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Introduction to Mass Timber Construction

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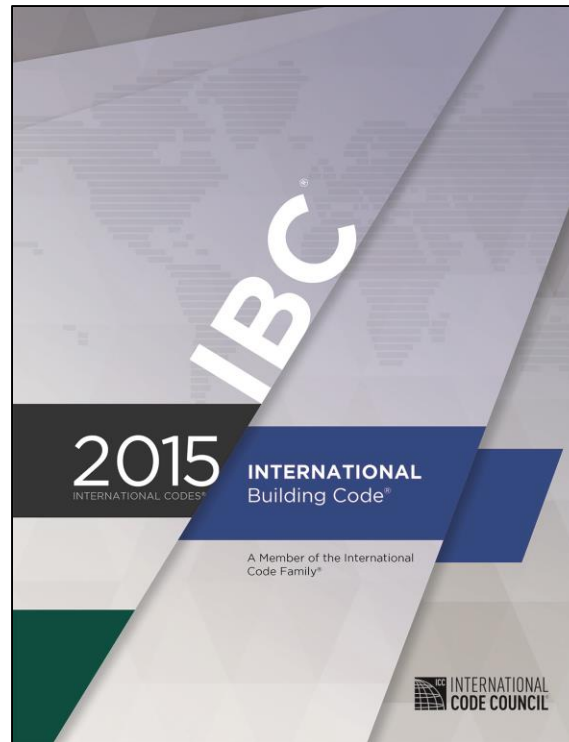
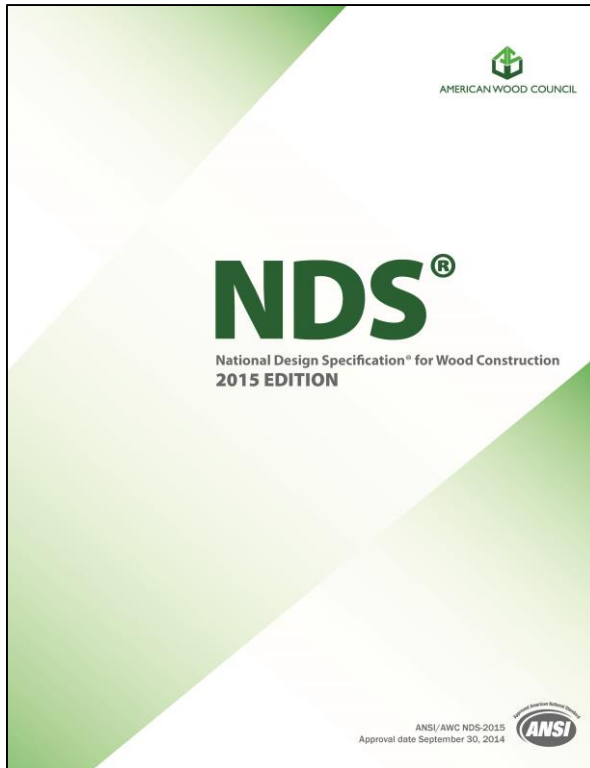


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Description

Cross-laminated timber (CLT) has been in use worldwide for over 15 years, but most notably in Europe. Building with CLT has increased in popularity for many reasons including: just-in-time fabrication and job site delivery, speed and efficiency in construction, reduced job site noise and on-site labor force, substitution of high embodied materials with a renewable resource that sequesters carbon, and creating a living or work space that has the aesthetics of exposed wood.

The recent introduction of CLT in the *2015 National Design Specification® for Wood Construction* (NDS®) and the *2015 International Building Code* has opened up an exciting new chapter in wood construction. The use of CLT alone or in combination with other mass timber elements, such as glued-laminated timber (GLT), nail-laminated timber (NLT), or structural composite lumber (SCL), is becoming more common in buildings complying with the current code. There is also an effort underway by the International Code Council (ICC) to recognize the use of mass timber elements in taller, combustible construction through the work of the ICC Tall Wood Ad Hoc Committee. This presentation will provide an introduction to CLT including relevant design standards and code references. Examples of various mass timber buildings around the world will be provided and potential future code provisions relating to mass timber will also be discussed.



Learning Objectives

At the end of this program, participants will be better able to

1. Define cross-laminated timber
2. Identify code and standard updates relevant to CLT and other mass timber elements
3. Recognize notable mass timber structures around the world
4. Understand how wood performs in fire conditions
5. Comprehend current tall wood building code developments and resources

Cross-laminated Timber (CLT)



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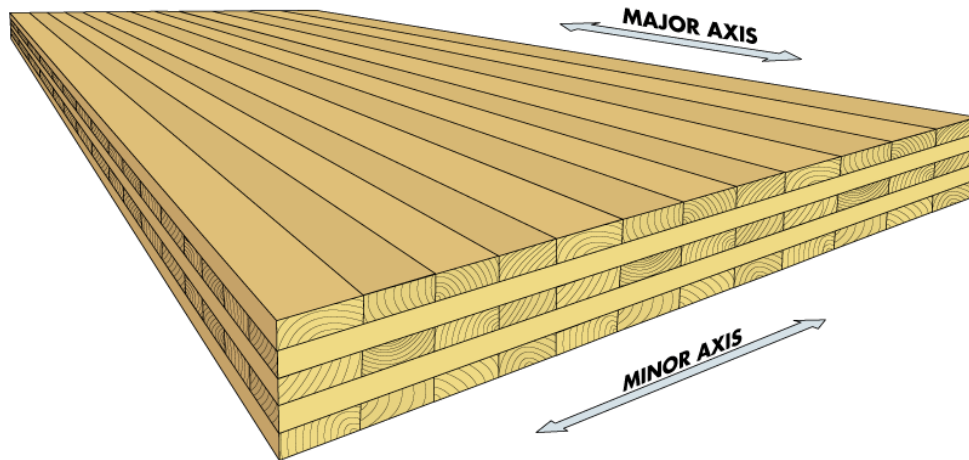
Mass Timber Concept - History of CLT

- 1985 1st CLT patent - France
- 1993 1st CLT projects - Switzerland and Germany
- 1995-1996 Improved press technology
- 1998 1st multi-story res building - Austria
- Early 2000's
 - CLT use (Europe) increased significantly
 - Green building movement driven
 - Better efficiencies, product approvals, improved marketing and distribution channels
 - Over 500 CLT buildings in England
- Recent - US and Canadian use of CLT



