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# Mass Timber Construction: Products, Performance and Design

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Questions related to specific materials, methods, and services will be addressed at the conclusion of this presentation.

# > 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.





# TODAY'S AGENDA

MASS TIMBER CONSTRUCTION

## MASS TIMBER

- **WHY USE IT – APPEAL**
- **WHAT IS IT – PRODUCTS**
- **HOW DOES IT WORK – DESIGN TOPICS**
- **WHERE IS IT USED – CASE STUDIES**
- **WHAT'S NEXT?**



# MASS TIMBER APPEAL

## PRIMARY DRIVERS

CONSTRUCTION SPEED & EFFICIENCY

CONSTRUCTION SITE CONSTRAINTS — URBAN INFILL

INNOVATION/AESTHETIC

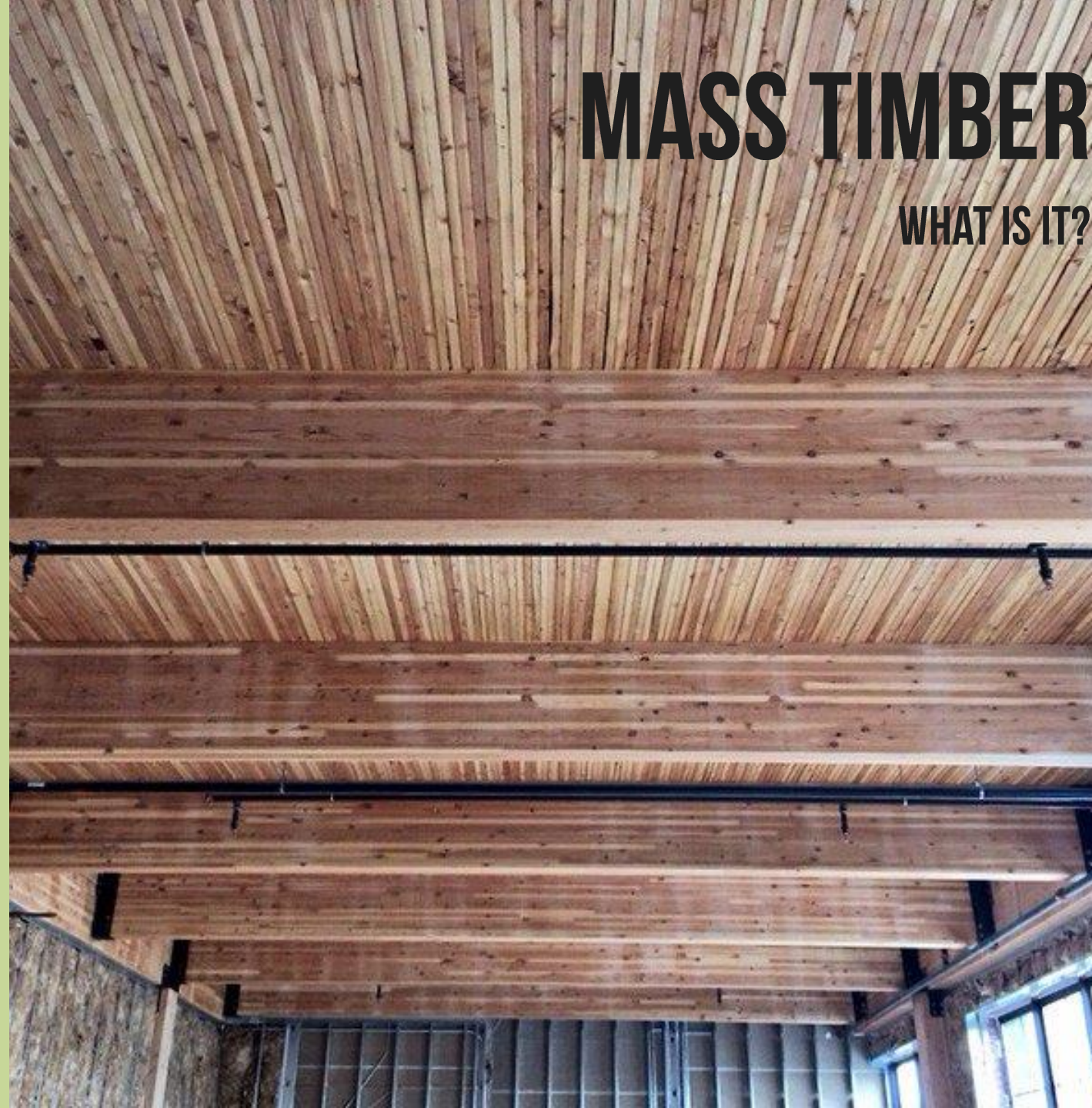
