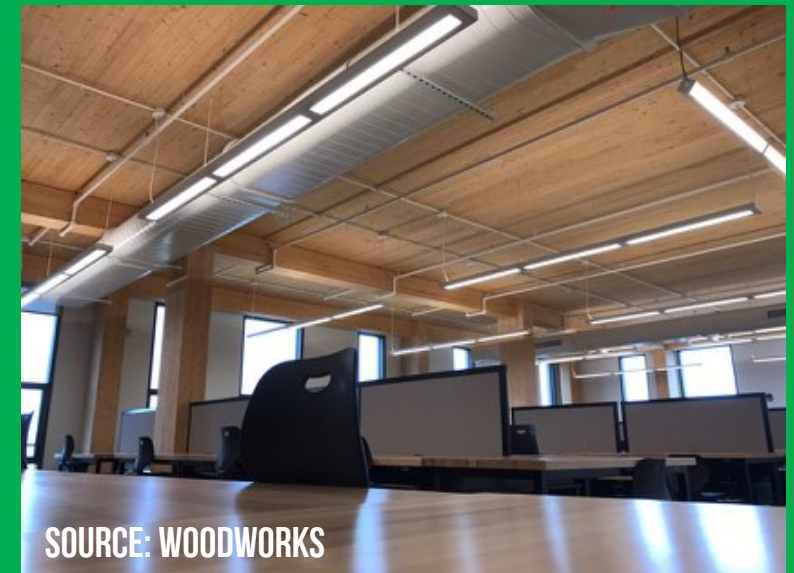
Table 16.2.1B Effective Char Depths (for CLT with $\beta_n=1.5\text{in./hr.}$)

Required Fire Endurance (hr.)	Effective Char Depths, a_{char} (in.)								
	lamination thicknesses, b_{lam} (in.)								
	5/8	3/4	7/8	1	1-1/4	1-3/8	1-1/2	1-3/4	2
1-Hour	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8
1½-Hour	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.6
2-Hour	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.6

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CLT FIRE DESIGN EXAMPLE:

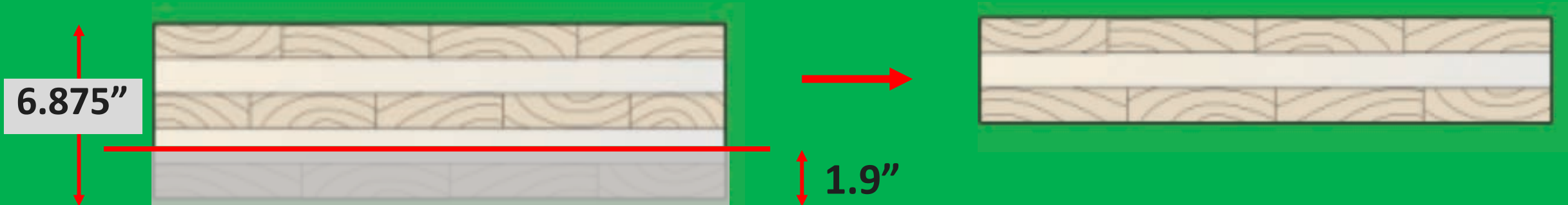


TABLE A2.
THE ALLOWABLE BENDING CAPACITIES^(a,b,c) FOR CLT LISTED IN TABLE A1 (FOR USE IN THE U.S.)

		Lamination Thickness (in.) in CLT Layup								Major Strength Direction			Minor Strength Direction		
CLT Grade	CLT t (in.)	=	⊥	=	⊥	=	⊥	=	⊥	$F_b S_{eff,0}$ (lb-ft/ft)	$EI_{eff,0}$ (10 ⁶ lbf-in. ² /ft)	$GA_{eff,0}$ (10 ⁶ lbf/ft)	$F_b S_{eff,90}$ (lb-ft/ft)	$EI_{eff,90}$ (10 ⁶ lbf-in. ² /ft)	$GA_{eff,90}$ (10 ⁶ lbf/ft)
V1	4 1/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8						2,090	108	0.53	165	3.6	0.59
	6 7/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8				4,800	415	1.1	1,430	95	1.2
	9 5/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8		8,500	1,027	1.6	3,275	360	1.8
V2	4 1/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8						2,030	95	0.46	160	3.1	0.52
	6 7/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8				4,675	363	0.91	1,370	81	1.0
	9 5/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8	1 3/8		8,275	898	1.4	3,125	309	1.6

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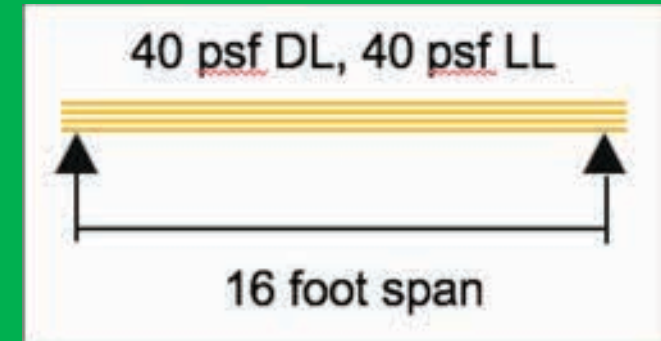
CLT FIRE DESIGN EXAMPLE:

$$M_f' = (2.85)(F_b S_{eff})(C_L) = (2.85)(2090)(1.0) = 5957 \text{ lb-ft/ft}$$

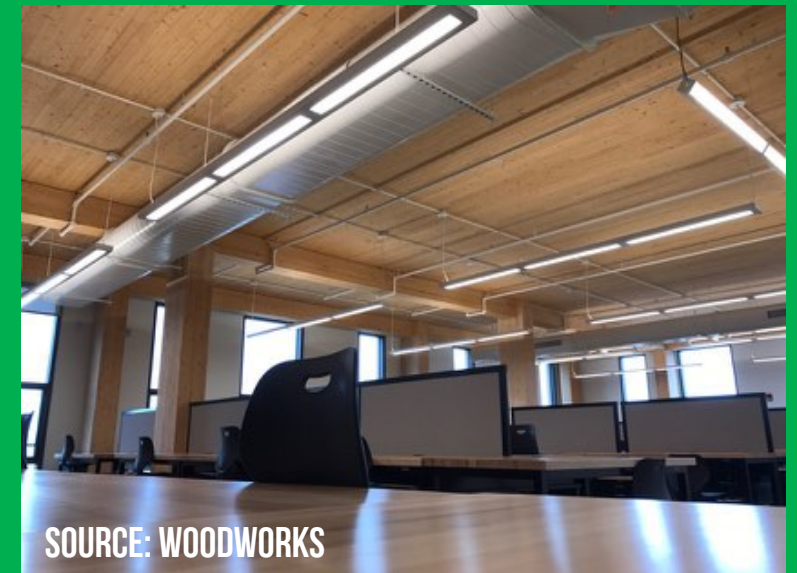
Fire Check: $M_f' > M_b$

$$M_f' = 5957 \text{ lb-ft/ft} > M_b = 2560 \text{ lb-ft/ft}$$

5-PLY V1 CLT adequate for 1 Hour Fire Exposure



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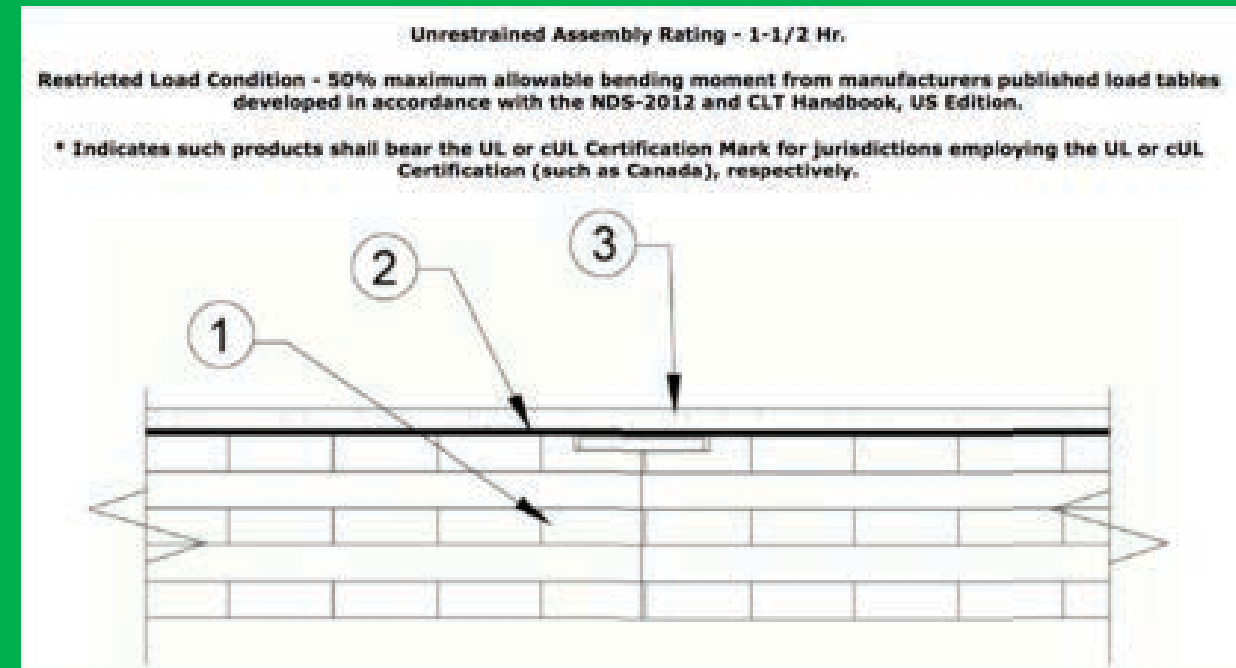
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MASS TIMBER FIRE DESIGN METHODS:

NDS Chapter 16 Char Calculations vs. ASTM E119 Tested Assembly

- NDS Chpt 16 calcs check structural integrity
- E119 checks structural integrity, thermal separation (elevated temp. on unexposed side) and burn through (ignition of cotton waste at gaps)
- Reasonable to assume other assembly components such as concrete topping aid in other 2 criteria



SOURCE: UL L901

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FIRE RESISTANCE

AWC'S TECHNICAL REPORT 10 INCLUDES DISCUSSION OF FIRE TESTS AND DESIGN EXAMPLES

4.5 Exposed CLT Floor Example (*Allowable Stress Design*)

Simply-supported cross-laminated timber (CLT) floor spanning $L=18$ ft in the strong-axis direction. The design loads are $q_{live} = 80$ psf and $q_{dead} = 30$ psf including estimated self-weight of the CLT panel. Floor decking, nailed to the unexposed face of CLT panel, is spaced to restrict hot gases from venting through half-lap joints at edges of CLT panel sections. Calculate the required section dimensions for a one-hour fire resistance time.

For the structural design of the CLT panel, calculate the maximum induced moment. Calculate panel load (per foot of width):

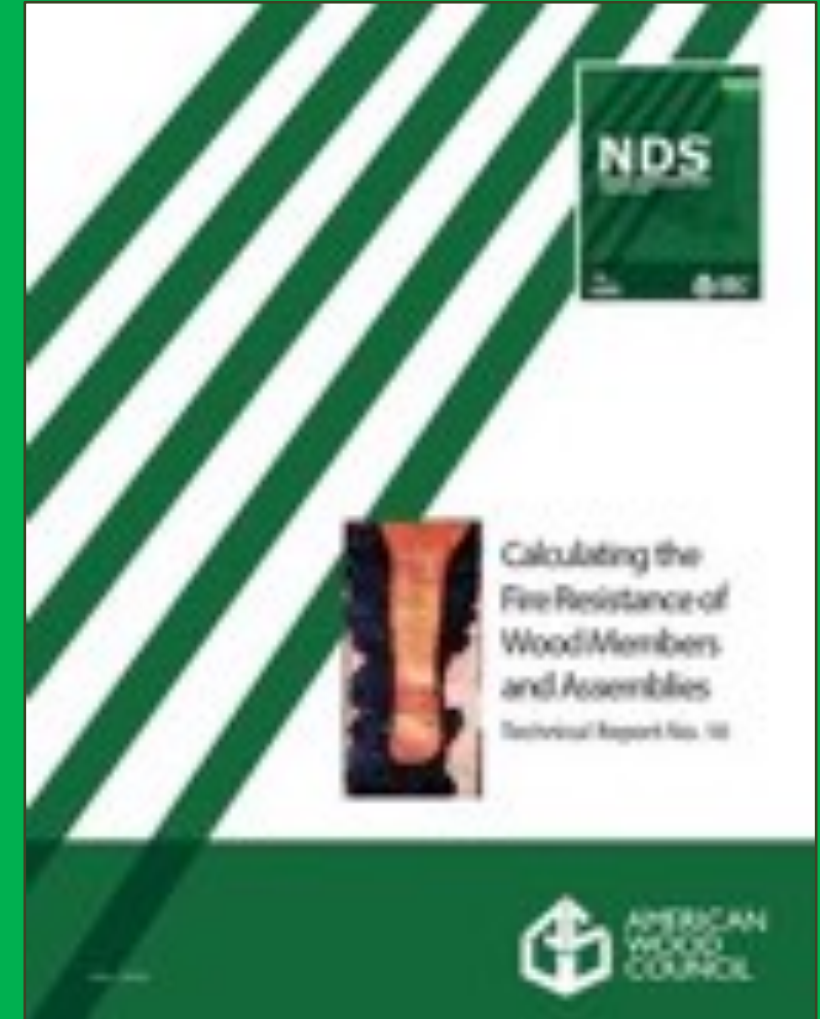
$$W_{load} = (q_{dead} + q_{live}) = (30 \text{ psf} + 80 \text{ psf})(1 \text{ ft width}) = 110 \text{ plf/ft of width}$$

Calculate maximum induced moment (per foot of width):

$$M_{max} = w_{load} L^2 / 8 = (110)(18^2)/8 = 4,455 \text{ ft-lb/ft of width}$$

From PRG 320, select a 5-ply CLT floor panel made from $1\frac{1}{2}$ in x $3\frac{1}{2}$ inch lumber boards (CLT thickness of $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches). For CLT grade V2, tabulated properties are:

$$\text{Bending moment, } F_b S_{eff,0} = 4,675 \text{ ft-lb/ft of width} \quad (\text{PRG 320 Annex A, Table A2})$$



SOURCE: AWC'S TR 10

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MANY SUCCESSFUL CLT FIRE TESTS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED, BOTH WITH AND WITHOUT GYPSUM BOARD PROTECTION