CLT vs. GLT

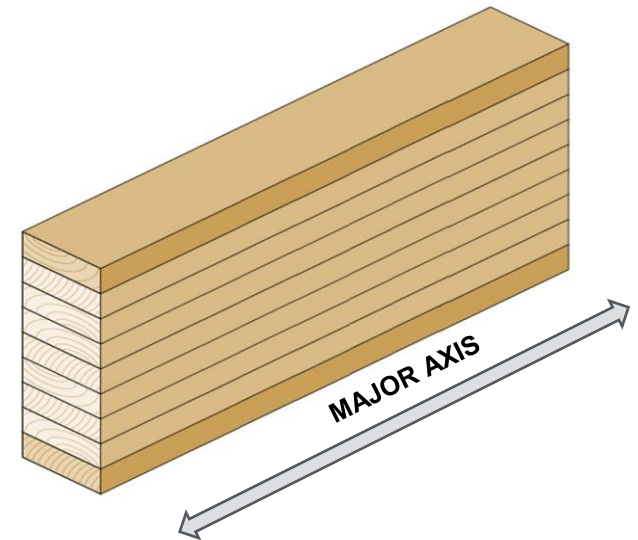
Cross Laminated Timber



Thick Orthotropic Plate

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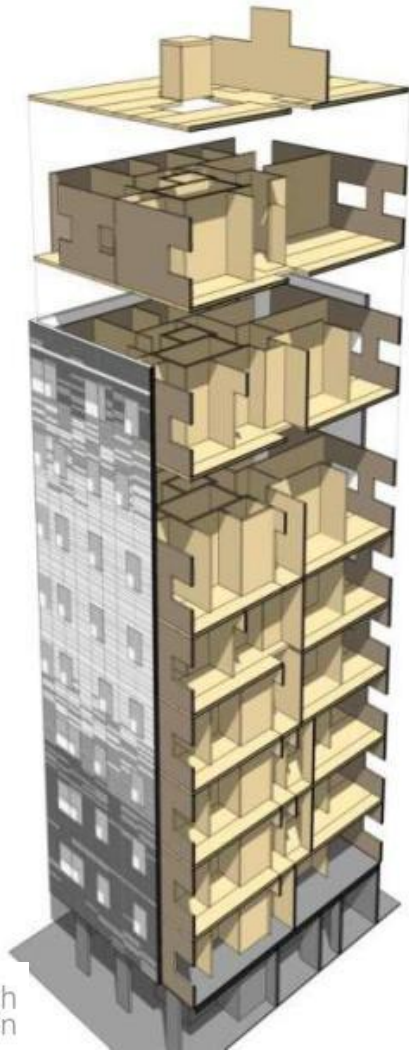
Glued Laminated Timber



Beam-like member

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Climate Change



architects Waugh
Thistleton

**Stradthaus – 24 Murray Grove
London infill project
29 flats
4x less weight than concrete
~1/2 construction time of precast concrete
(saved 22 weeks 30%)
Saves 300 metric tons of CO2
21 years of building energy usage**



THE CASE FOR Tall Wood BUILDINGS How Mass Timber Offers a Safe, Economical, and Environmentally Friendly Alternative for Tall Building Structures FEBRUARY 22, 2012 PREPARED BY: mgb ARCHITECTURE + DESIGN; Equilibrium Consulting; LMDG Ltd; BTY Group

Mass Timber – US



Elementary School, Franklin, West Virginia

Source: LignaTerra

Mass Timber – US

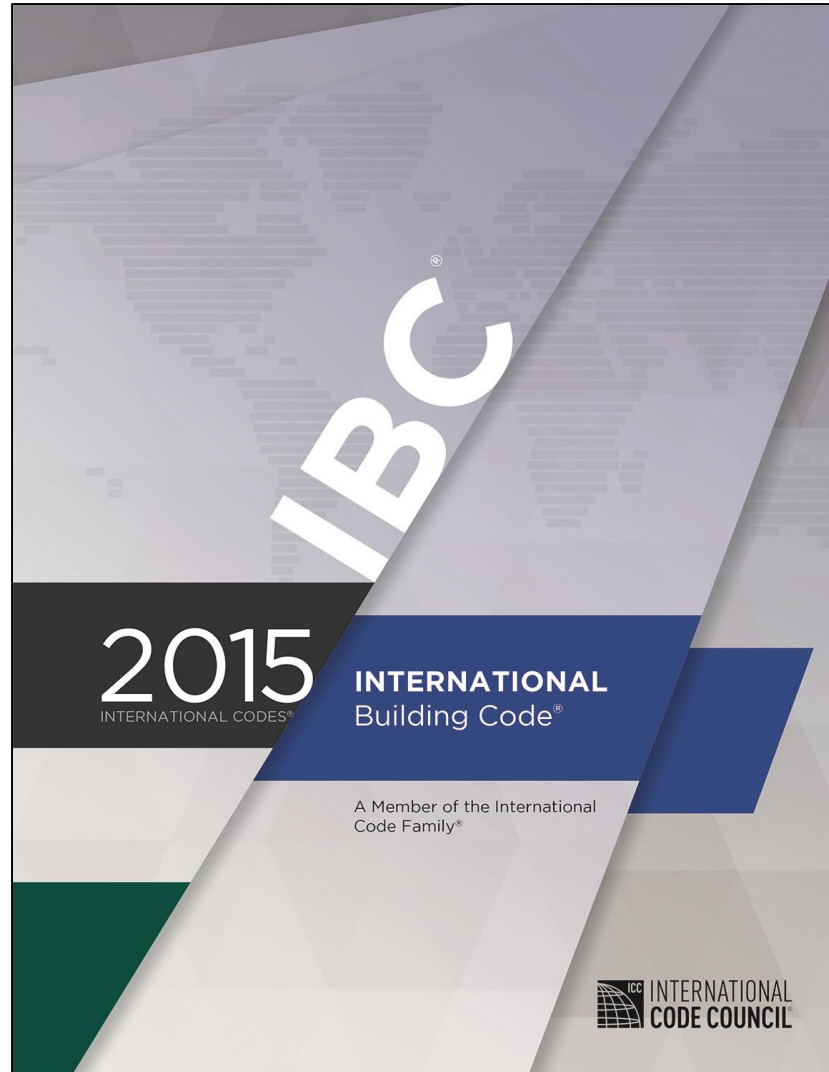
Private Army Hotel Redstone Arsenal Huntsville, AL



Four stories 58,000 sq ft
Architect: Lend Lease

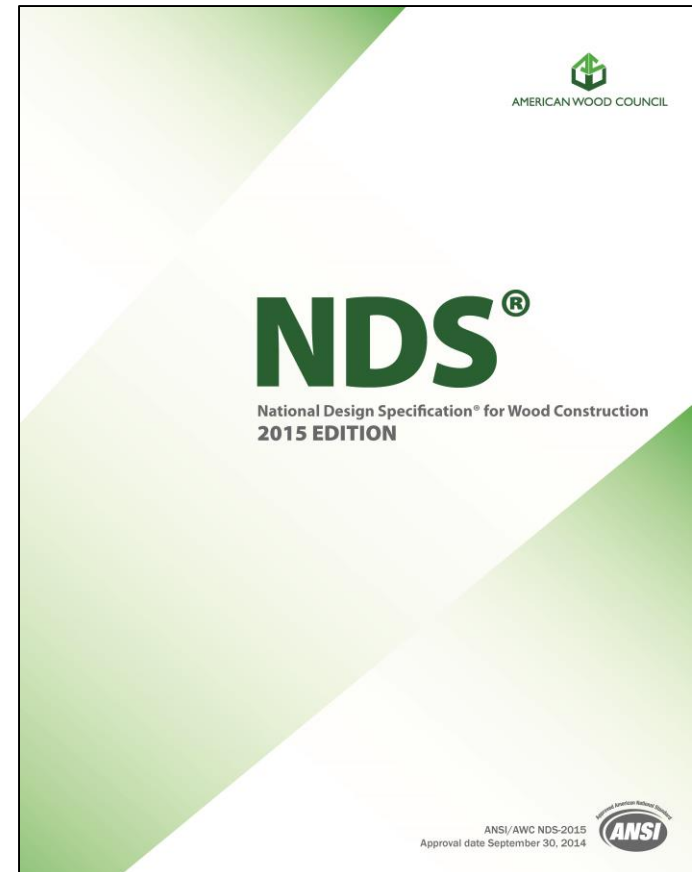
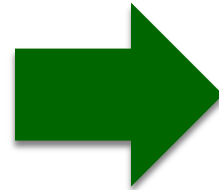
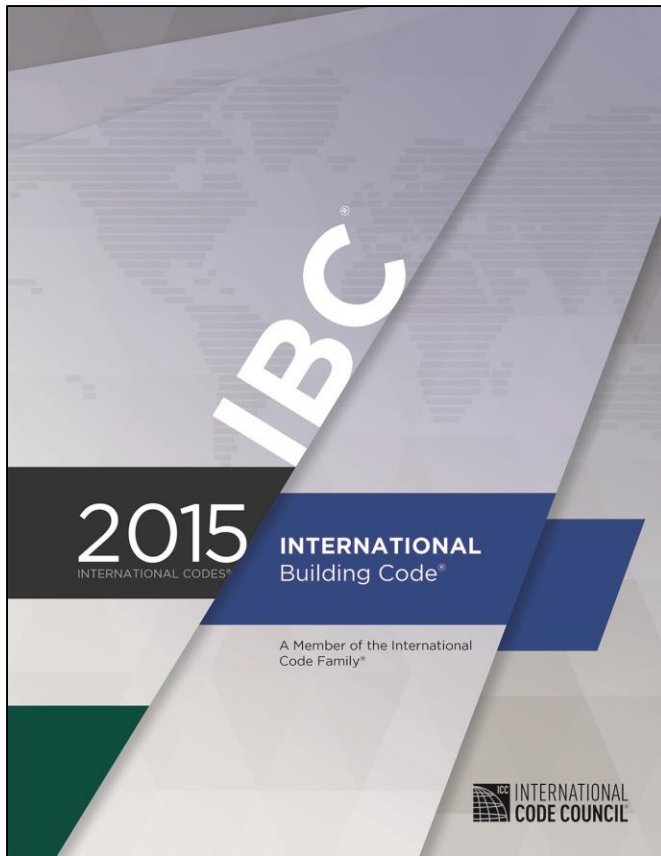
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Building Codes