## SECONDARY DRIVERS

CARBON REDUCTIONS

STRUCTURAL PERFORMANCE — LIGHT WEIGHT



**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?



# MASS TIMBER APPEAL





# MASS TIMBER APPEAL

REDUCED CONSTRUCTION TIME

**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)**



**LESS TIME ON SITE =  
LESS \$\$**



**FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL, FRANKLIN, WV**

**45,200 FT2 2 STORY  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**8 WEEKS TO CONSTRUCT**

# MASS TIMBER APPEAL

MATERIAL MASS

75% LIGHTER WEIGHT THAN CONCRETE





# MASS TIMBER APPEAL

MATERIAL MASS



**FORTE', VICTORIA HARBOR, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA**  
**ARCHITECT: LEND LEASE**

**COMPLETED IN 2012**

**10 STORIES**

**~ 105 FT. TALL, > 18.6 K SQFT.**

**3 MILLION IN R&D**

**POOR SOILS REQUIRED A MUCH LIGHTER BUILDING**



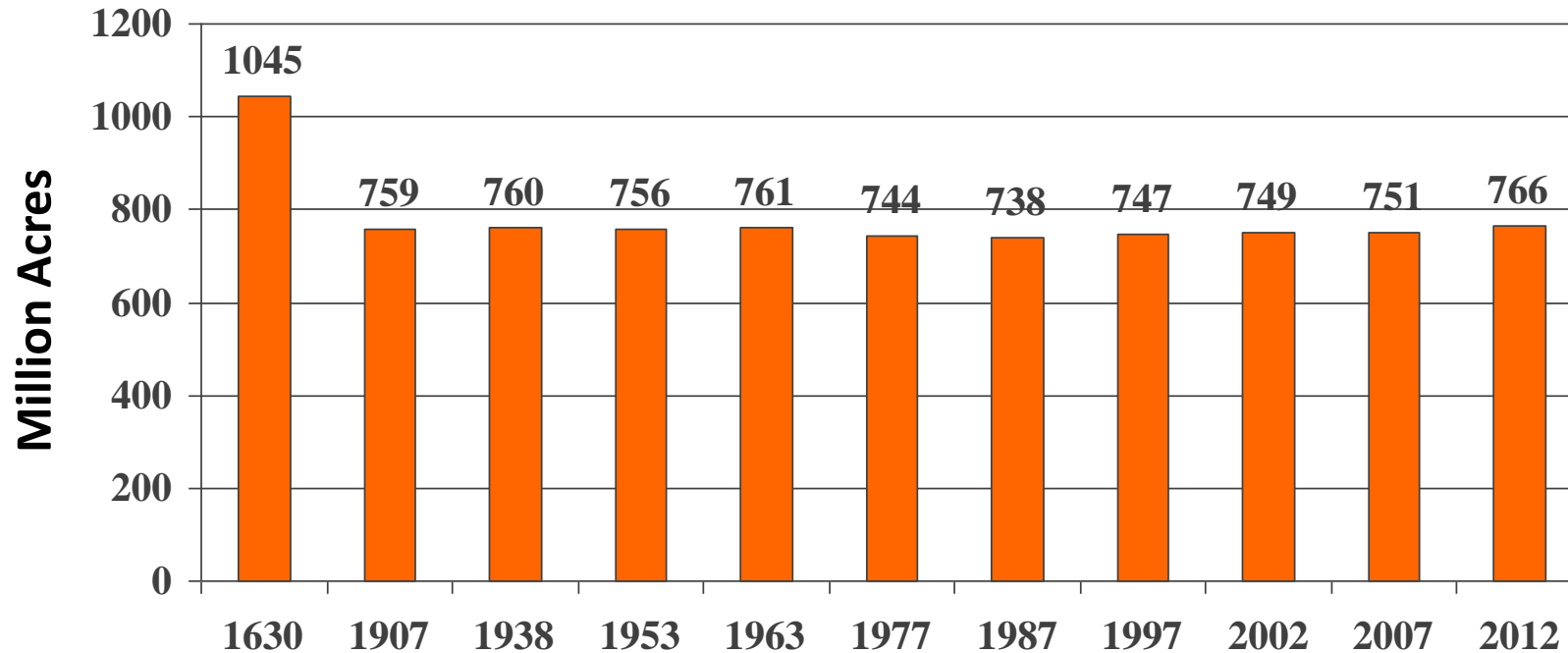
# Sustainable Forestry Carbon Cycle





# State of our Forests

## Forest Area in the United States 1630-2012



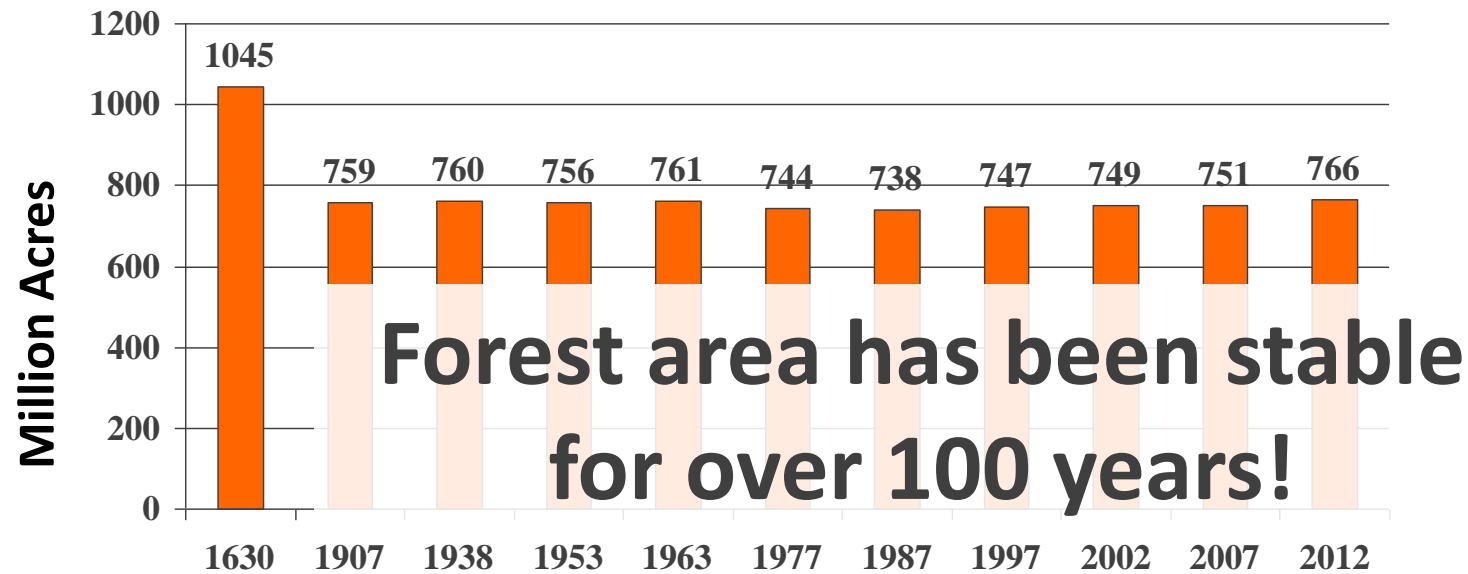
Source: USDA-Forest Service (2013).





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# Western US Wild Fire Epidemic

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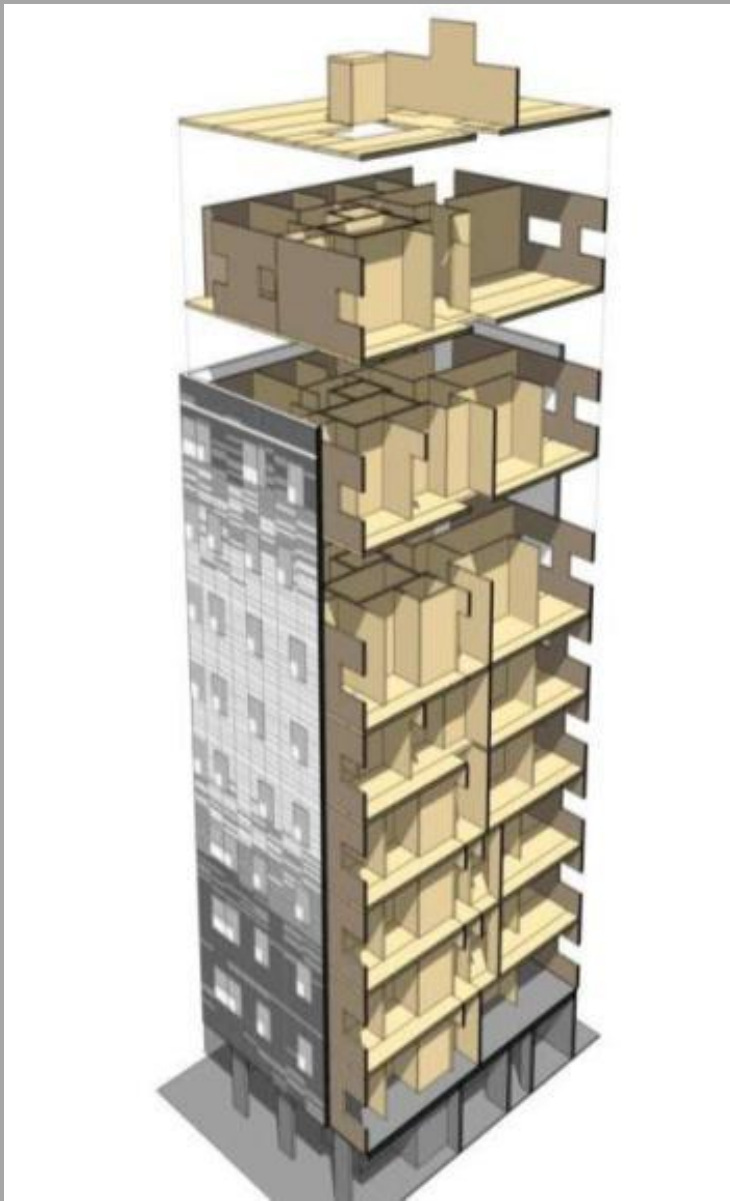
**Fire readiness and suppression has gone from 20% of the FS budget in 2001 to 52% in 2015. It is not uncommon to spend \$1 million per hour fighting fires.**