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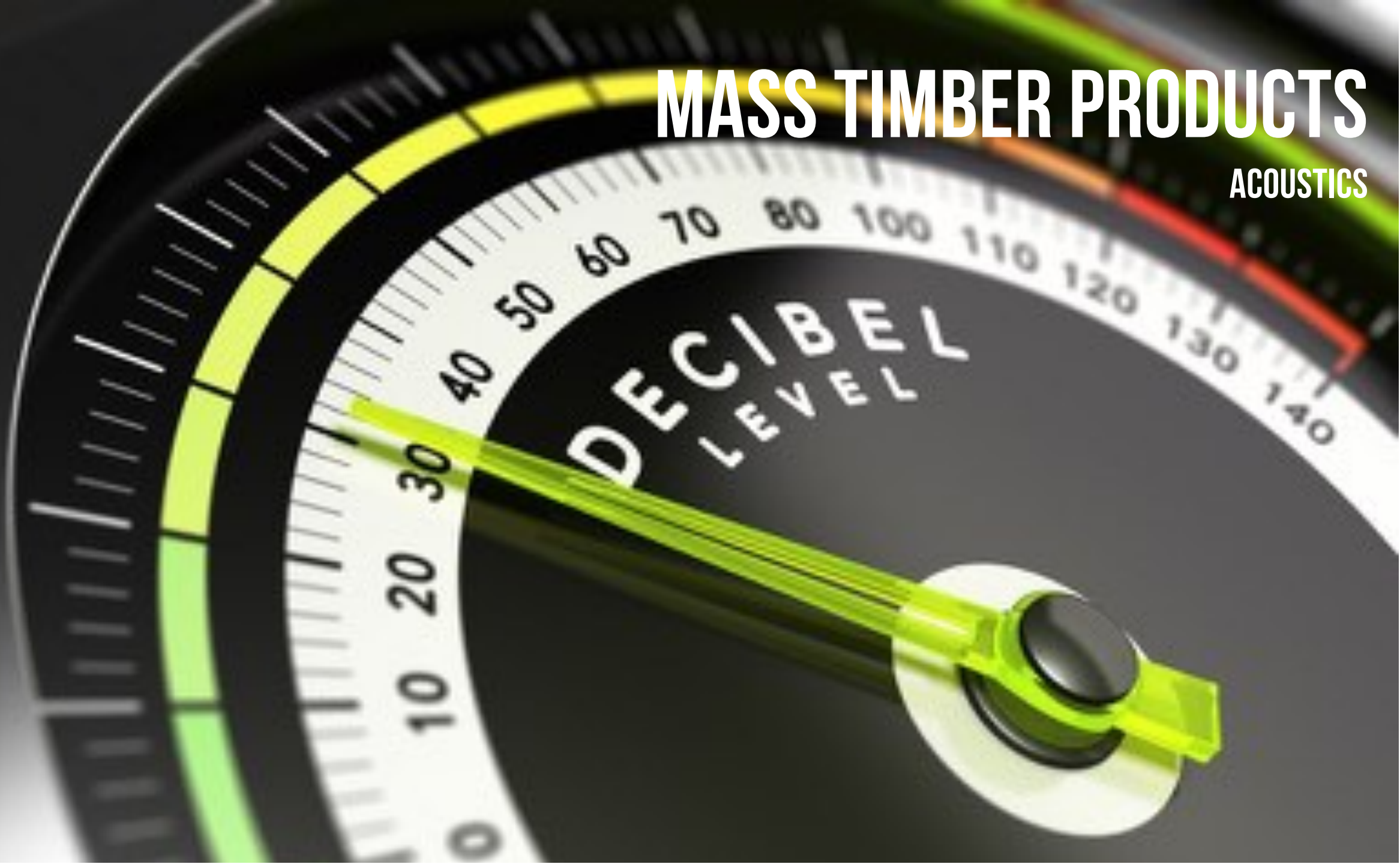
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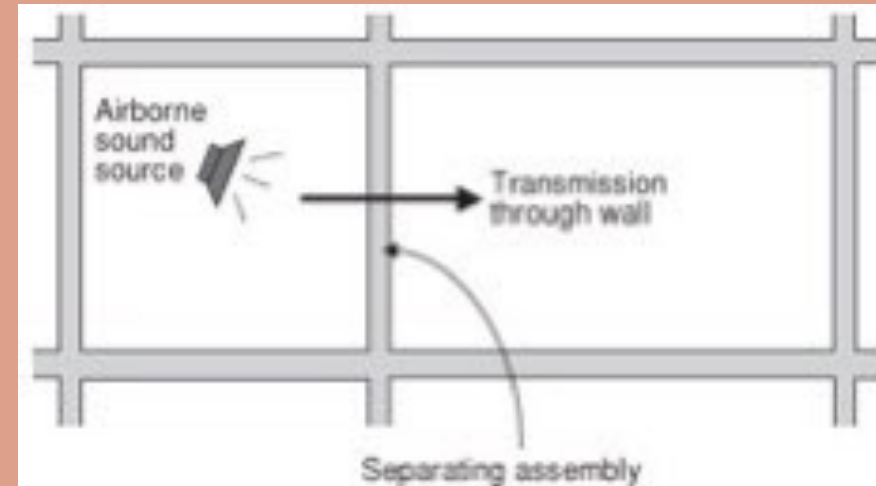


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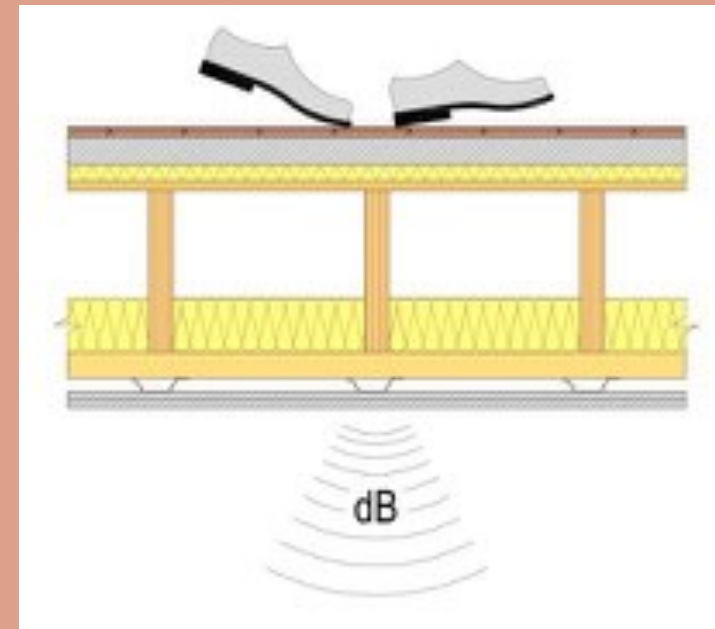
AIR-BORNE SOUND:

- **SOUND TRANSMISSION CLASS (STC)**
MEASURES HOW EFFECTIVELY AN
ASSEMBLY ISOLATES AIR-BORNE SOUND
AND REDUCES THE LEVEL THAT PASSES
FROM ONE SIDE TO THE OTHER



STRUCTURE-BORNE SOUND:

- **IMPACT INSULATION CLASS (IIC)**
EVALUATES HOW EFFECTIVELY AN
ASSEMBLY BLOCKS IMPACT SOUND FROM
PASSING THROUGH IT



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ACOUSTICS — IBC 1207

NO ACOUSTICAL CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR MANY MASS TIMBER BUILDING TYPES SUCH AS OFFICES AND ASSEMBLY. HOWEVER, MANY OWNERS REQUIRE A MINIMUM LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE

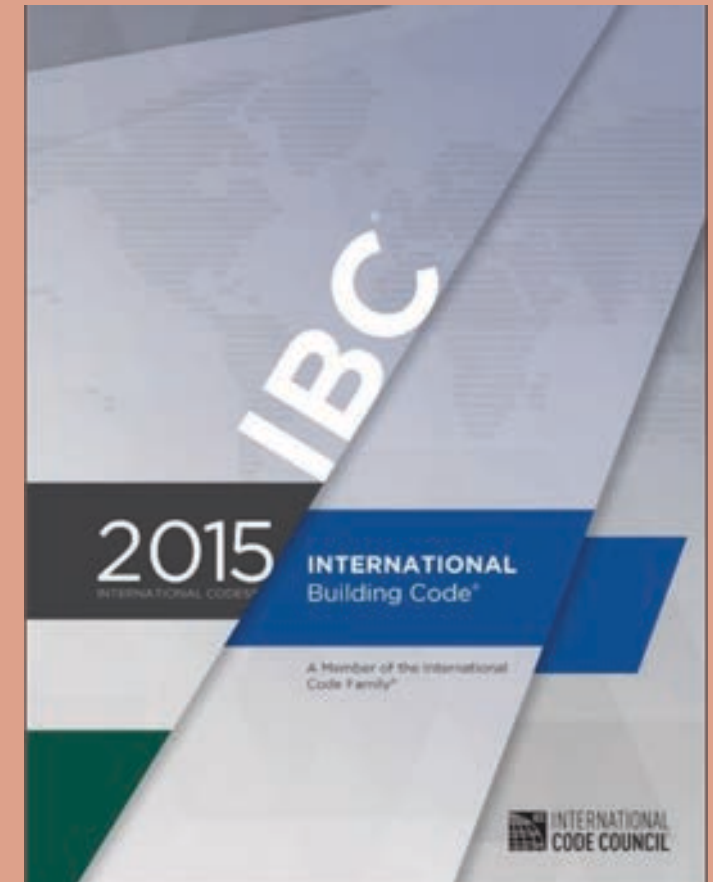
CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL OCCUPANCIES:

MIN. STC OF 50 (45 IF FIELD TESTED):

- **WALLS, PARTITIONS, AND FLOOR/CEILING ASSEMBLIES**

MIN. IIC OF 50 (45 IF FIELD TESTED) FOR:

- **FLOOR/CEILING ASSEMBLIES**



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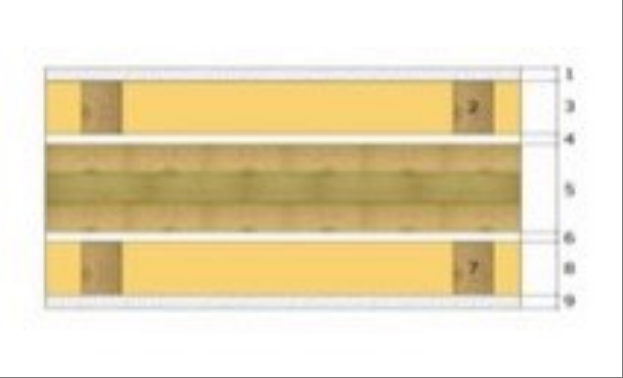
Sound Insulation of Bare CLT Floors and Walls

Number of layers	Thickness (in.)	Wall or Floor	STC	IIC
3	3-3/4 to 4-1/2	Wall	32-34	N.A.
5	5-1/3	Floor	39	23
5	5-3/4	Floor	39	24
Measured on field bare CLT wall and floor				
Number of layers	Thickness in.	Assembly type	FSTC	FIIC
3	4-1/8	Wall	28	N.A.
7	8-1/5	Floor	N.A	25-30

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Design Examples for >45 FSTC Walls

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Plan view of cross-section	Wall detail	FSTC
	<p>1 = 3-layer CLT ~ 4-1/8"</p> <p>2 = 1/2" air gap</p> <p>3 = 2" by 3" wood studs at 16" o.c.</p> <p>4 = 2-1/2" mineral wool</p> <p>5 = 5/8" gypsum board</p>	47
	<p>1 & 9 = 5/8" gypsum board</p> <p>2 & 7 = 2" by 3" wood studs at 16" o.c.</p> <p>4 & 6 = 1/2" air gap</p> <p>5 = 3-layer CLT of 4-1/8"</p>	50

Credit: US CLT Handbook

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Lightweight concrete topping or other similar materials can provide improved acoustical performance, increased durability

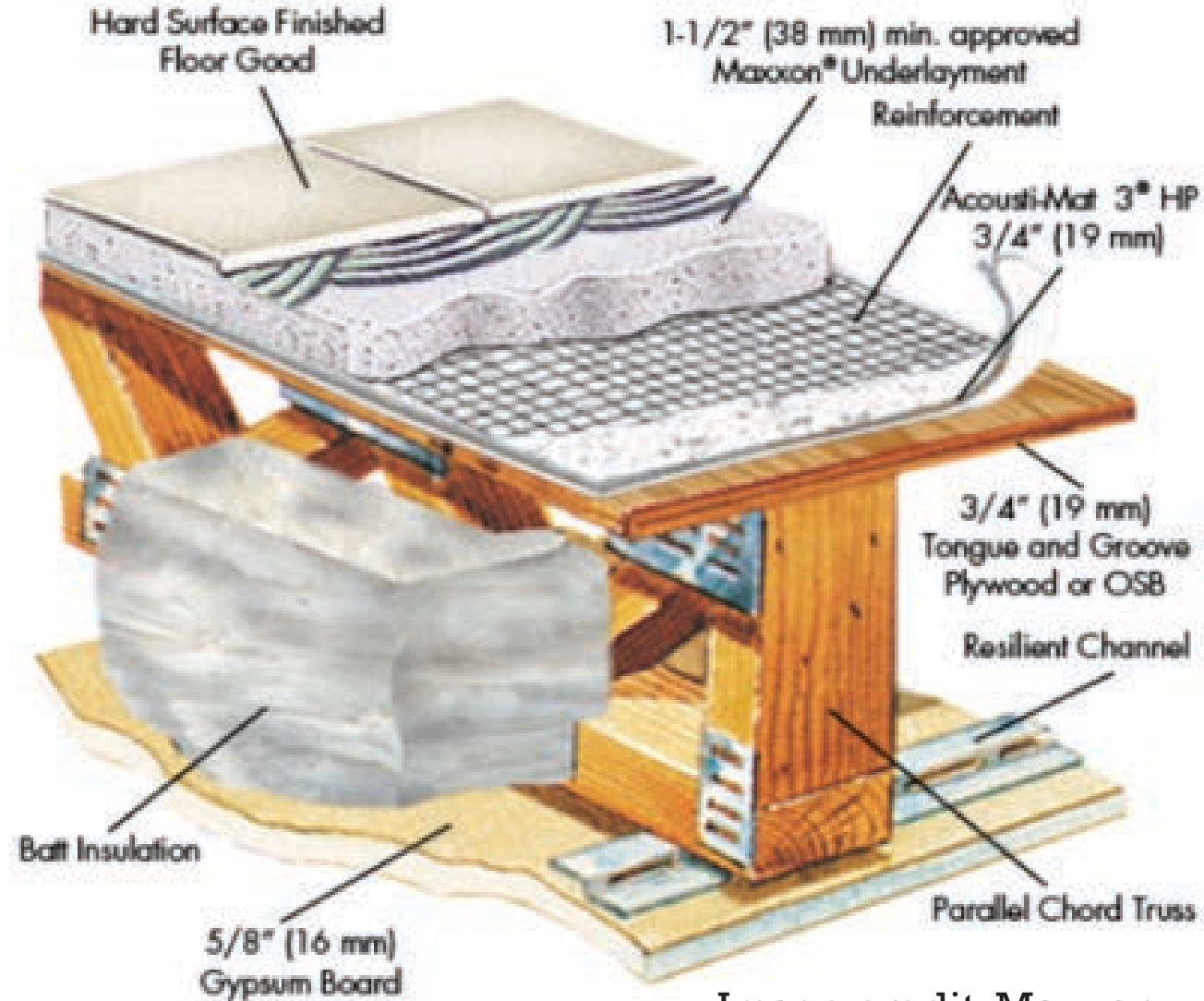


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Acoustical mat - typically installed between subfloor and topping or flooring