Governing Codes for Wood Design

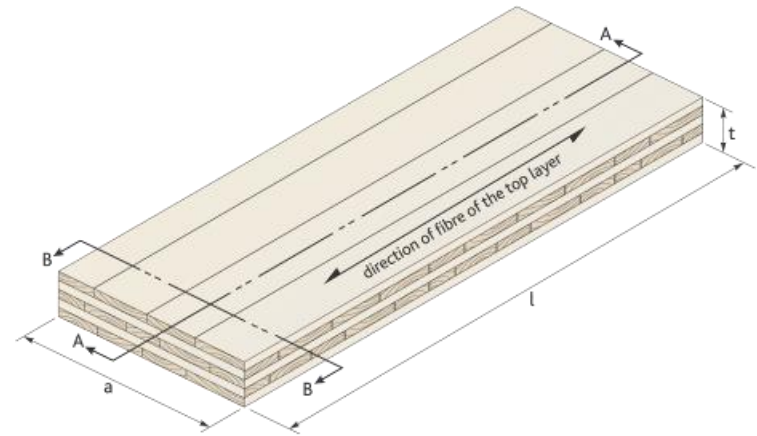
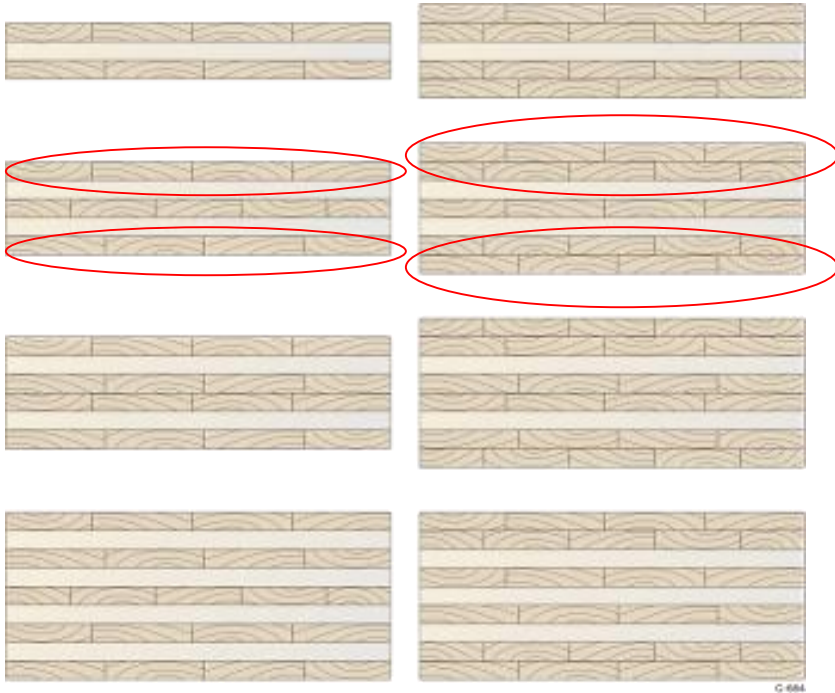
2015 IBC references in 2015 NDS



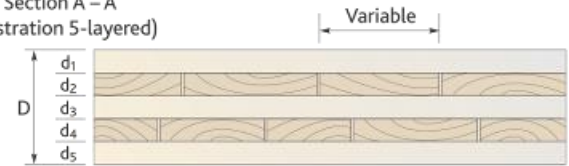
Chapter 10 – Cross-Laminated Timber

1, 2, 3, 4
transverse layers

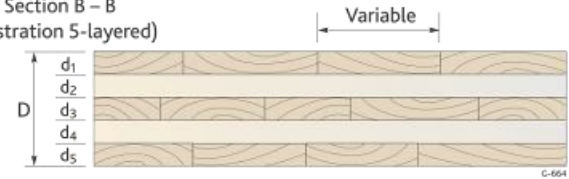
Single or multiple
surface layers



Section A – A
(illustration 5-layered)



Section B – B
(illustration 5-layered)



Laminations: 5/8”-2” sawn lumber or SCL
Panel thickness: 20” max
In-Service MC: 16%

Chapter 10 – Cross-Laminated Timber

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CROSS-LAMINATED TIMBER

New

10.1 General

10.1.1 Application

10.1.1.1 Chapter 10 applies to engineering design with performance-rated cross-laminated timber.

10.1.1.2 Design procedures, reference design values and other information provided herein apply only to performance-rated cross-laminated timber produced in accordance with ANSI/APA PRG-320.

10.1.2 Definition

Cross-Laminated Timber (CLT) – a prefabricated engineered wood product consisting of at least 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.

10.1.3 Standard Dimensions

10.1.3.1 The net thickness of a lamination for all layers at the time of gluing shall not be less than 5/8 inch or more than 2 inches.

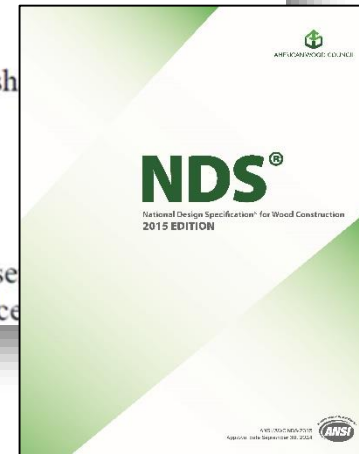
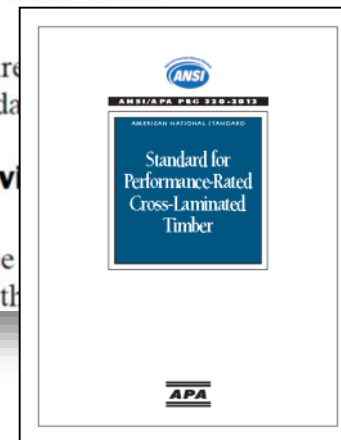
10.1.3.2 The thickness of cross-laminated timber shall not exceed 20 inches.

10.1.4 Specification

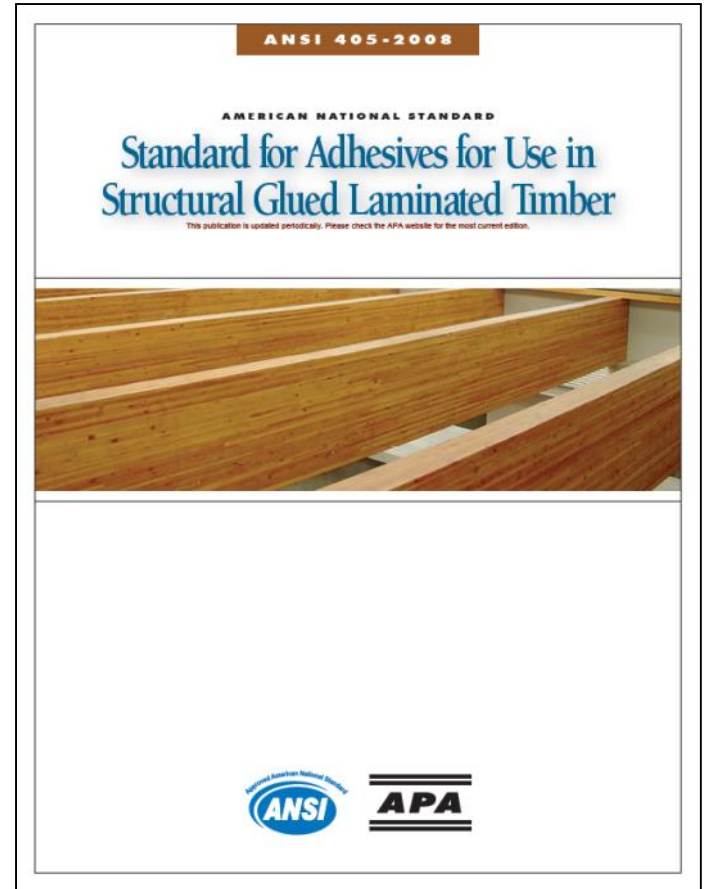
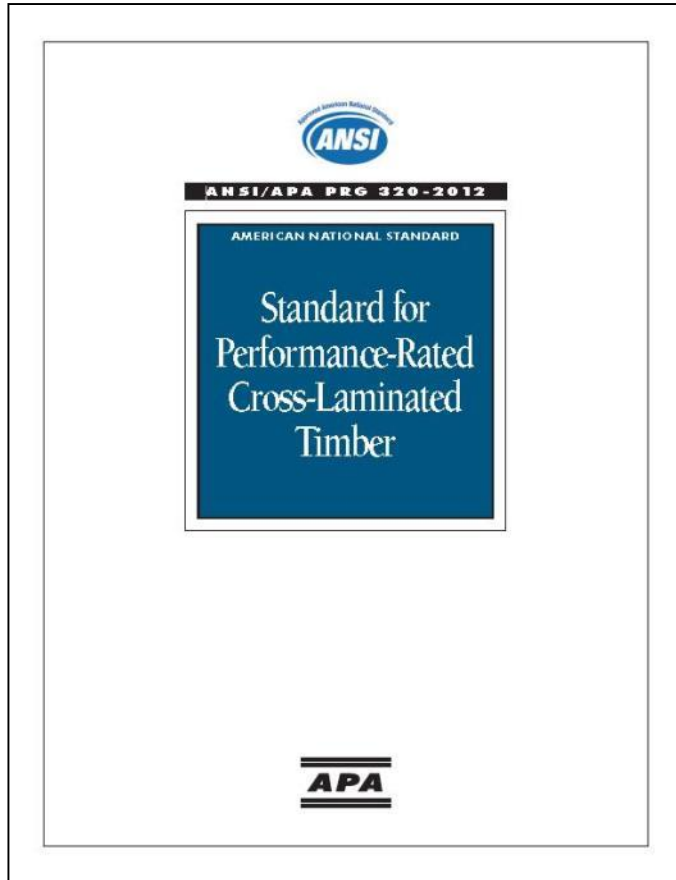
All requirements shall be specified in accordance with the following:

10.1.5 Service

Reference shall be made to the following conditions, where they apply:



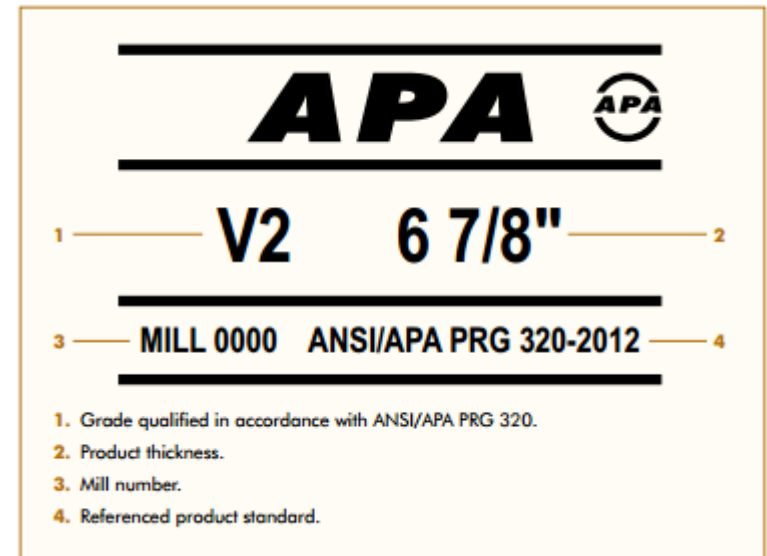
GLT and CLT Adhesives



Product Marking

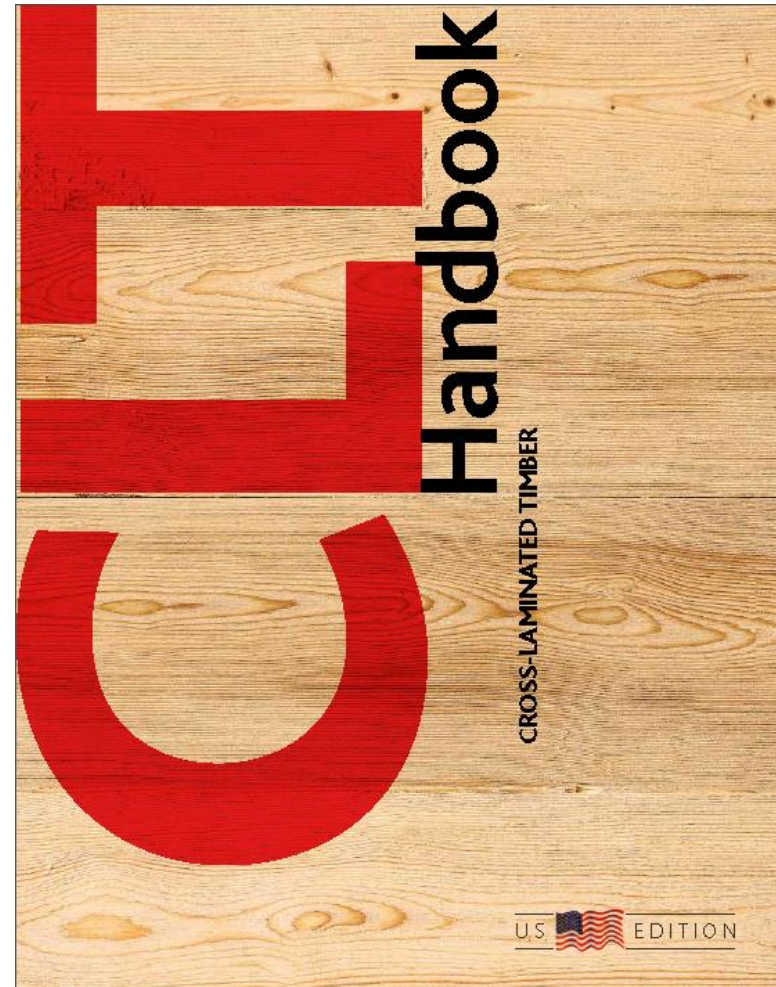
Marks contain the following:

- a) CLT grade qualified
- b) CLT thickness or identification
- c) Mill name or identification number
- d) Approved agency name or logo
- e) "ANSI/APA PRG 320"
- f) Manufacturer's designation
- g) "Top" stamped on top face
(For unbalanced layups)



CLT Handbook

- **Additional information on issues not yet covered in NDS or IBC**
 - Energy
 - Sound
 - Vibration
 - Enclosures
 - Handling



Nail Laminated Timber (NLT)



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Nail-Laminated Timber

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Volume I



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(g) **Mechanically Laminated Floors and Decks.** A laminated lumber floor or deck built up of wood members set on edge, when meeting the following requirements, may be designed as a solid floor or roof deck of the same thickness, and continuous spans may be designed on the basis of the full cross section using the simple span moment coefficient.