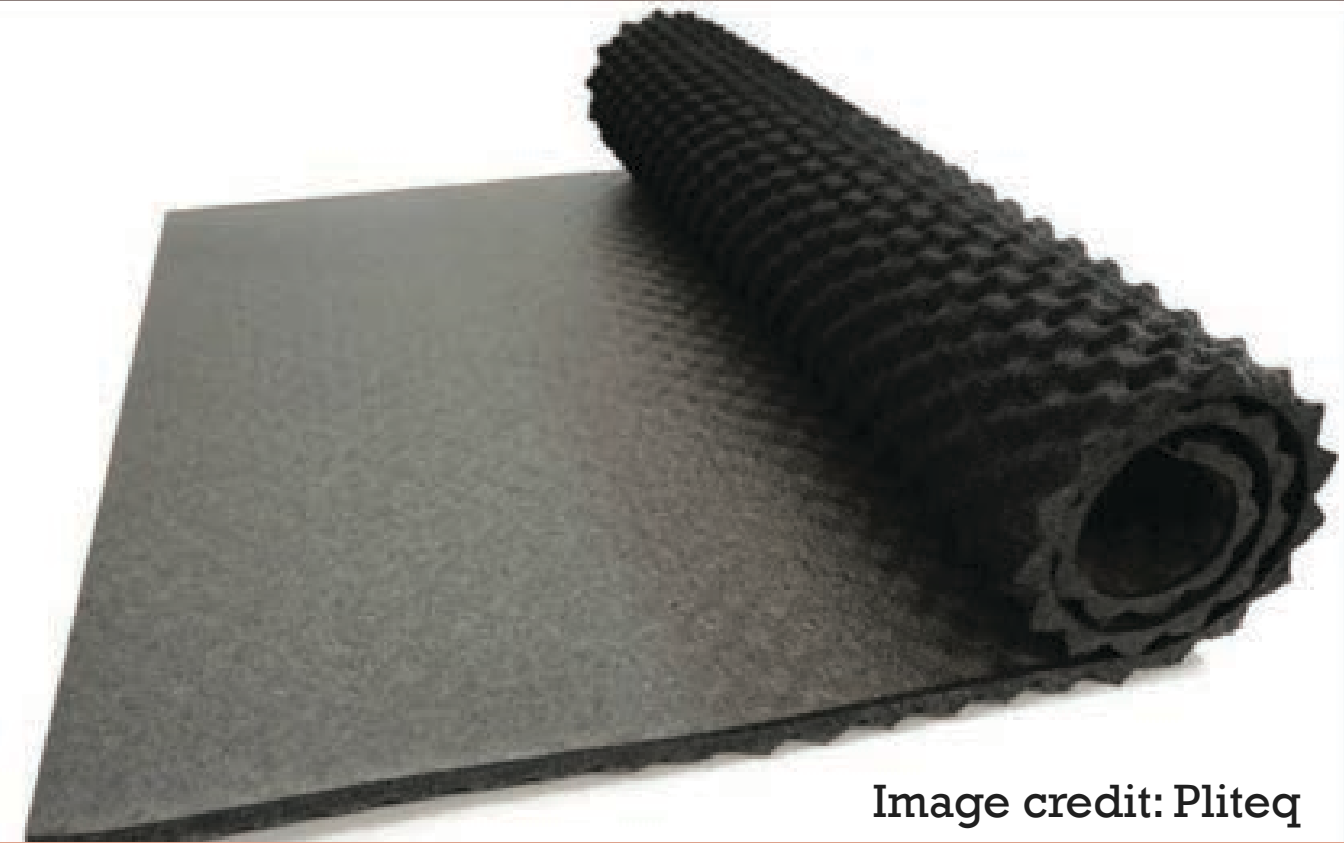


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Common mass timber floor assembly:

- Finish floor (if applicable)
- Underlayment (if finish floor)
- 1.5'' to 3'' thick concrete/gypcrete topping
- Acoustical mat
- WSP (if applicable)
- Mass timber floor panels



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Options without concrete topping:

- Gypsum/cement board (Fermacell, Permabase, etc.)
- Proprietary products

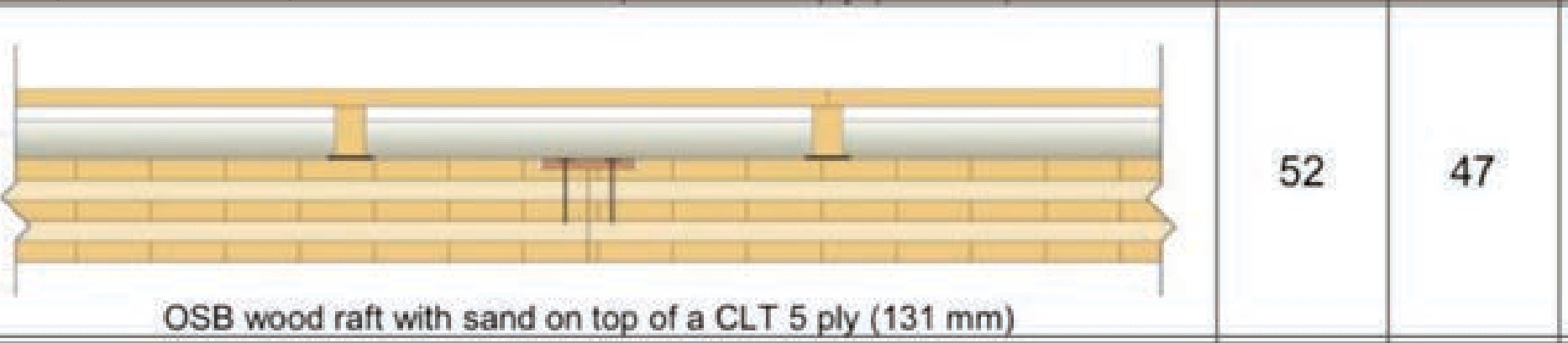


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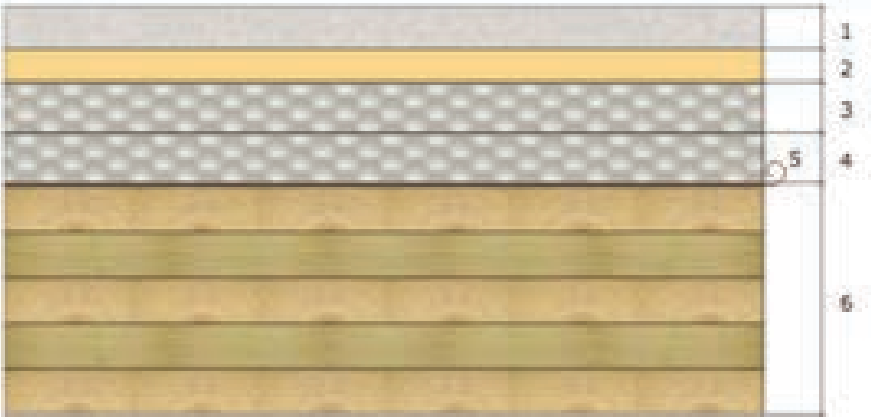
ACOUSTICS

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Options without concrete topping:

- Wood sleepers
- Honeycombs
- Sand fill
- Mineral wool insulation



Assembly Description from Top to Bottom (7.1)		STC	IIC
1	Gypsum fiberboard FERMACELL of 1.0 in. (25 mm)	62	59
2	Sub-floor ISOVER EP3 of 0.79 in. (20 mm)		
3	Honeycomb acoustic infill FERMACELL of 1.18 in. (30 mm)		
4	Honeycomb acoustic infill FERMACELL of 1.18 in. (30 mm)		
5	Kraft paper underlayment	62	59
6	5-layer CLT panel of 5 5/16 in. (135 mm)		

Credit: US CLT Handbook

Table A.2 - 13: Tested 5-ply CLT floor specimens with descriptions and STC and IIC-ratings

Bench	Id	Description	Floor Topping		Gypsum Board Ceiling		Fastening Method	Test-R, STC	Test-R, IIC
			Top Layer	Base Layer	Top Layer	Base Layer			
1	1	5-ply						HF-12-0	HC 25
2	2							HF-13-0	HC 25
3	3							HF-13-0	HC 30
4	4							HF-13-0	HC 34

CLT Acoustics Resources:

- US CLT Handbook
- Acoustics Manufacturers Literature:
 - Maxxon
 - Pliteq
 - AcoustiTECH
 - Kinetics
 - USG
 - Regupol
 - Rothoblaas
- Industry tests – FP Innovations, NRCAN



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TABLE 2.2 STC AND IIC TESTING DATA COMPLETED FOR NLT FLOORS

	FLOOR ASSEMBLY (TOP TO BOTTOM)	STC	IIC
1	1/2 in. plywood + 2x6 NLT (baseline measurement)	34	32
2	Bare CLT (5-ply, 6-7/8 in. thick)	39	25
3	4 in. normal weight concrete topping + Pliteq GenieMat FF06 acoustical mat + 1/2 in. plywood + 2x6 NLT	51	44
4	Carpet + 4 in. normal weight concrete topping + Pliteq GenieMat FF06 acoustical mat + 1/2 in. plywood + 2x6 NLT	51	58
5	4 in. normal weight concrete topping + Pliteq GenieMat FF25 acoustical mat + 1/2 in. plywood + 2x6 NLT	54	50
6	4 in. normal weight concrete topping + Pliteq GenieMat FF50 acoustical mat + 1/2 in. plywood + 2x6 NLT	56	52
7	4 in. normal weight concrete topping + Pliteq GenieMat FF06 acoustical mat + 1/2 in. plywood + 2x6 NLT + RC + 5/8 in. Type C Gypsum	55	49
8	4 in. normal weight concrete topping + Pliteq GenieMat FF06 acoustical mat + 1/2 in. plywood + 2x6 NLT + Pliteq GenieClip RST Clip + R8 Fiberglass batts + 5/8 in. Type C Gypsum	60	59

Credit: NLT Design &
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MASS TIMBER SHAFTS

A photograph showing the interior of a mass timber shaft under construction. The walls and ceiling are made of light-colored wood panels. A large rectangular opening in the ceiling reveals a bright blue sky. Several dark metal rods or cables are visible, running diagonally across the shaft, likely for structural support or ventilation. The lighting is warm and natural, coming from the opening above.

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A photograph of a construction site for a mass timber building. In the foreground, a red crane is lifting a large, light-colored wooden shaft into place. The shaft is being lowered into a deep foundation. In the background, a multi-story building with a visible timber frame is under construction. The sky is clear and blue.

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MASS TIMBER SHAFTS

MASS TIMBER SHAFT WALL CONSIDERATIONS:

- COST
- CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE
- MATERIAL COMPATIBILITY (MOVEMENT & LATERAL LOAD RESISTANCE)
- CAN DOUBLE AS ARCHITECTURAL FEATURE
- SIMILAR TO TILT UP OR CONTINUOUS WALL APPLICATIONS
- SUCCESSFUL FIRE TESTS FOR 2 HR MASS TIMBER SHAFT WALLS EXIST (EXPOSED AND PROTECTED)



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MEP DETAILING



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ACCOMMODATING MEP

**DUE TO EXPOSED MASS
TIMBER STRUCTURE AND
FINISH, UNIQUE MEP
ACCOMMODATION SOLUTIONS
ARE REQUIRED**

**IF USING TYPE IV
CONSTRUCTION, NO
CONCEALED SPACES ARE
ALLOWED**



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ACCOMMODATING MEP

EXPOSED MEP

MEP ITEMS LEFT EXPOSED, USUALLY ON
CEILING SIDE OF FLOOR ASSEMBLY



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ACCOMMODATING MEP



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RAISED ACCESS FLOOR
INSTALLED ON TOP OF FLOOR STRUCTURE
PROVIDES 2" TO 18" OF PLENUM SPACE
FOR MEP



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A wide-angle photograph of a modern, multi-story interior space. The architecture features extensive use of light-colored wood, including large vertical columns, horizontal beams, and a ceiling with a grid of wooden slats. Large windows on the left side offer a view of the outdoors. The floor is a smooth, light-colored material. In the background, a staircase with a red wall is visible on the right. The overall atmosphere is bright and airy.

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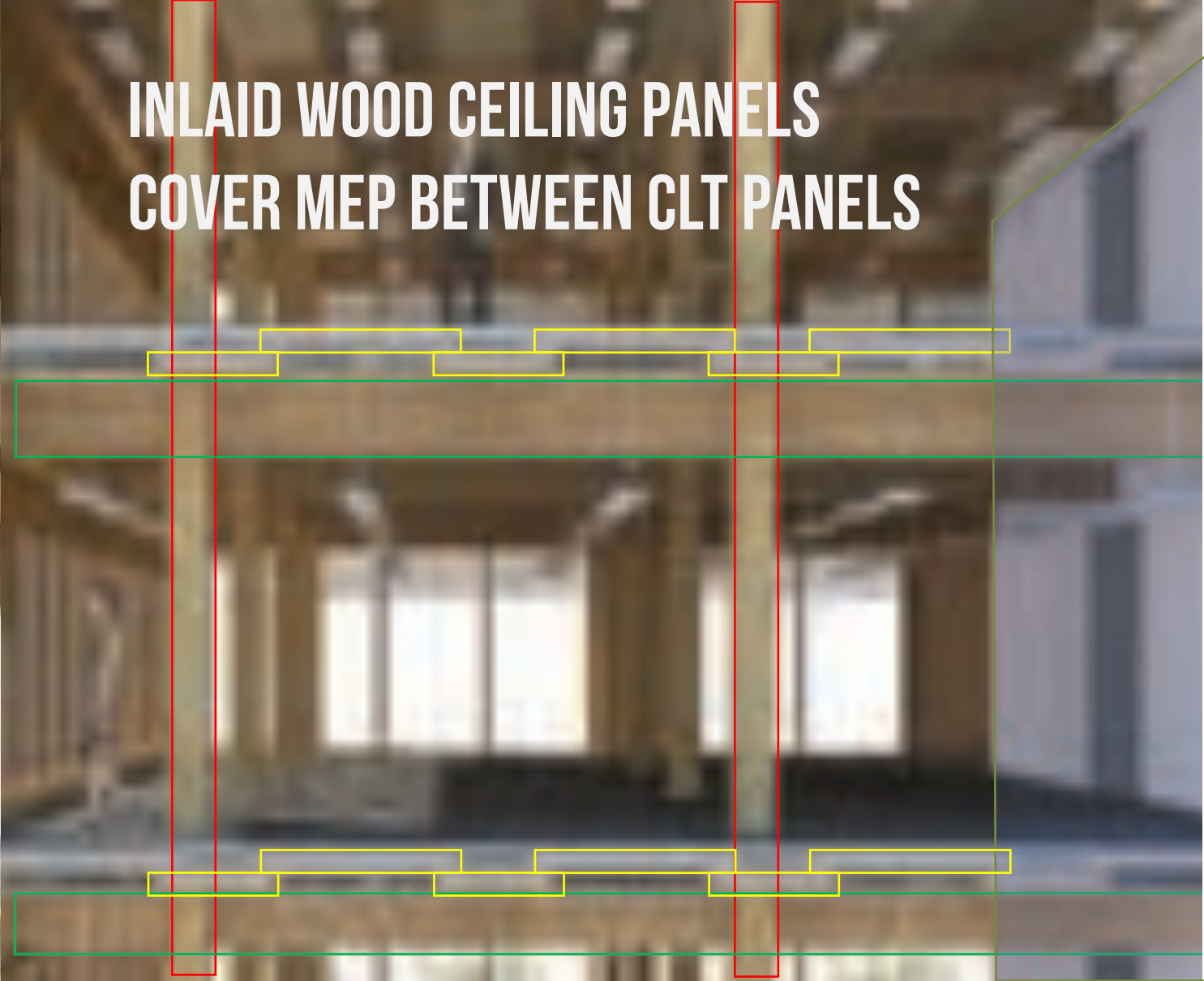
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**INLAID WOOD CEILING PANELS
COVER MEP BETWEEN CLT PANELS**



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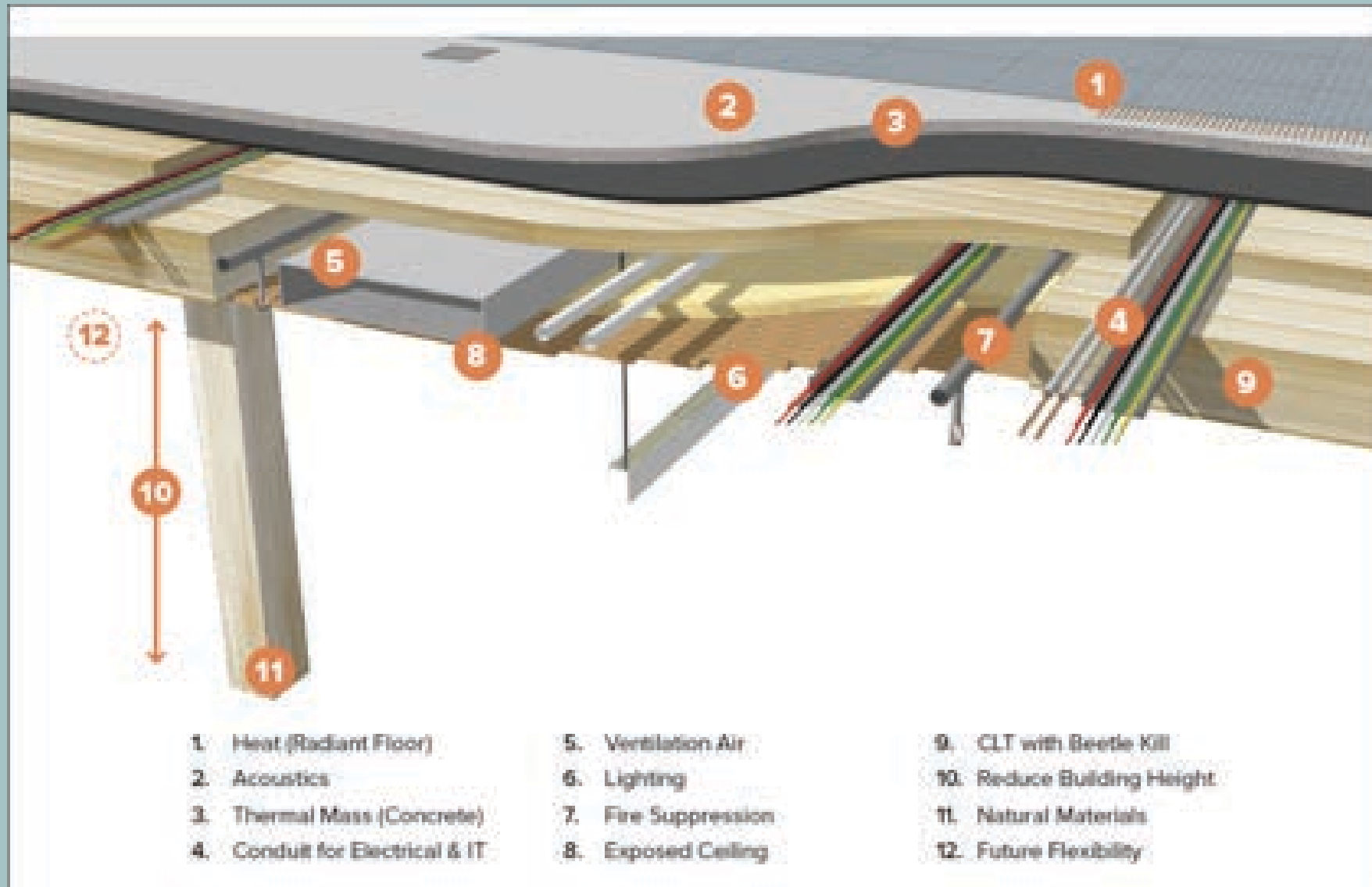
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EMBEDDED CONDUIT IN
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**EMBEDDED
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How is MEP accommodated in exposed mass timber buildings-e.g., CLT and NLT wall and floor/roof panels?

Mass timber panel products such as cross-laminated timber (CLT), nail-laminated timber (NLT) and dowel-laminated timber (DLT) are used in many applications in multi-family and commercial construction—e.g., floors, roofs, shaft walls, bearing walls and partition walls. In many instances, the panels are left exposed on one side to take advantage of the aesthetic appeal of the timber. For these buildings, accommodation of mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) services is an important design consideration.

Options for Incorporating MEP in Exposed Mass Timber Structures

Accommodating MEP on mass timber walls:

- Fur out a rainscreen wall on the lower half of the mass timber wall to accommodate electrical outlets and plumbing pipes.
- Add light-frame partition walls on one or both sides of the mass timber wall panel to accommodate MEP items, completely covering the mass timber wall panels (note that this can also have structural advantages).
- Run the conduits, pipes, etc. on the face of the mass timber wall panels, leaving them exposed and using them as architectural elements.
- Rout and bore the panels to take the electrical conduit, plumbing pipes and mechanical chases. This can be done on-site with traditional carpentry tools or in the factory using CNC technology. Structural effects related to panel cross-section reduction should be taken into account. (See Figure 1.)

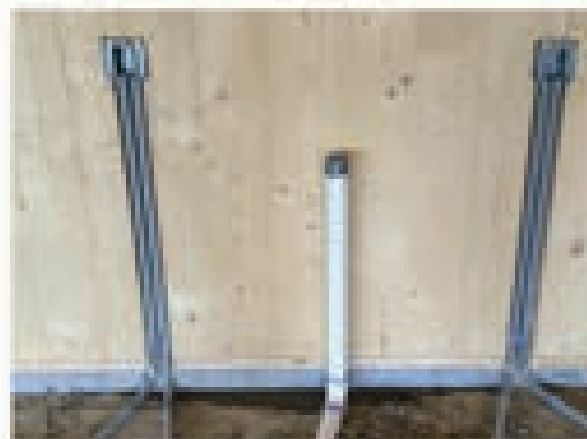


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Accommodating MEP on mass timber floor panels:

- Run the conduit, pipes, etc. on the face of the mass timber floor panels, leaving them exposed and using them as architectural elements. (See Figure 2.)
- Create a drop ceiling to conceal the MEP items.
- Gap the mass timber panels, running the MEP items between the panels and adding wood ceiling (rlay panels between the mass timber panels to conceal the MEP items. (See Figure 3.)

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Q: Can exposed wood framing be used in buildings such as aquatic centers and pools? Are there durability concerns?

A: The main durability consideration associated with the use of wood in environments such as pools and aquatic centers is high moisture content in the wood. Buildings such as this may have high relative humidity and, as such, it is important to understand how relative humidity of a condition space affects exposed wood within that space.

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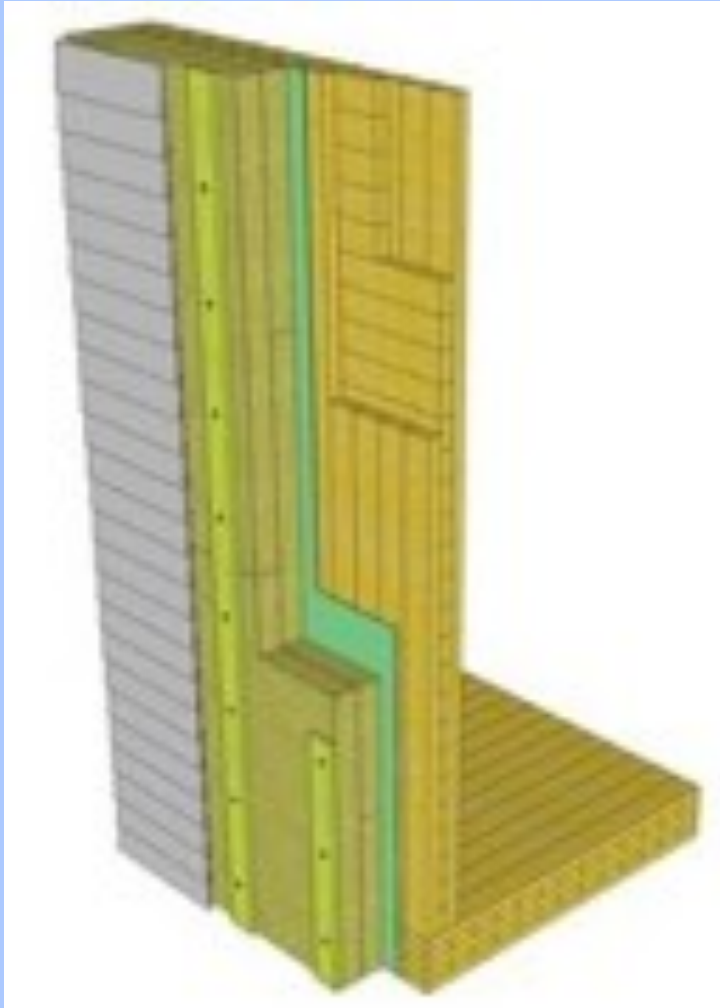
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MASS TIMBER DESIGN

BUILDING ENCLOSURE

MASS TIMBER BUILDING ENVELOPES



**SIMILAR TO OTHER WALL ASSEMBLIES:
CONTINUOUS INSULATION AND OTHER CONTROL LAYERS
INSTALLED ON OUTSIDE OF WALL PANELS**



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MASS TIMBER DESIGN

BUILDING ENCLOSURE



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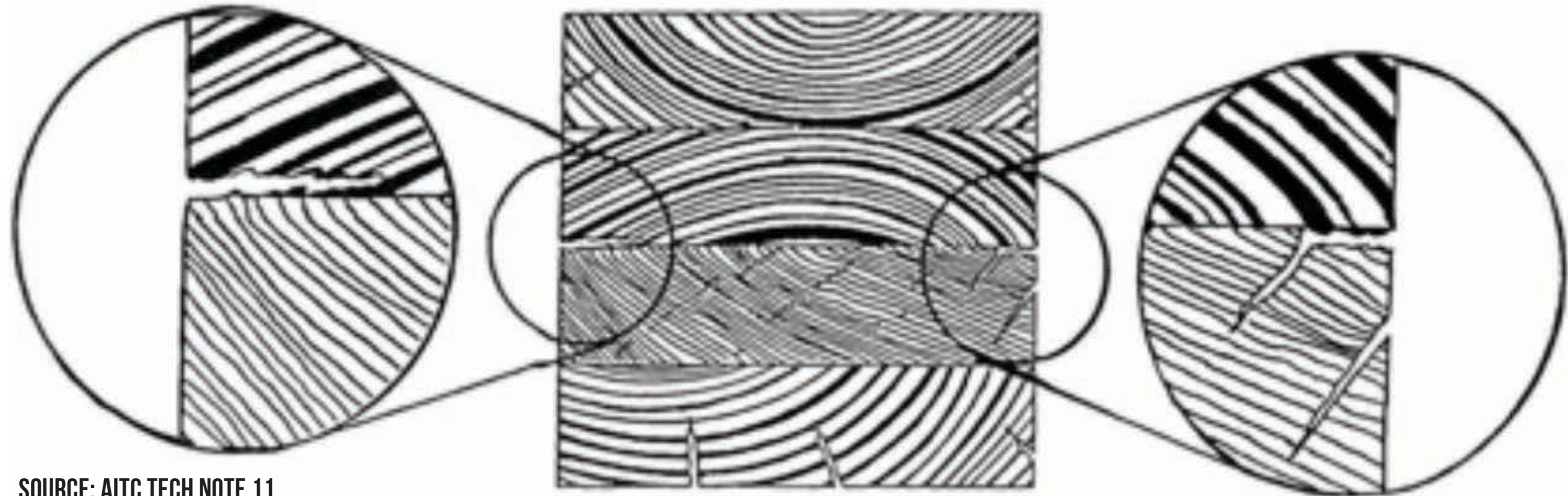


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MASS TIMBER DESIGN

SPLITTING AND CHECKING

**ARE SPLITS AND CHECKS IN MASS TIMBER
ELEMENTS A STRUCTURAL CONCERN?**



SOURCE: AITC TECH NOTE 11

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SPLITTING AND CHECKING

WHAT CAUSES SPLITS AND CHECKS?

CHECKING AND SPLITTING IS A RESULT OF LOSS OF MOISTURE. AS OUTER FIBERS IN WOOD MEMBER TRY TO SHRINK, THEY ARE RESTRAINED BY INNER PORTION OF MEMBER WHICH HAS A HIGHER MOISTURE CONTENT.



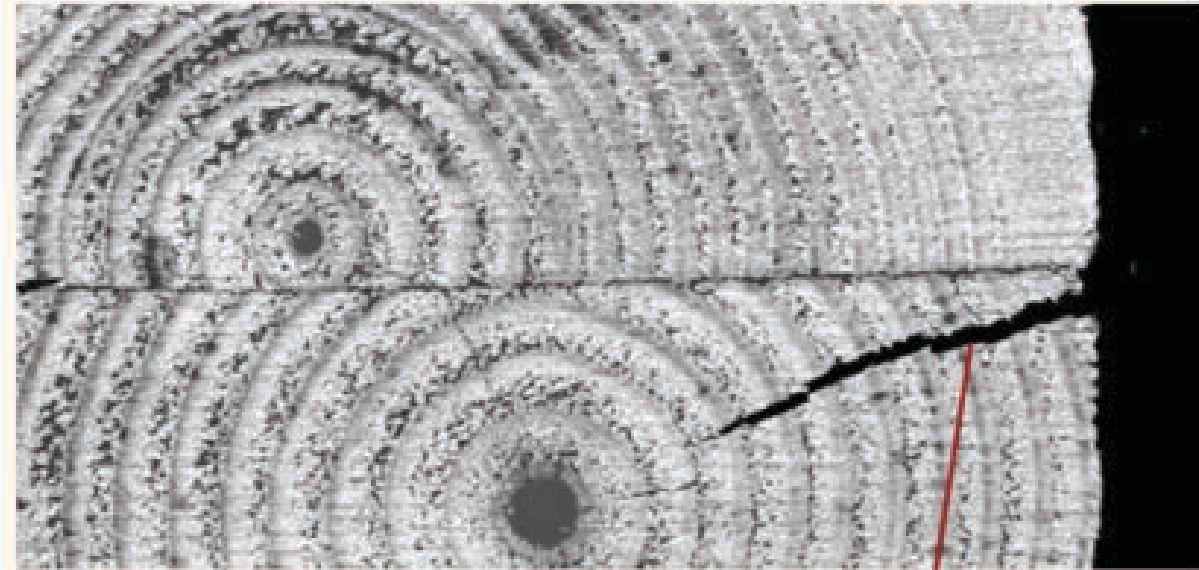
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SPLITTING AND CHECKING

WHAT CAUSES SPLITS AND CHECKS?