Laminations shall be driven up and spiked closely together with a row of nails near each edge at spaced intervals and staggered vertically. Nail spacing in each row shall not exceed eighteen inches (18") for two-inch by eight-inch (2" x 8") nominal width and be proportional for other plank widths. Nail length shall be not less than two and one-half times the net thickness of each lamination.

A single span deck shall have all laminations full length.

A continuous deck of two spans shall have not more than every fourth lamination spliced within quarter points adjoining supports.

A continuous deck of more than two spans shall have not more than every third lamination spliced within quarter points adjoining supports.

Joints shall be closely butted over supports or staggered across the deck but within the adjoining quarter spans.

No lamination shall be spliced more than twice in any span.

Nail-Laminated Timber

- **2304.8.3 Mechanically laminated decking.**
- **2304.8.3.1 General.**
- **2304.8.3.2 Nailing.**
- **2304.8.3.3 Controlled random pattern.**

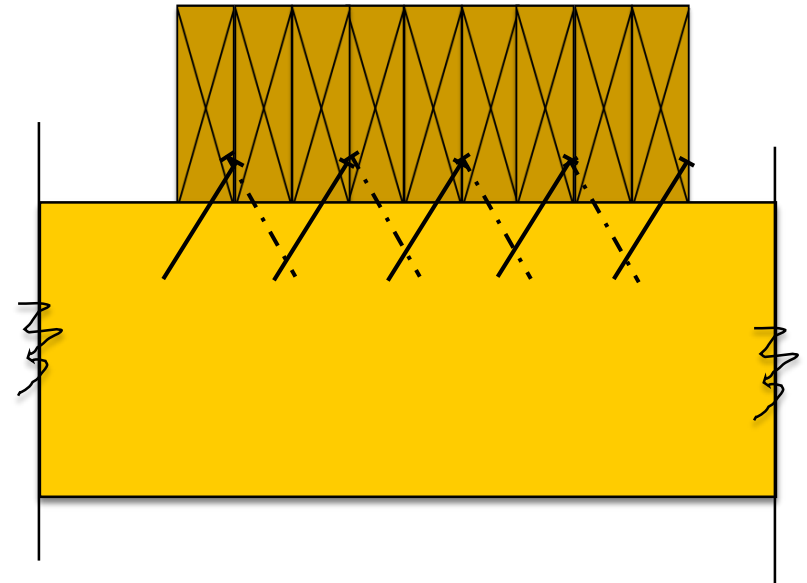
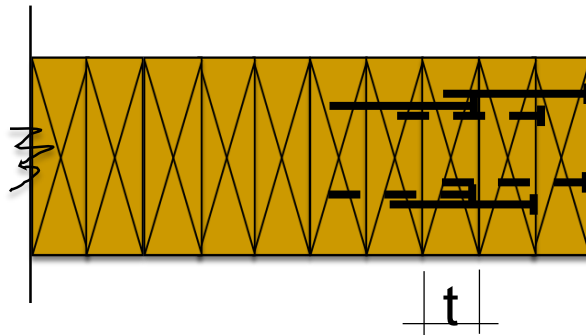
Nail length_{min} = $2.5 \times t_{\text{lamination}}$

Nail spacing

$\leq 30''$ o.c.* 48'' span

$\leq 18''$ o.c.* $> 48''$ span

*nail placement alternates between top and bottom



Warner Drive – Culver City, CA



- Nail-Laminated Timber – 2x12 vertical mechanically-connected w/nails
- NDS principles of mechanics



Architect: Profeta Royalty Architecture
Structural Engineer: Structural Focus
Completed: 2011

Nail-Laminated Timber

- **Clay Creative**
- Portland, Oregon
 - Mixed-Use
 - 72,000 SF
 - 6 Story (5 over 1 plus 1 level partial below grade parking)

Developer: Killian Pacific
Architect: Mackenzie
Structural Engineer: Kramer Gehlen & Associates
Completion: 2016





Nail-Laminated Timber

- **The Hudson**
 - Vancouver, WA
 - Mixed-Use
 - 45,000 SF
 - 3 story



*Developer: Killian Pacific
Architect: Mackenzie
Completion: 2016*



Nail-Laminated Timber



Nail-Laminated Timber

Surrey Christian School

20,000 sqft

KMBR Architects

<http://www.structurecraft.com/projects/surrey-christian-school-primary>



General Contractor: **Companion**

Location: **Surrey, British Columbia, Canada**

Design Assist, Fabrication and Installation: **StructureCraft**

Completion: **2013**

Resource: StructureCraft

Glued-laminated Timber (GLT)





Glued-laminated Timber

- **One North**
- Portland, Oregon
- Mixed Use
- East Bldg. 43,000 SF
- West Bldg. 43,000 SF



Development Team: Karuna Properties II, LLC; Nels Gabbert, LLC; Kaiser Group Inc.; Owen Gabbert, LLC
Contractor: R&H Construction
Architect: Holst Architecture
Structural Engineer: Froelich Consulting Engineers
Completion: 2016

Glued-laminated Timber



Structural Composite Lumber (SCL)



Photo provided by Truss Joist



Photo provided by Weyerhaeuser

• PSL

- parallel strand lumber

• LSL

- laminated strand lumber

• LVL

- laminated veneer lumber



Photo provided by Structurecraft



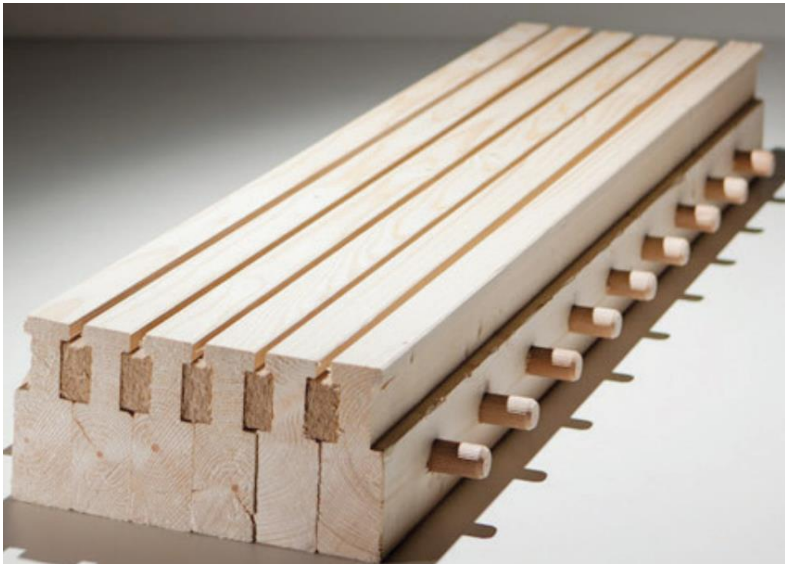
Photo provided by Wood Solutions

• OSL

- oriented strand lumber

Other Innovations

- **Dowel Laminated Timber**
- **Wood-Concrete Composites**



Historical Tall Wood



Kelly, Douglas and Co. Warehouse;
Vancouver , BC (c. 1905)