THE MORE RAPID THE RATE OF DRYING, THE GREATER THE DIFFERENTIAL IN SHRINKAGE BETWEEN THE OUTER AND INNER FIBERS RESULTING IN HIGHER SHRINKAGE STRESSES. THESE RESULTANT STRESSES PERPENDICULAR TO GRAIN CAN CAUSE CHARACTERISTIC SEASONING CHECKS.

GLUED LAMINATED BEAM CROSS SECTION ILLUSTRATING CHECKING



Seasoning check (uneven surfaces with torn wood fiber)

SOURCE: APA TECH NOTE R475

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SPLITTING AND CHECKING

WHEN DOES CHECKING OCCUR?

CHECKING IN MEMBERS IN ENCLOSED BUILDINGS IS USUALLY COMPLETED WITHIN THE FIRST FULL CYCLE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONING OF THE SPACE. HOWEVER, CHANGES IN THE END USE OF THE STRUCTURE MAY EFFECT FUTURE CHECKING.

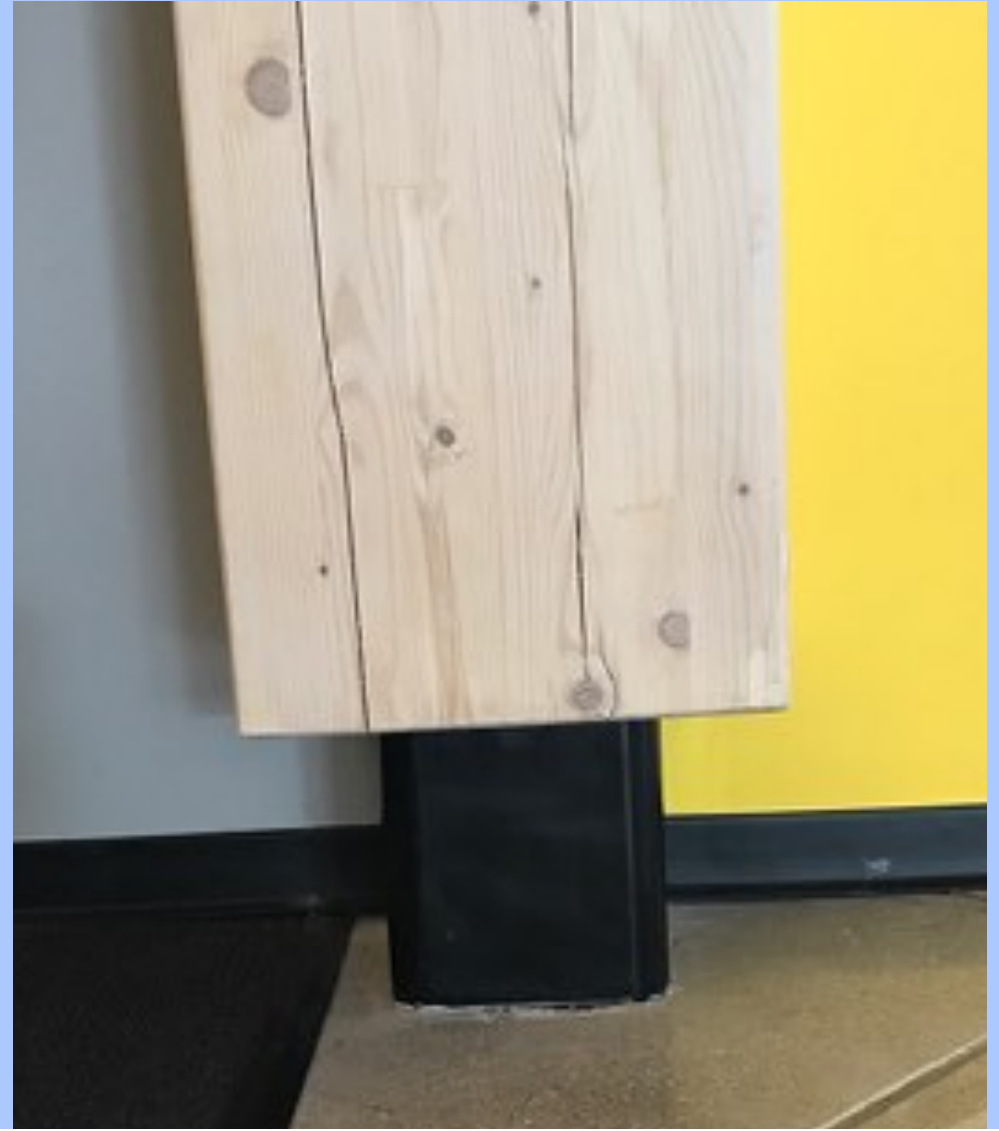


MASS TIMBER DESIGN

SPLITTING AND CHECKING

ARE SPLITS AND CHECKS IN MASS TIMBER ELEMENTS A STRUCTURAL CONCERN?

THE INFLUENCE OF CHECKS ON THE STRUCTURAL PERFORMANCE OF GLUED LAMINATED TIMBER MEMBERS IS GENERALLY MINOR. CHECKING CAN BE MINIMIZED BY CAREFUL INSTALLATION PRACTICES THAT AVOID PROLONGED EXPOSURE OF THE MEMBERS DURING CONSTRUCTION.



MASS TIMBER DESIGN

SPLITTING AND CHECKING



RESOURCES:

- **AITC TECH NOTE 11**
- **APA TECH NOTE R475**
- **APA FORM F450**

**EVALUATING SPLITS AND CHECKS IN MASS
TIMBER ELEMENTS**

IS MY GLULAM OK?

Is the span of the glulam beam greater than 10 times the depth?

Example: Depth is 12", span is greater than 10'

YES

NO

Where do the checks appear?

BOTTOM FACE

Is the check parallel to the grain of wood?

YES

NO

SIDE FACE

Is the depth of the check less than one-third the width of the beam, and is the length less than one-third the length of the beam?

YES

NO

END FACE

Is the length of the check or split less than one-half the depth of the member?

YES

NO

NO STRUCTURAL CONCERN

If the checks on your building's glulam pose no structural problems, engineering analysis is not required. These recommendations apply to both single span beams and multiple span beams under uniform loads.

CONSULT DESIGN PROFESSIONAL

If checks in glulam exceed these sizes and situations, a qualified design professional should evaluate the effect of the checks.

MASS TIMBER DESIGN

SPLITTING AND CHECKING

EVALUATING SPLITS AND CHECKS IN GLULAM

TABLE 2

ALLOWABLE CHECK SIZE OUTSIDE THE SHEAR-CRITICAL ZONE

Beam Width in Inches	Allowable Side Checks (Depth) in Inches				Allowable End Checks (Length) in Inches			
	γ/h							
	0.30	0.35	0.40	0.45	0.30	0.35	0.40	0.45
2-1/2	3/4	1-1/4	1-5/8	2	2-3/8	3-5/8	5	6
3, 3-1/8	1	1-1/2	2	2-3/8	2-7/8	4-3/8	6	7-1/4
3-1/2	1-1/8	1-3/4	2-1/4	2-3/4	3-3/8	5-1/8	6-7/8	8-3/8
5, 5-1/8	1-5/8	2-1/2	3-1/4	4	4-3/4	7-3/8	9-7/8	12
5-1/2	1-3/4	2-3/4	3-5/8	4-3/8	5-1/4	8-1/8	10-7/8	13-1/4
6-3/4	2-1/8	3-1/4	4-1/2	5-3/8	6-1/2	9-7/8	13-3/8	16-1/4
8-1/2, 8-3/4	2-3/4	4-1/8	5-5/8	6-3/4	8-1/8	12-1/2	16-7/8	20-3/8
10-1/2, 10-3/4	3-3/8	5-1/8	6-7/8	8-3/8	10-1/8	15-3/8	20-3/4	25-1/4

MASS TIMBER DESIGN

LATERAL FRAMING SYSTEMS



LATERAL CORE RESISTING SYSTEM:

- COMMONLY USED WITH GLAZING/CURTAIN WALLS
- MAY USE RIGID OR SEMI-RIGID (IF USED WITH FRAMES AT EXTERIOR) ANALYSIS



LIGHT FRAME SHEARWALLS:

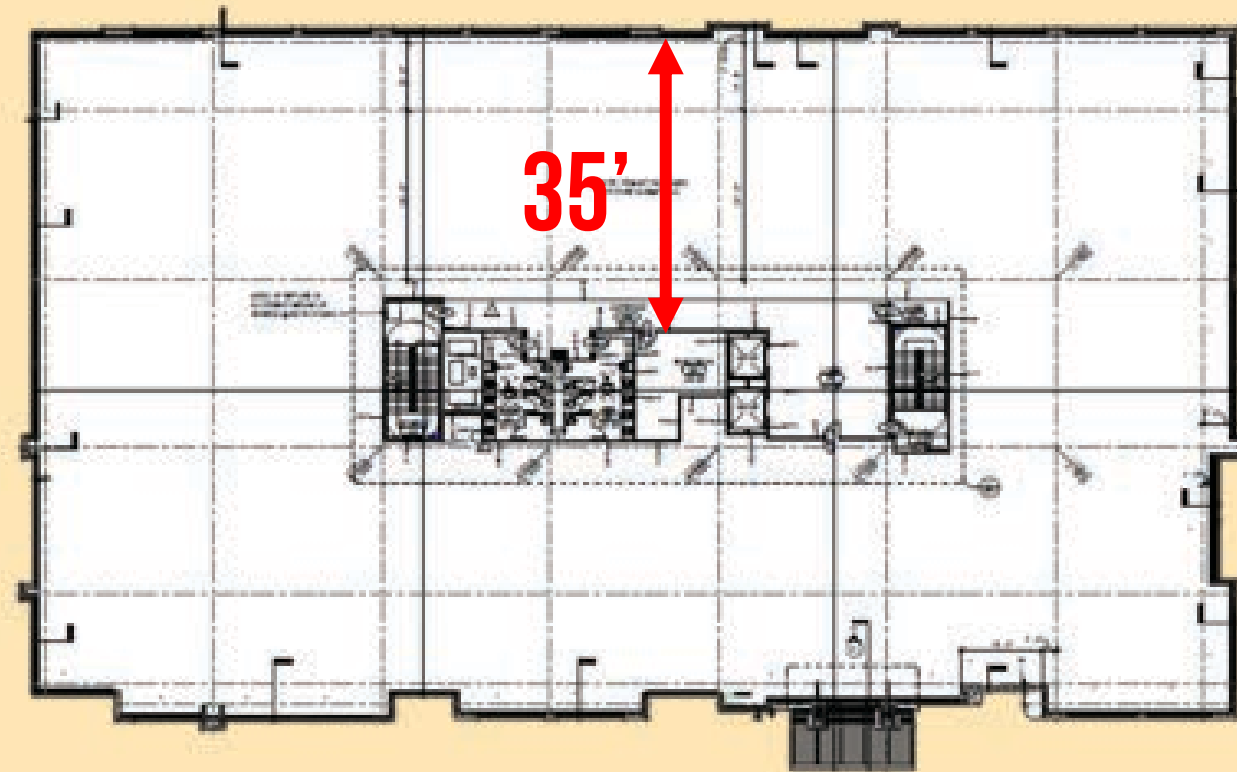
- TYPICAL FOR 1-5 STORIES
- TYPICALLY ASSUME FLEXIBLE DIAPHRAGM
- NEED AMPLE WALL AT PERIMETER

MASS TIMBER DESIGN

LATERAL FRAMING SYSTEMS

DIAPHRAGM DESIGN OPTIONS FOR CENTRAL CORE:

- AWC'S 2015 SPECIAL DESIGN PROVISIONS FOR WIND AND SEISMIC (SDPWS) 4.2.5.2 PERMITS A SEMI-RIGID OR RIGID, CANTILEVER DIAPHRAGM UP TO 35 FT
- IF MORE THAN 35FT, CONSIDER PERIMETER LATERAL RESISTANCE SUCH AS MOMENT FRAME



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MASS TIMBER DESIGN

LATERAL FRAMING SYSTEMS

CENTRAL CORE: CONCRETE SHEARWALLS

PHOTO CREDIT: STRUCTURECRAFT BUILDERS





CENTRAL CORE: MASS TIMBER SHEARWALLS

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MASS TIMBER DESIGN

LATERAL FRAMING SYSTEMS

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EXTERIOR STEEL MOMENT FRAME

PHOTO CREDIT: WOODWORKS



MASS TIMBER DESIGN

LATERAL FRAMING SYSTEMS

INTERIOR STEEL MOMENT FRAME

PHOTO CREDIT: WOODWORKS

MASS TIMBER DESIGN

LATERAL FRAMING SYSTEMS

STEEL BRACED FRAME

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MASS TIMBER DESIGN

LATERAL FRAMING SYSTEMS

SHEATHED WOOD SHEARWALLS

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MASS TIMBER DESIGN

LATERAL FRAMING SYSTEMS



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PROPRIETARY RIGID/SEMI-RIGID FRAMES



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MASS TIMBER DESIGN

LATERAL FRAMING SYSTEMS

TIMBER BRACED FRAME

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MASS TIMBER DESIGN

CONNECTIONS

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MASS TIMBER DESIGN

CONNECTIONS

CONNECTION DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS:

- STRUCTURAL CAPACITY
- SHRINKAGE
- FIRE
- CONSTRUCTABILITY
- AESTHETICS
- COST



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MASS TIMBER DESIGN

CONNECTIONS



**LONG SELF TAPPING
SCREWS USED
EXTENSIVELY
THROUGHOUT MASS
TIMBER CONSTRUCTION**

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PHOTO CREDIT: MYTICON



MASS TIMBER DESIGN

CONNECTIONS

BEAM TO BEAM CONNECTIONS

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MASS TIMBER DESIGN

CONNECTIONS

A close-up photograph showing a horizontal mass timber beam resting on a vertical column. The connection is made using a dark metal plate or bracket. The wood is light-colored and shows natural grain patterns.

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BEAM TO COLUMN CONNECTIONS

A close-up photograph of a mass timber beam-to-column connection. The beam is supported by a column using a complex wooden joint and metal hardware. The wood is light-colored and shows natural grain patterns.

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A photograph showing several vertical mass timber columns supporting horizontal beams. The wood is light-colored and shows natural grain patterns. The background is a cloudy sky.