The Purse Building, Dallas, TX, (c. 1905)



Leckie Building, Vancouver, BC
(c. 1908)

Butler Brothers Building – Minneapolis - 1906



From *Designing for Durability* – reThinkWood.com
Building interior: Preservation Alliance of Minnesota; Building exterior: Butler Square

US Projects

- **Framework**
- **Portland, Oregon**
 - 12 Story
 - Currently tallest Wood Building in US
 - Street-level retail, office, workforce housing and community space
 - U.S. Tall Wood Building Prize Competition winner *

<http://www.nextportland.com/2016/07/21/framework-dz1/>

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Photo provided by Next Portland

Mass Timber – US

Mixed retail/office space

Minneapolis, Minnesota

- T3 Project
- 7 Stories
- <https://vimeo.com/162580838>



US Projects

Carbon 12

- Portland, Oregon
- 8 Stories
- Residential tower

<http://www.nextportland.com/2015/05/14/carbon12/>



Canadian Projects



The Arbora

- Québec, Canada
 - 8 Stories
 - 434 Residential condo, townhouse and rental units



The Arbora





Canadian Projects

Brock Commons

- Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
- 18 Stories
- Mixed use student housing



Tall Wood Worldwide

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TALL WOOD GALLERY

Over the past several years, a number of tall wood projects have been completed around the world, demonstrating successful applications of new wood and mass timber technologies. Here are several of the most recent projects.

If you know of any new tall wood projects, please let us know at info@reThinkWood.com.

Click on the building images below for more details.



Brock Commons Tallwood House
Vancouver, Canada
18 Stories
2017



Origine Condos
Quebec City, Canada
13 Stories
2017



T3
Minnesota, United States
7 Stories
2016



Cenni di Cambiamento
Milan, Italy
9 Stories
2013



Wagramerstrasse
Vienna, Austria
7 Stories
2013



Panorama Giustinelli
Triste, Italy
7 Stories
2013



Hypérion
Bordeaux, France
18 Stories
2020



Silva
Bordeaux, France
18 Stories
Under Construction



5 King
Australia
10 Stories
Under Construction



Arbora
Montréal, Canada
8 Stories
2016



Moholt 50/50
Trondheim, Norway
9 Stories
2016



Banyan Wharf
London, UK
10 Stories
2015



Maison de l'Inde
Paris, France
7 Stories
2013



Pentagon II
Oslo, Norway
8 Stories
2013



Dalston Lane
London, UK
9 Stories
2017



Mjøstårnet
Norway
18 Stories
Under Construction



HoHo Vienna
Vienna, Austria
24 Stories
Proposed



Haut
Amsterdam, Netherlands
21 Stories
Proposed



Puukuokka
Jyväskylä, Finland
8 Stories
2015



TREET
Bergen, Norway
14 Stories
2015



Strandparken
Stockholm, Sweden
8 Stories
2014



LifeCycle Tower One
Dornbirn, Austria
8 Stories
2012



Forté
Melbourne, Australia
10 Stories
2012



Holz8
Batabling, German
8 Stories
2011



Framework
Portland, United States
12 Stories
Design Phase



Sanctuary
Glasgow, Scotland
7 Stories
2018



Sida Vid Sida
Skelleftea, Sweden
19 Stories
Announced



Contralaminada
Lleida, Spain
8 Stories
2014



Wood Innovation & Design Centre
British Columbia, Canada
8 Stories
2014



St. Dié-des-Vosges
St. Dié-des-Vosges
8 Stories
2014



Bridport House
London, UK
8 Stories
2010



Trafalgar Place
London, UK
10 Stories



Carbon 12
Portland, United States
8 Stories
Design Phase

<http://www.rethinkwood.com/tall-wood-mass-timber/tall-wood-gallery>

Heavy Timber Fire Resistance Rating

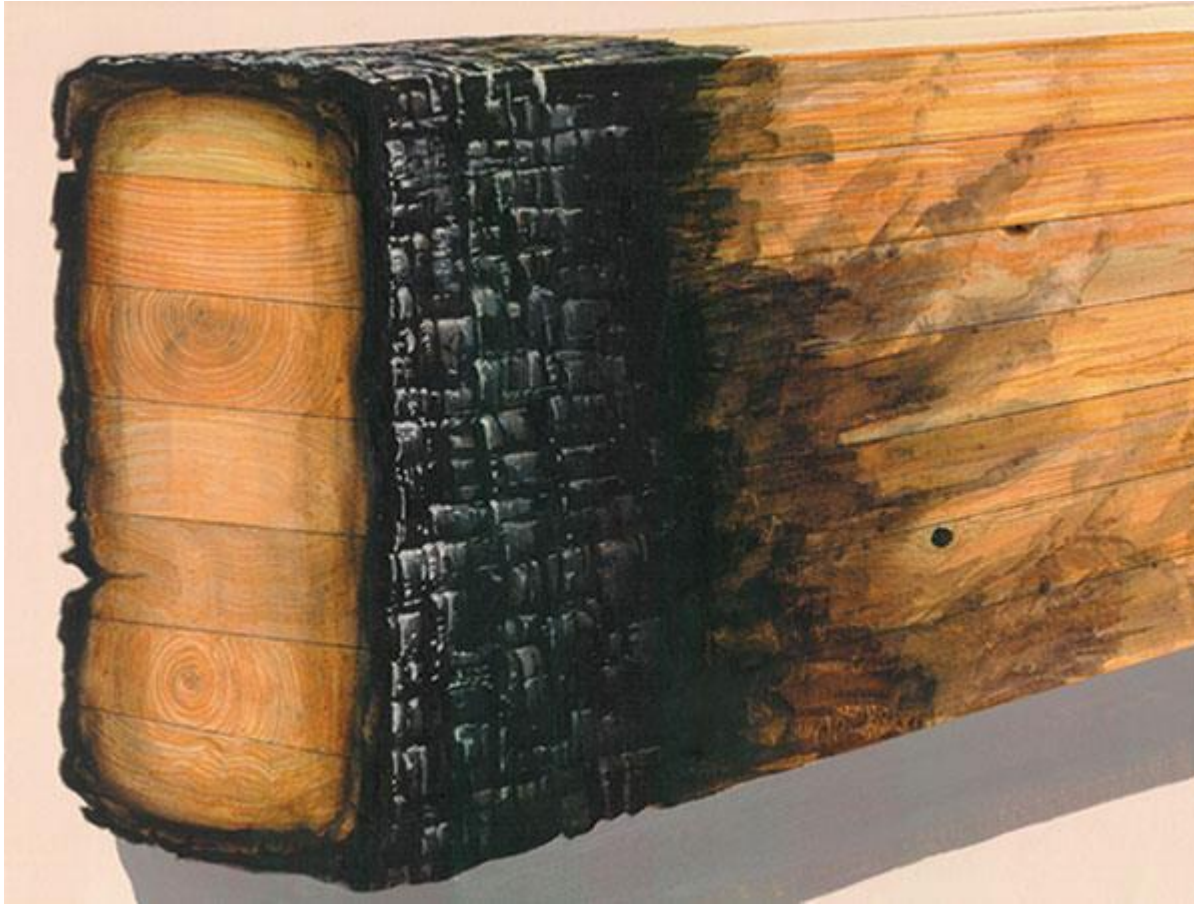
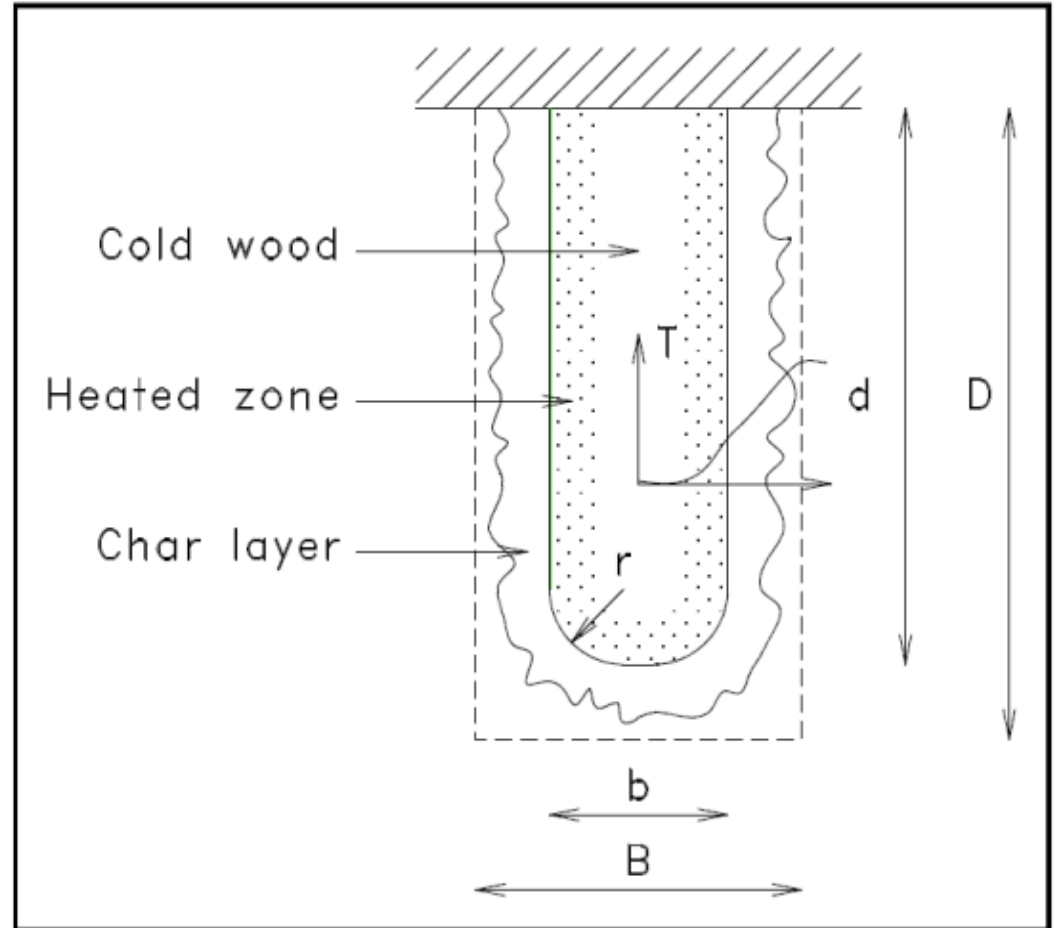
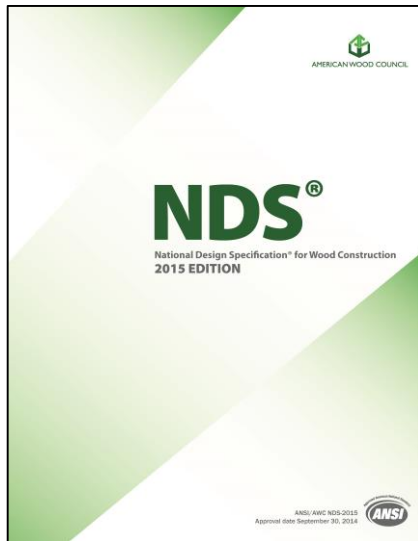


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NDS Chapter 16 – Calculated Resistance

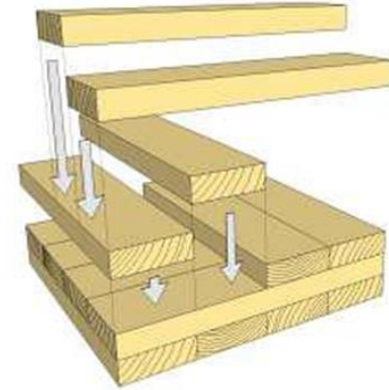
- Fire resistance of exposed wood members may be calculated using the provisions of NDS Chapter 16



Predictable

Fire Design of Exposed Wood Members

New
$$a_{\text{char}} = 1.2 \left[n_{\text{lam}} h_{\text{lam}} + \beta_n \left(t - (n_{\text{lam}} t_{\text{gi}}) \right)^{0.813} \right]$$



Cross-laminated Timber-Effective Char Depth

$$t_{\text{gi}} = \left(\frac{h_{\text{lam}}}{\beta_n} \right)^{1.23}$$

t_{gi} = time for char front to reach glued interface (hr.)

h_{lam} = lamination thickness (in.)

$$n_{\text{lam}} = \frac{t}{t_{\text{gi}}}$$

n_{lam} = number of laminations charred (rounded to lowest integer)

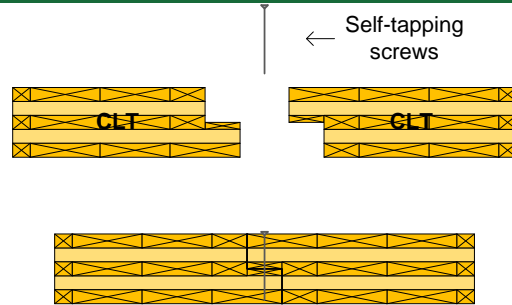
t = exposure time (hr.)



Fire Test

American Wood Council ASTM E119 Fire Endurance Test

- 5-Ply CLT (approx. 7" thick)
- 5/8" Type X GWB each side
- Sought 2 hour rating
- RESULTS: 3 hours 6 minutes



Half-lapped – middle
of panel



Residential Fire Load Demonstration



Room after 60 minutes



Room after drywall removed following the three-hour test

CLT : September 15, 2015

ICC Tall Wood Ad Hoc



For Immediate Release

January 7, 2016

www.iccsafe.org

Contact: Trey Hughes

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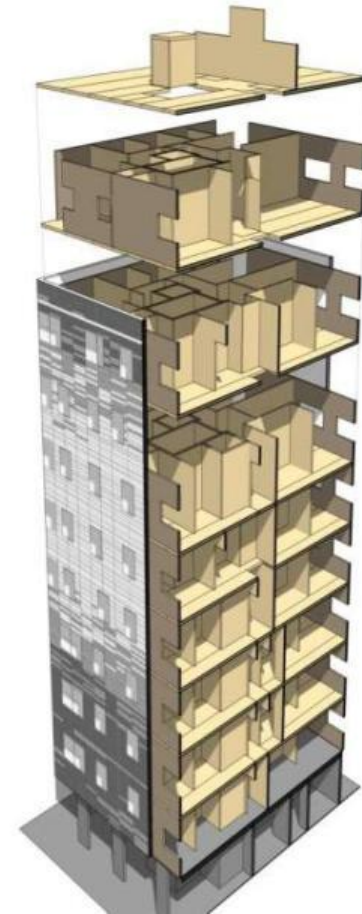
ICC Accepting Applications for Ad Hoc Committee on Tall Wood Buildings

The International Code Council (ICC) Board of Directors has established an ad hoc committee to explore the building science of tall wood buildings. Tall wood is a term used in the industry to identify wood construction which utilizes Cross Laminated Timber (CLT) in buildings of heights greater than six stories. CLT buildings with heights varying from seven to 12 stories are in the planning stages in Minneapolis, Portland, and New York City.