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BEAM TO COLUMN & COLUMN TO COLUMN CONNECTIONS

MASS TIMBER DESIGN

CONNECTIONS

COLUMN TO FOUNDATION CONNECTIONS

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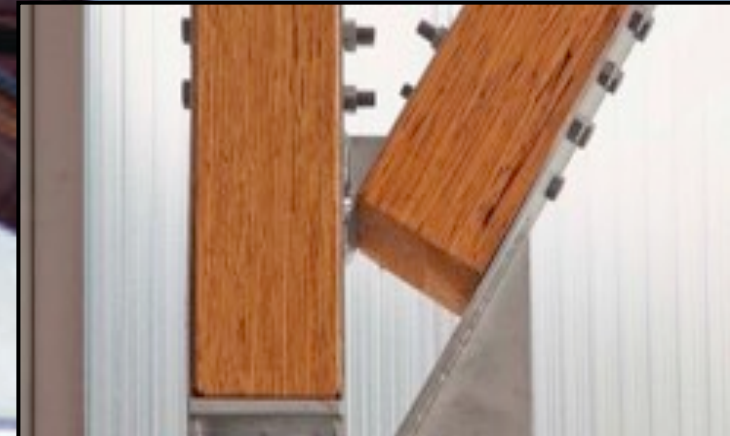


MASS TIMBER DESIGN

CONNECTIONS

BRACED FRAME CONNECTIONS

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MASS TIMBER DESIGN

CONNECTIONS



PANEL TO FOUNDATION CONNECTIONS

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MASS TIMBER DESIGN

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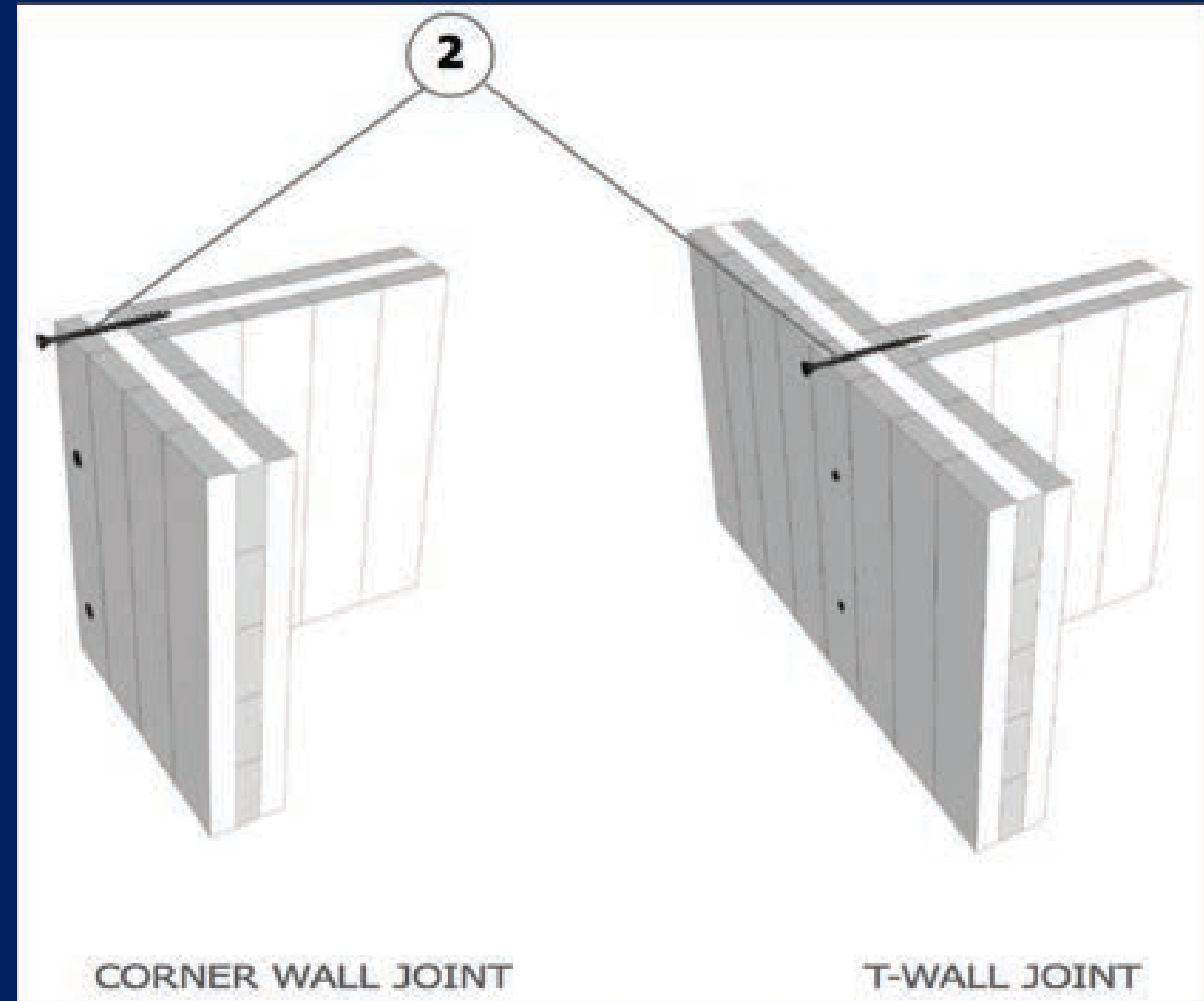
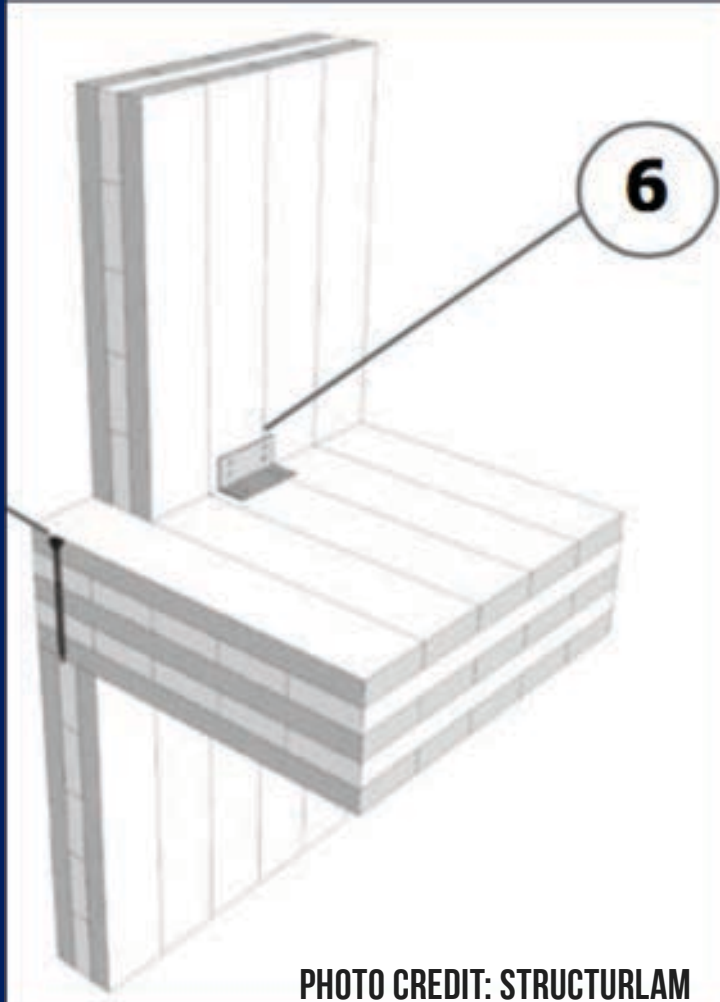
**PANEL TO PANEL
CONNECTIONS —
SURFACE SPLINE**

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PANEL TO PANEL CONNECTIONS



MASS TIMBER DESIGN

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PANEL TO BEAM CONNECTIONS

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HYBRID WOOD/STEEL CONNECTIONS:
LOTS OF VARIATION POSSIBLE



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MASS TIMBER



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SOURCING, CONSTRUCTION & COST CONSIDERATIONS



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- SmartLam, Columbia Fall, Montana
- DR Johnson Lumber, Oregon
- Nordic Structures, Quebec, Canada
- Structurlam, British Columbia, Canada
- KLH USA, Subsidiary of KLH Massivholz, Austria



Certified North American CLT Manufacturers



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Coming Soon:

- **International Beams** (Dothan, AL)
- **Katerra** (Spokane, WA)
- **Vaagen Timbers** (Colville, WA)
- **SmartLam** (TBD)
- **Texas CLT** (Magnolia, AR)

Certified North American CLT Manufacturers



CLT Distributer w/ US Certification:

- KLH US

CLT Distributer w/ European Certification:

- Stora Enso Wood Products
- Metsa Wood
- Merk
- BinderHolz
- Hasslacher Norica Timber

US Distribution (sourced from Various European Suppliers):

- Innovative Timber Systems/Smartwoods
- StructureCraft
- Structure Fusion
- Cross Lam Timber Solutions
- Holzpack
- Sauter Timber

* CLT imports may have more restrictions on panel sizes due to shipping, longer lead times and less access to design assist services.

MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

CONSTRUCTION

WORKING WITH MASS TIMBER: KNOW YOUR SUPPLY CHAIN

- MANUFACTURERS - DIFFERENT SPECIES, GRADES AND MAXIMUM PANEL/BEAM SIZES
- TRUCKING LOGISTICS AND COST
- MANUFACTURERS HAVE SPECIFIC CNC CAPABILITIES
- 3RD PARTY FABRICATORS CAN HAVE ADDITIONAL CNC CAPABILITIES



Photo: DR Johnson



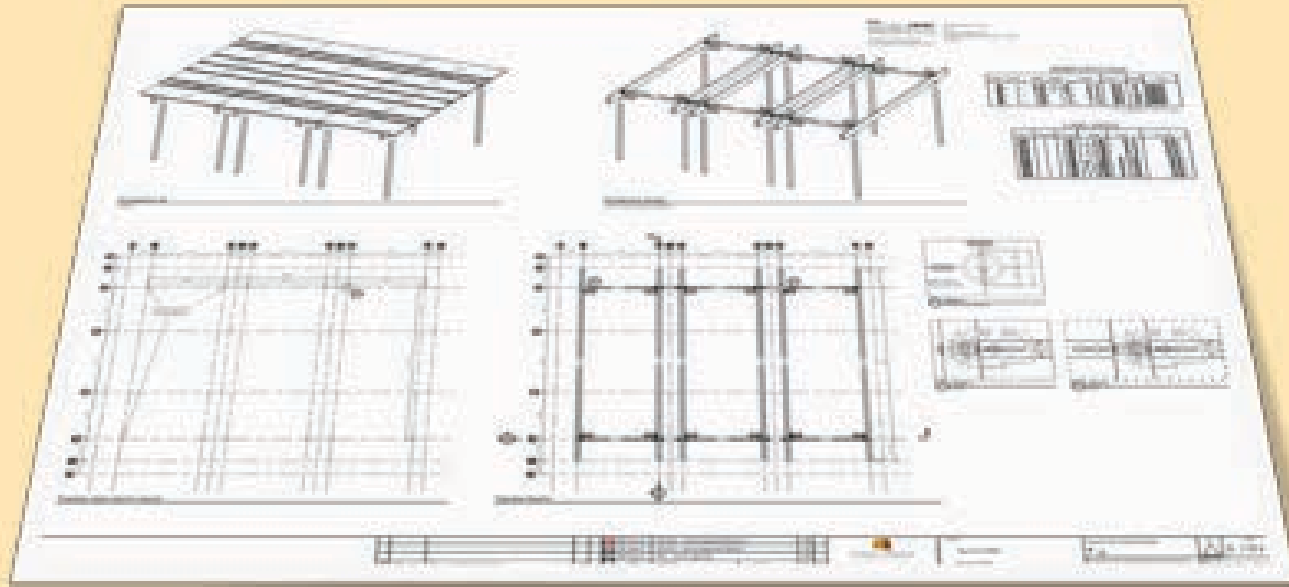
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MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

CONSTRUCTION

DEFINE & COMMUNICATE THE DELIVERABLES YOU NEED FROM THE SUPPLIER:

- **SHOP DRAWINGS**
- **SHOP DRAWINGS WITH ENGINEERING STAMP**
- **ENGINEERED DRAWINGS AND CALCULATIONS (E.G. AS A DEFERRED SUBMITTAL)**

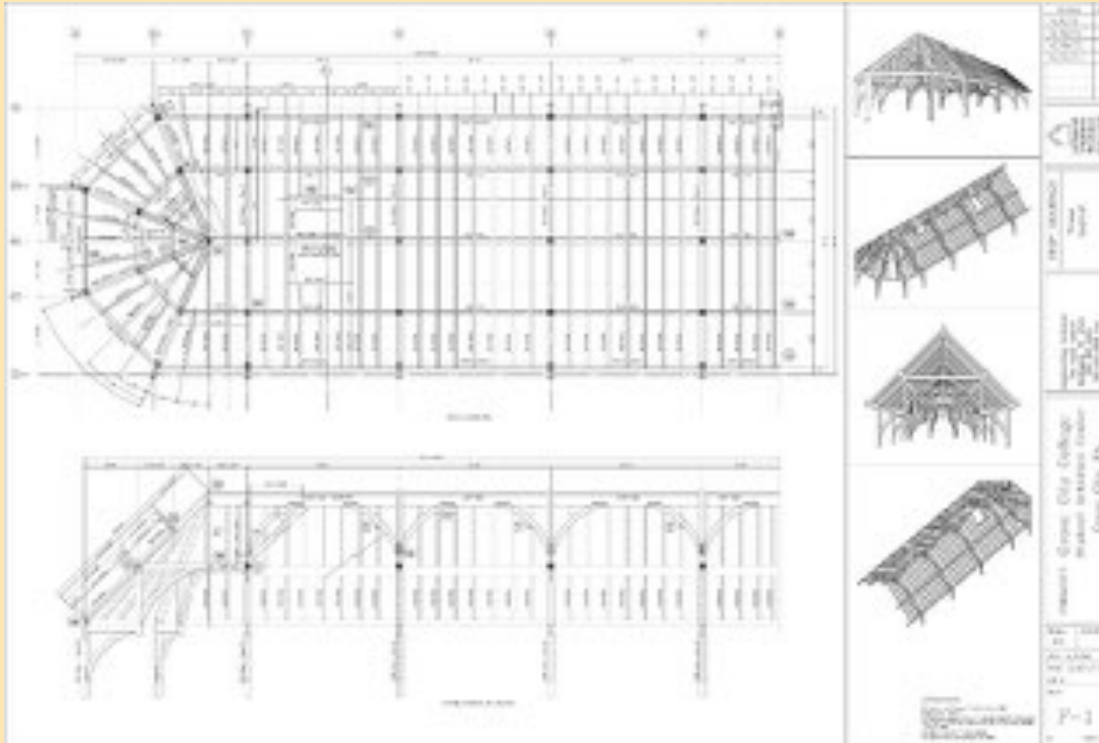


MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

CONSTRUCTION

**WHAT DOES A MASS TIMBER
CONSTRUCTION PROCESS LOOK LIKE?**

**VERY SIMILAR TO A PRECAST CONCRETE
OR STRUCTURAL STEEL PROJECT**



- **SHOP DRAWINGS**
- **ERECTION DRAWINGS**
- **PREFABRICATED MEMBERS AND CONNECTIONS**

MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

CONSTRUCTION



- **STAGING AREAS**
- **CRANES**



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**RIGGING HOOKS ARE
REMOVED AFTER PANEL
PLACEMENT**

MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

CONSTRUCTION



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MASS TIMBER COSTS

**MASS TIMBER CONSTRUCTION COSTS VARY WITH PROJECT
LOCATION, SIZE, SPANS, FINISH LEVEL AND MANY OTHER VARIABLES**

**PRODUCT MANUFACTURERS ARE THE BEST SOURCE OF PRICING
INFORMATION**

MASS TIMBER COSTS

FACTORS RELEVANT TO THE COST CONVERSATION:

- CURE TIME: MASS TIMBER HAS NONE. CAN BE WORKED ON IMMEDIATELY AFTER BEING PLACED
- LIGHT-WEIGHT:
 - CRANE SIZE: MASS TIMBER IS LIGHTER THAN TRADITIONAL MATERIALS⁷. SMALLER CRANE = POTENTIAL SAVINGS
 - SMALLER SEISMIC FORCES & FOUNDATIONS = POTENTIAL SAVINGS
- CONSTRUCTION SPEED: ESTIMATED TO BE 25% FASTER¹¹. SOONER COMPLETION = SOONER OCCUPANCY = SOONER REVENUE
- OTHERS: LESS CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC¹¹, PREFABRICATED & PRECISE — GOES TOGETHER SMOOTHLY
- OTHER ITEMS THAT AFFECT COST: SHIPPING DISTANCE, SEALERS/SANDING REQUIREMENTS, AMOUNT OF CUSTOM CNC WORK

SOURCE 7: STRUCTURLAM

SOURCE 11: FAST + EPP

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TIME FOR
CASE STUDY



RADIATOR BUILDING

PORTLAND, OR

PHOTO CREDIT: JOSH PARTEE



RADIATOR BUILDING

PORTLAND, OR



BUILDING INFO:
OFFICE BUILDING
5 STORIES
36,000 SF
COMPLETED 2015



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ONE NORTH

PORTLAND, OR

**EXPOSED STEEL CONNECTIONS
GLULAM GIRDER & PURLIN FRAME**

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U OF ARKANSAS STUDENT DORMS

FAYETVILLE, AR

IMAGE CREDIT: MODUS STUDIO

U OF ARKANSAS STUDENT DORMS

FAYETVILLE, AR



(2) — 5 STORY BUILDINGS
TOTAL OVER 200,000 SF
368 RESIDENTIAL ROOMS



IMAGE CREDIT: MODUS STUDIO/LEERS WEINZAPFEL ARCHITECTS

COMMON GROUND HIGH SCHOOL

NEW HAVEN, CT

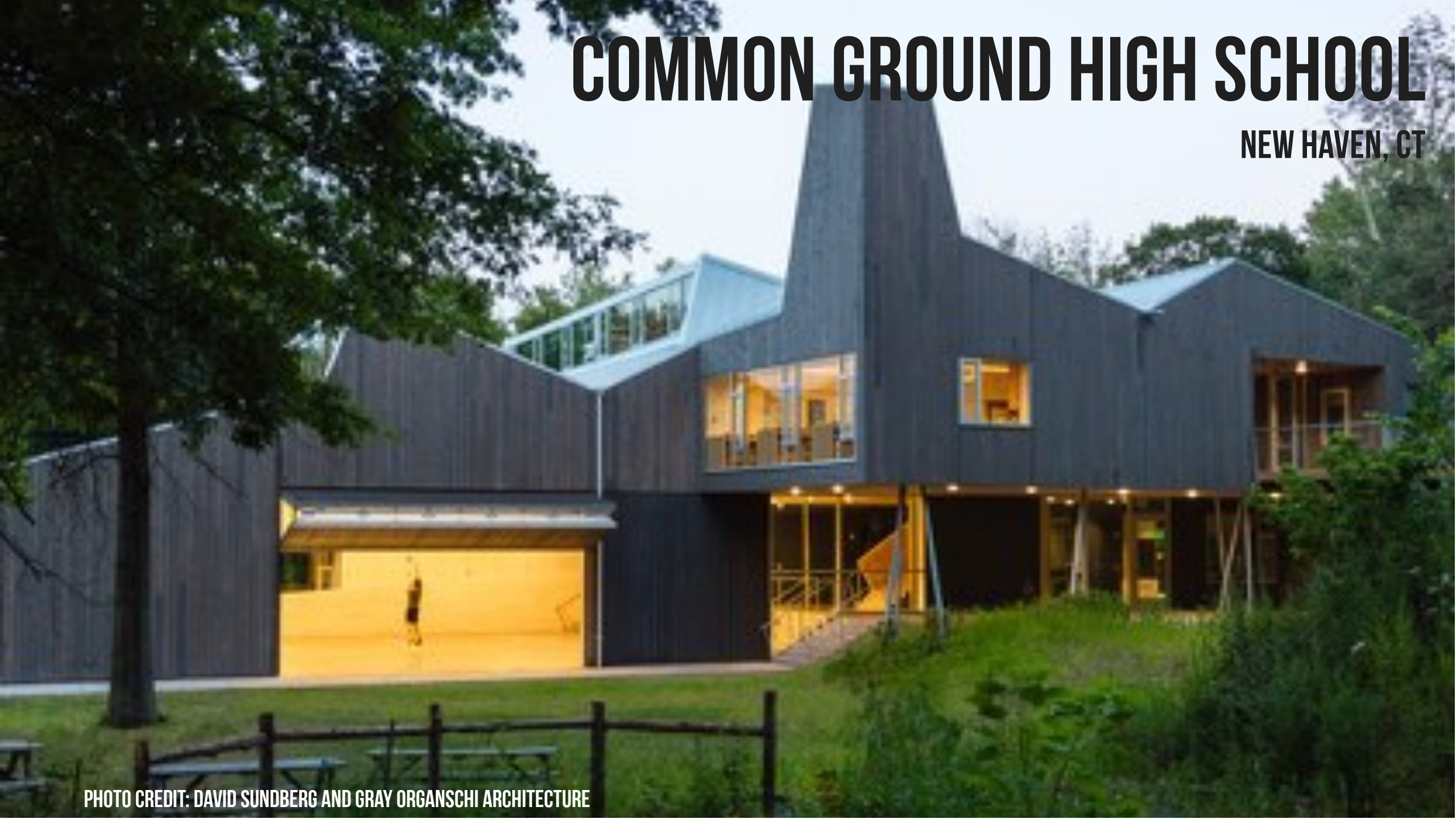


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COMMON GROUND HIGH SCHOOL

NEW HAVEN, CT

- 15,000 SF CLASSROOM & MULTI-PURPOSE SPACE ADDITION
- CLT & GLULAM FRAMING SCHEME
- TYPE VB CONSTRUCTION



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COMMON GROUND HIGH SCHOOL

NEW HAVEN, CT



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MCDONALD'S

CHICAGO, IL



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MCDONALD'S

CHICAGO, IL



19,000 SF
CLT, GLULAM AND STEEL STRUCTURE

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CLAY CREATIVE

PORTLAND, OR

IMAGE CREDIT: CHRISTIAN COLUMBRES

CLAY CREATIVE

PORTLAND, OR



5 STORIES
MOSTLY OFFICE, SOME RETAIL AND AMENITY
72,000 SF



IMAGE CREDIT: CHRISTIAN COLUMBRES



CLAY CREATIVE

PORTLAND, OR

- ~8' FINISHED FLOOR TO BOTTOM OF BEAM
- 25'X30' AT PERIMETER
- 30'X30' BAYS AT CENTER
- 1.5" GYPSUM, WSP, 2X6 NLT FLOOR PANELS
- RAISED FLOOR SYSTEM FOR MECHANICAL, DATA AND ACOUSTICS
- EXTERIOR STEEL MOMENT FRAME KEEPS CORE AREA MORE VERSATILE

THE BUILDINGS —

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

SUSTAINABILITY

AVAILABILITY

TEAM

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THE FIRST BRICK AND BEAM BUILDINGS
TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN NEW YORK CITY
IN NEARLY A CENTURY.

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320 & 360 WYTHE AVE.

NEW YORK, NY

**3 STORY & 5 STORY BUILDINGS
MOSTLY OFFICE, SOME APARTMENTS
NLT & GLULAM**

IMAGE CREDIT: FIELD CONDITION/FLANK

320 & 360 WYTHE AVE.

NEW YORK, NY



IMAGE CREDIT: FLANK

FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FRANKLIN, WV



FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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- 45,200 SF, 2 STORY SCHOOL
- CLT UTILIZED FOR WALLS, ROOF PANELS, AND FLOOR PANELS
- CLT CHOSEN FOR ITS CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE BENEFITS
- COMPLETED JANUARY 2015

FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FRANKLIN, WV



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BULLITT CENTER

SEATTLE, WA



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BULLITT CENTER

SEATTLE, WA

BUILDING INFO: OFFICE BUILDING

4 STORIES MASS TIMBER OVER 2 STORIES CONCRETE

52,000 SF

NET ZERO

LIVING BUILDING CHALLENGE CERTIFIED

TYPE IV CONSTRUCTION

250 YR DESIGN LIFE

COMPLETED 2013



250 YEAR STRUCTURE
HEAVY TIMBER, CONCRETE & STEEL
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BULLITT CENTER

SEATTLE, WA

2X6 NLT FLOOR DECK

2X4 NLT ROOF DECK

FLOOR ASSEMBLY TOP TO BOTTOM:

3" CONCRETE TOPPING, ACOUSTICAL MAT, WSP, 2X6 NLT

BULLITT CENTER

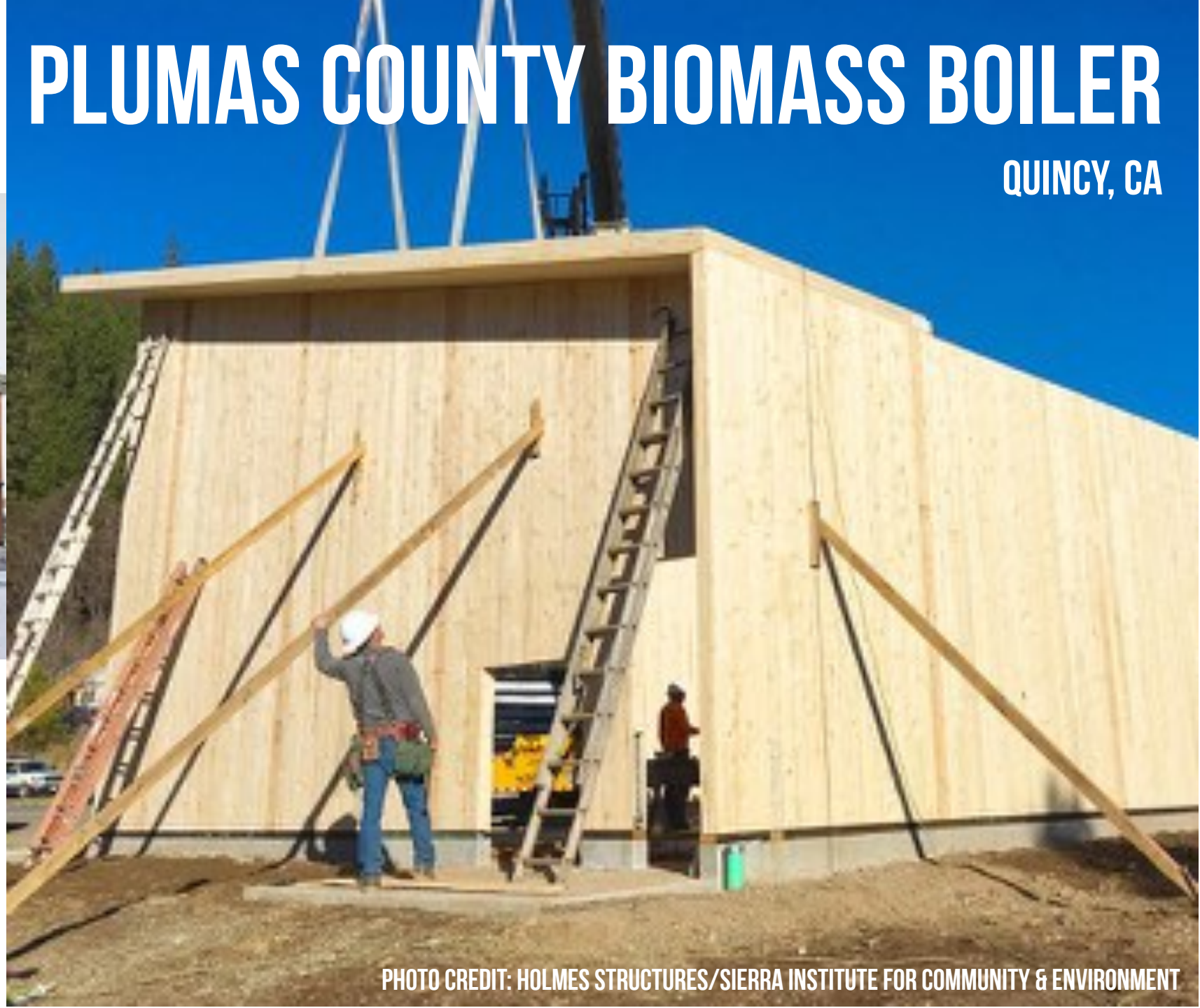
SEATTLE, WA

**NAIL-LAMINATED TIMBER DECKS PROVIDE:
MAXIMIZED SPANS, REDUCED NUMBER OF COLUMNS, MORE OPEN SPACE
FLEXIBILITY, MINIMIZED STRUCTURE DEPTH**

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PLUMAS COUNTY BIOMASS BOILER

QUINCY, CA



- 2,000 SF
- 1ST FULL CLT STRUCTURE IN CALIFORNIA
- COMPLETED 2018

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CHICAGO HORIZON PAVILION

CHICAGO, IL



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CHICAGO HORIZON PAVILION

CHICAGO, IL

**56' SQUARE KIOSK
2 LAYERS OF 3-PLY, 4-1/8" CLT
ROOF PANELS IN OPPOSITE
DIRECTIONS, EACH PANEL 8' X 56',
CREATING 2 WAY SPANNING PLATE**

CHICAGO HORIZON PAVILION

CHICAGO, IL



**TOTAL ROOF STRUCTURE THICKNESS
8-1/4"**
**SPANS UP TO 30 FEET BETWEEN
COLUMNS AT ISOLATED POINTS**



PHOTO CREDIT: AARON FORREST

FRAMEWORK

PORTLAND, OR

PHOTO: JOSHUA JAY ELLIOT

FRAMEWORK

PORTLAND, OR

4 STORIES OF WOOD (OFFICE) OVER 1 STORY OF
CONCRETE (RETAIL & PARKING)

6,800 SF

COMPLETED 2015

PHOTO: JOSHUA JAY ELLIOT

FRAMEWORK

PORTLAND, OR



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NEW ENERGY WORKS TOMORROWLAND

FARMINGTON, NY



PHOTO CREDIT: NESEA/NEW ENERGY WORKS

- 21,000 SF FACILITY
- 3-PLY CLT WALL AND ROOF PANELS
- FIRST CLT BUILDING IN NEW YORK STATE
- COMPLETED 2017



HUDSON BUILDING

VANCOUVER, WA

3 STORIES

45,000 SF

TYPE VA CONSTRUCTION

DEVELOPER: KILLIAN PACIFIC AND MACKENZIE

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HUDSON BUILDING

VANCOUVER, WA

- 25'X25' GRID
- 15'-18' FLOOR TO FLOOR HEIGHTS
- COMPOSITE FLOOR: 2X4 AND 2X6 NLT FLOOR PANELS WITH 3 ½" REINFORCED CONCRETE TOPPING
- ALL MEP EXPOSED