AWC Proposals

- Existing Type IV construction to remain
- New categories for CLT/Mass Timber
 - Examples based on Use Groups R1 and R2
 - Type IV C - 9 Stories meeting existing code requirements for HT except with 2-hour fire performance
 - 12 Stories meeting existing code requirements (except for non-combustibility) of Type IB construction
 - 20 Stories meeting existing code requirements (except for non-combustibility) of Type IA construction
 - Additional enhancements above current code requirements can be considered for each category



Sprinklered Group R (NFPA 13 sprinkler system)

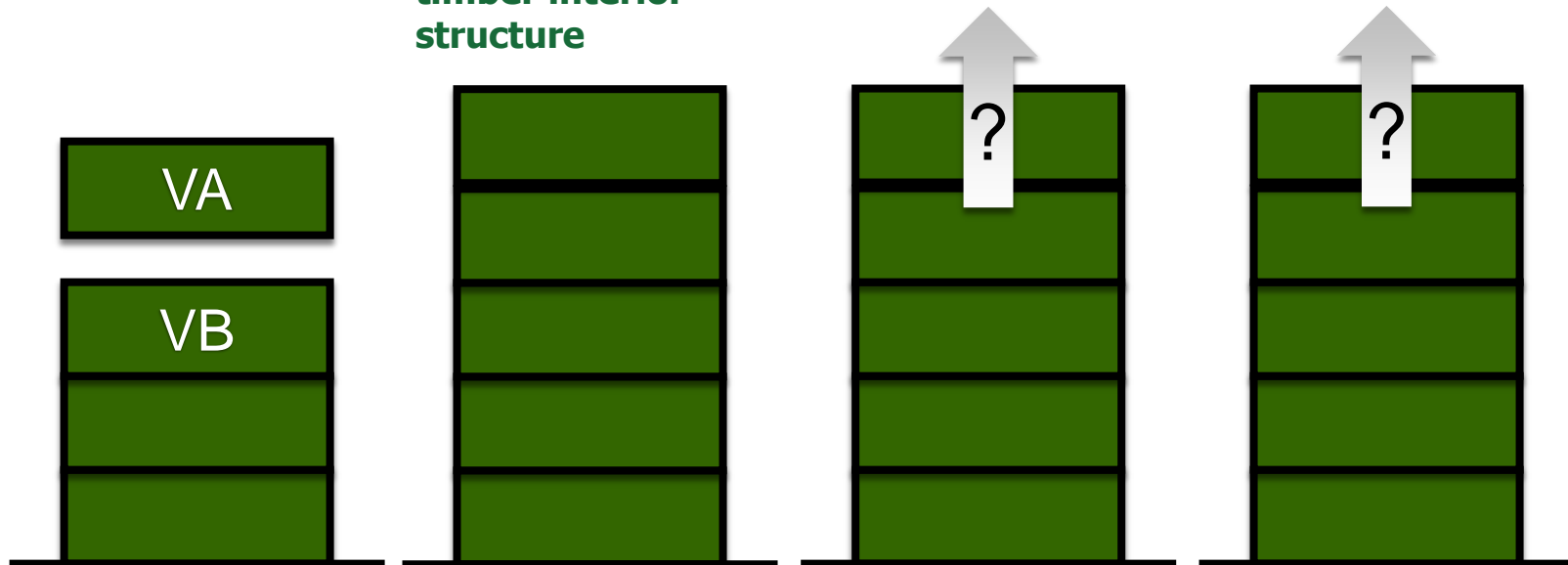
- Conventional light frame, unrated (Type VB) or 1-hour rated structure (Type VA)

Type III (noncom or FRTW 2-hour exterior bearing walls; light frame interior structure)

Type IV (noncom or FRTW exterior walls; heavy timber interior structure)

- “Mass” Timber, fire resistance rated, minimum heavy timber dimensions, and partially protected with gypsum

- Mass timber, fire resistance rated and fully protected with gypsum



Possible Fire Safety Distinctions for Mass Timber

Type IV:

-minimum heavy timber dimensions;

-no concealed spaces

Type IV-C:

-minimum heavy timber dimensions

-MINIMUM fire resistance ratings

-protected concealed spaces

Type IV-B:

-minimum heavy timber dimensions

-INCREASED fire resistance ratings

-protected concealed spaces

-PROTECTION required (gypsum covering, multiple layers, most surfaces)

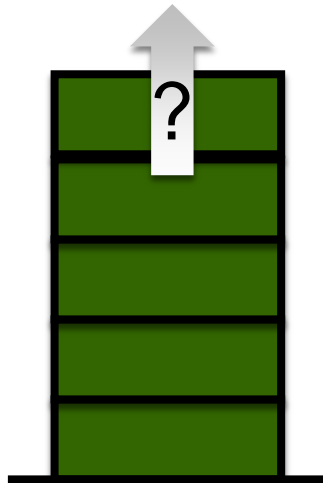
Type IV-A:

-minimum heavy timber dimensions

-MAXIMUM fire resistance ratings

-protected concealed spaces

-COMPLETE PROTECTION required (gypsum covering, multiple layers, for all surfaces)

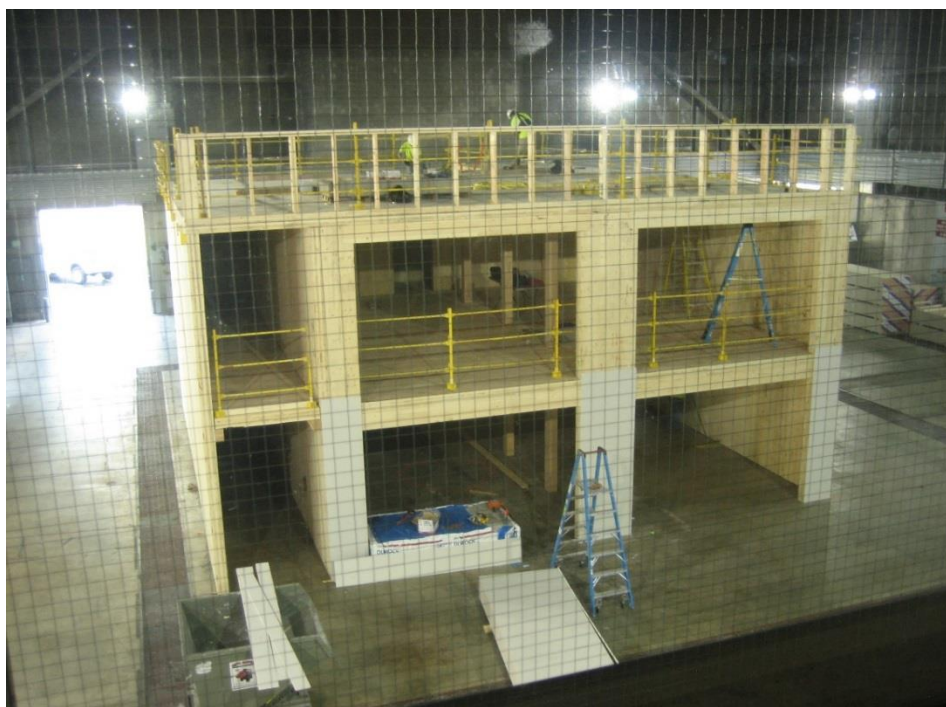


12 STORIES ?

20 STORIES ?

Ongoing testing

- National Fire Protection Research Foundation (at NIST test facilities)
- AWC testing (ATF facility)



Questions?

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