WASHINGTON LATIN PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL GYM

WASHINGTON, DC

- 11,266 SF GYM ADDITION
- 3-PLY CLT WALL AND ROOF PANELS
- 75 FT SPAN GLULAM ROOF BEAMS
- COMPLETED 2016

IMAGE CREDIT: KLH USA

BOISE PUBLIC LIBRARY AT BROWN CROSSING

BOISE, ID

- CLT USED FOR ROOF PANELS IN LIBRARY ADDITION
- COMPLETED 2017



IMAGE CREDIT: BOISE PUBLIC LIBRARY & IDAHO STATESMAN

BRELSFORD WSU VISITOR CENTER

PULLMAN, WA



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BRELSFORD WSU VISITOR CENTER

4,277 SF, 1 STORY VISITOR CENTER
CLT UTILIZED FOR ROOF PANELS WITH
LARGE, EXPRESSED OVERHANGS
COMPLETED LATE 2013

PULLMAN, WA



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UMASS DESIGN BUILDING

AMHERST, MA

IMAGE CREDIT: ALEX SCHREYER



JOHN W. OLVER DESIGN BUILDING

UMASS, AMHERST, MA

4 STORY, 87,500 SF FACILITY WITH: CLASSROOMS, LOUNGES, MEETING ROOMS, MATERIALS-TESTING LAB, GREEN-BUILDING LAB, WOOD SHOP, DIGITAL FABRICATION LAB, CAFE, EXHIBIT SPACE, AND LIBRARY

IMAGE: ALEX SCHREYER

UMASS DESIGN BUILDING

AMHERST, MA

COMPLETED SPRING 2017

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UMASS DESIGN BUILDING

AMHERST, MA

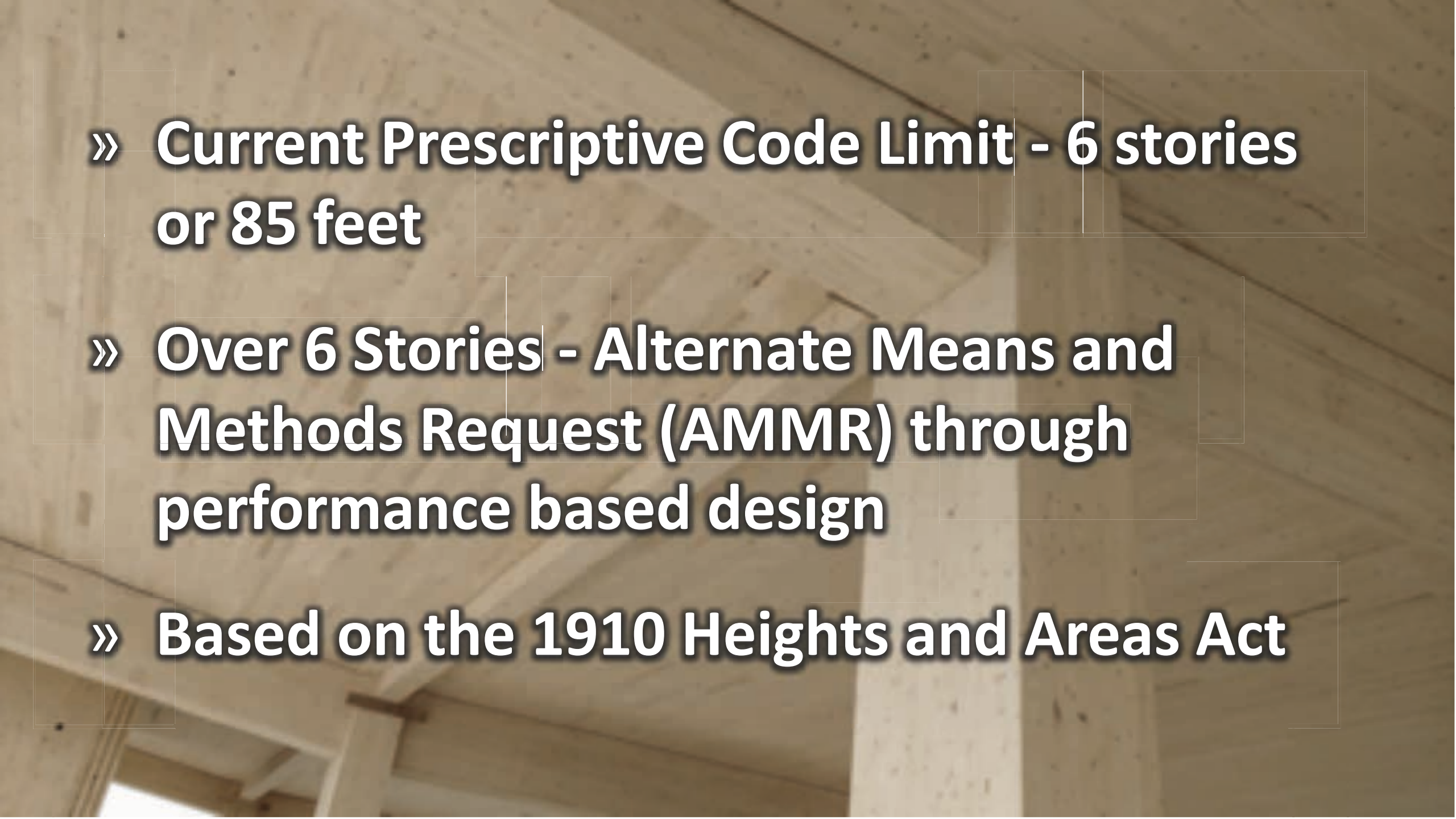
MASS TIMBER CONSTRUCTION

THE FUTURE'S LOOKING UP

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TALL WOOD IN THE U.S.

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- » **Current Prescriptive Code Limit - 6 stories or 85 feet**
 - » **Over 6 Stories - Alternate Means and Methods Request (AMMR) through performance based design**
 - » **Based on the 1910 Heights and Areas Act**

MODERN TALL WOOD

7 STORIES IN 2016



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Architect: DLR Group

T3 Office Building – 230,000 sf – Minneapolis, MN

MODERN TALL WOOD

8 STORIES IN 2017



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Architect: PATH Architecture

Carbon12 – 32,000 sf – Portland, OR



U.S. BUILDING CODE STATUS

U.S. BUILDING CODES

Tall Wood Ad Hoc Committee

Balanced Committee: 2016-2018

Development of code change proposals for prescriptive code allowances of tall wood buildings.



Mass Timber Fire Testing at ATF Lab



Mass Timber Shake Table Test at UCSD

Three Main Categories:

- 1. Noncombustible (Types I and II)
- 2. Light-Frame (Types III and V)
- 3. Mass Timber (Type IV)

IBC TABLE 601

BUILDING ELEMENT	TYPE I		TYPE II		TYPE III		TYPE IV				TYPE V	
	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	C	HT	A	B

New Building Types

Tall Mass Timber Type of Construction Comparison			
Feature	Type IVA	Type IVB	Type IVC
Description of new Type IV Types	100 % Noncombustible (NC) protection on all surfaces of Mass Timber (MT).	NC protection on all surfaces of mass timber (MT) except for limited exposed areas.	Exposed mass timber (MT), except shafts, concealed spaces, and outside of exterior walls.
Permitted Materials			
Structural Building Elements	MT or NC	MT or NC	MT or NC
Nonloadbearing Ext Walls	MT or NC	MT or NC	MT or NC
Nonloadbearing Int Walls	MT or NC	MT or NC	MT or NC
Exit and Hoistway Enclosures			
Highrise* to 12 stories or 180 feet:	NC or MT protected with 2 (or 3 when 3 hr FRR) layers of 5/8" Type X.	NC or MT protected with 2 layers of 5/8" Type X gypsum or equiv each side of enclosure.	NC or MT protected with one layer of 5/8" Type X gypsum each side of shaft or enclosure.
Above 12 stories or 180 ft: <small>*see IBC definition of highrise</small>	NC	Not Permitted	Not Permitted

Source: AWC <https://www.awc.org/tallmasstimber>

Tall Mass Timber Type of Construction Comparison

Feature	Type IVA	Type IVB	Type IVC
Noncombustible Protection			
Interior Protection Req'd 3 hr FRR	3 layers of 5/8" Type X gypsum	Same as Type IV-A for protected MT. Limited exposed MT elements must have same FRR, but may be calculated.	All MT is allowed to be exposed except for 1 layer of 5/8" Type X on outside surfaces of exterior walls, inside and outside of shafts and exit enclosures, and in concealed spaces.
Req'd for 2 hr or less FRR	2 layers of 5/8" Type X gypsum		
Exterior Protection	Minimum of 1 layer of 5/8" Type X gypsum	Minimum of 1 layer of 5/8" Type X gypsum	Minimum of 1 layer of 5/8" Type X gypsum
Floor Surface	1 inch of NC protection	1 inch of NC protection	No protection required
Roof	No NC protection on exterior roof surface, 2 layers of 5/8" Type X gypsum on inside of roof deck.	No NC protection on exterior roof surface, 2 layers of 5/8" Type X gypsum on inside of roof deck.	No protection on roof surface or inside of roof deck is required (unless concealed space).
Concealed Spaces	No exposed MT in concealed spaces. NC protection in concealed spaces.	No exposed MT in concealed spaces. NC protection in concealed spaces.	No exposed MT in concealed spaces. One layer of 5/8" Type X gypsum NC protection in concealed spaces.
Table 601 Fire Resistance Rating (FRR)			
Primary Frame or Bearing Wall:	3 hr FRR (2 hr at roof)	2 hr FRR (1 hr at roof)	2 hr FRR (1 hr at roof)
Floors:	2 hr FRR	2 hr FRR	2 hr FRR
Roof:	1.5 hr FRR	1 hr FRR	1 hr FRR
Fire Resistance Rating Trade-off	No FRR reduction for sprinkler in 403.2.1	No FRR reduction for sprinkler in 403.2.1	No FRR reduction for sprinkler in 403.2.1

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Tall Mass Timber Building Code Changes Pass First Hurdle

The highly-anticipated International Code Council (ICC) Tall Mass Timber Building code changes passed a first hurdle in April with approval by the ICC code changes committee responsible for this part of the process. By wide margins a series of 14 proposals was each approved. The Hearings brought together code and fire officials, along with engineers, architects, builders, and other construction professionals as part of the first public step in approving code change proposals for the 2021 set of ICC codes. The proposals submitted by the ICC Ad Hoc Committee on Tall Wood Buildings (TWB), once officially approved by year-end, would allow mass timber buildings to be constructed up to 18 stories in height. AWC had a significant number of staff in attendance at the Hearings who spoke in support of the Ad Hoc Committee proposals. For more information see www.awc.org/tallmasstimber.

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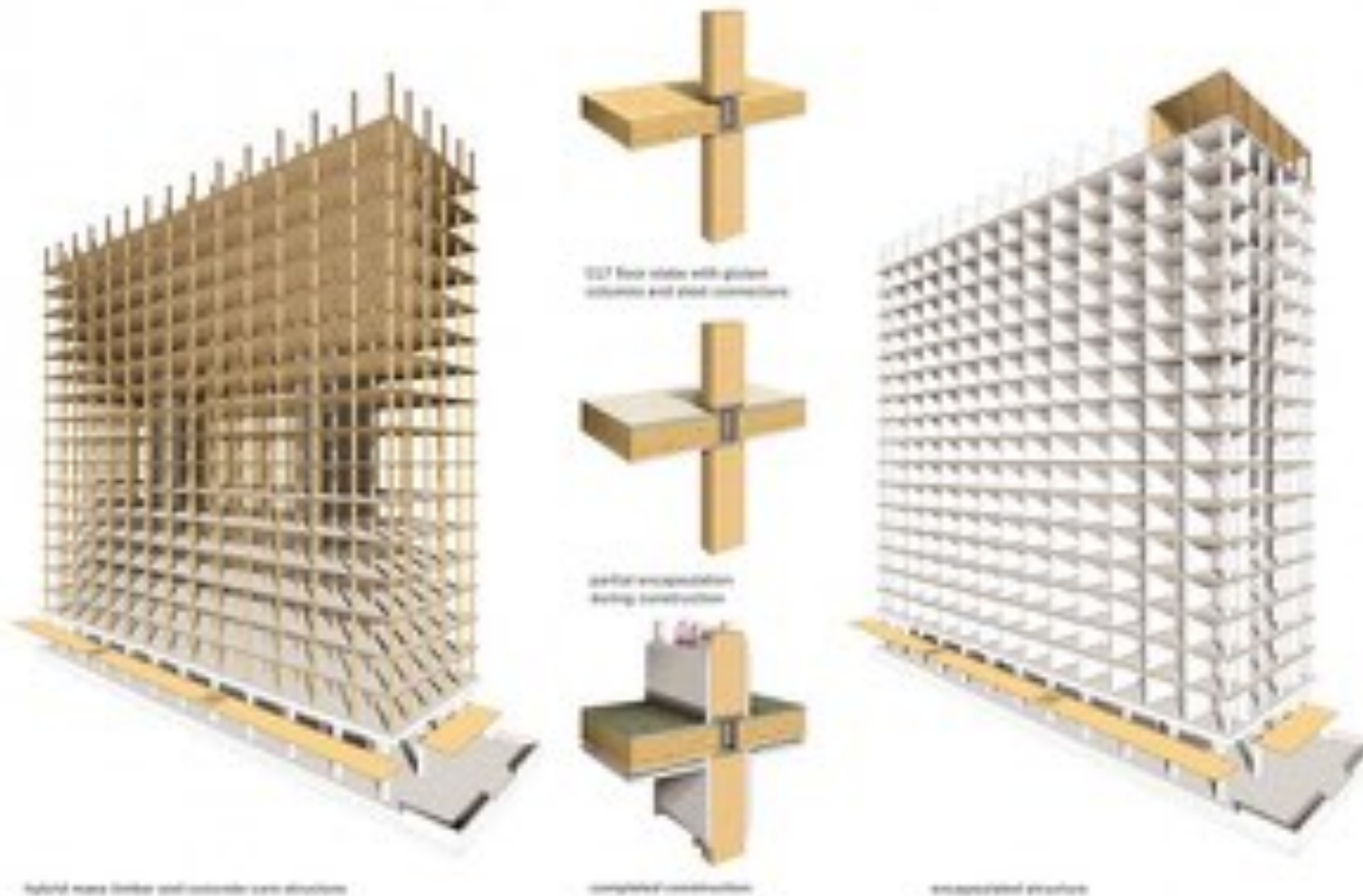
COMPLETED FALL 2017
18 STORIES
174 FT
156K SF



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5 PLY CLT PANELS, 2-WAY SPAN
~9'X13' GRID OF COLUMNS



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17 STORIES OF TIMBER INSTALLATION
STARTED JUNE 6, 2016
FINISHED AUGUST 10, 2016



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