Source: US Forest Service –

<http://www.fs.fed.us/about-agency/budget-performance/cost-fire-operations>

# MASS TIMBER APPEAL

REDUCED EMBODIED CARBON  
STADHAUS, LONDON, UK



ARCHITECT: WAUGH THISTLETON ARCHITECTS  
PHOTO CREDIT: WAUGH THISTLETON ARCHITECTS

Volume of wood used	950 m <sup>3</sup>
Carbon sequestered and stored (CO <sub>2</sub> e)	760 metric tons
Avoided greenhouse gases (CO <sub>2</sub> e)	320 metric tons
Total potential carbon benefit (CO <sub>2</sub> e)	1,080 metric tons

Carbon savings from the choice of wood in this one building are equivalent to:

1,615 passenger vehicles off the road for a year



Enough energy to operate a home for 803 years



# LCA of Materials: Carbon Emissions

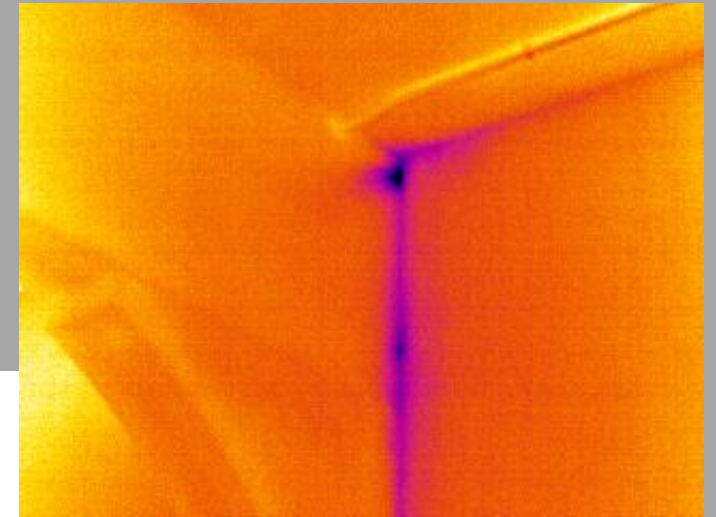
Material	USEPA (2006)	USEPA (2006)
	Process Emissions (kg CO <sub>2</sub> e/ kg of product)	Process Emissions Including Carbon Storage within Material (kg CO <sub>2</sub> e/ kg of product)
Framing lumber	0.12*	-1.68
Concrete	0.12	0.12
Concrete block	0.14	0.14
Brick	0.32	0.32
Medium density fiberboard (MDF)	0.32	-1.47
Recycled steel (avg recy content)	0.81	0.81
Glass (not including primary mfg.)	0.57	0.57
Cement (Portland, masonry)	0.97	0.97
Recycled aluminum (100% recycled content)	1.13	1.13
Vinyl	--	1.00
Steel (virgin)	2.55	2.55
Aluminum (virgin)	16.60	16.60

Carbon content of 49% assumed for wood. (measured values range from about 47-52%)

Source: 2006 US EPA Database

# 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 (h·ft. <sup>2</sup> ·°F·Btu <sup>-1</sup> )	1.25	5.00	7.50	10.00
RSI (m <sup>2</sup> ·K·W <sup>-1</sup> )	0.22	0.88	1.30	1.80

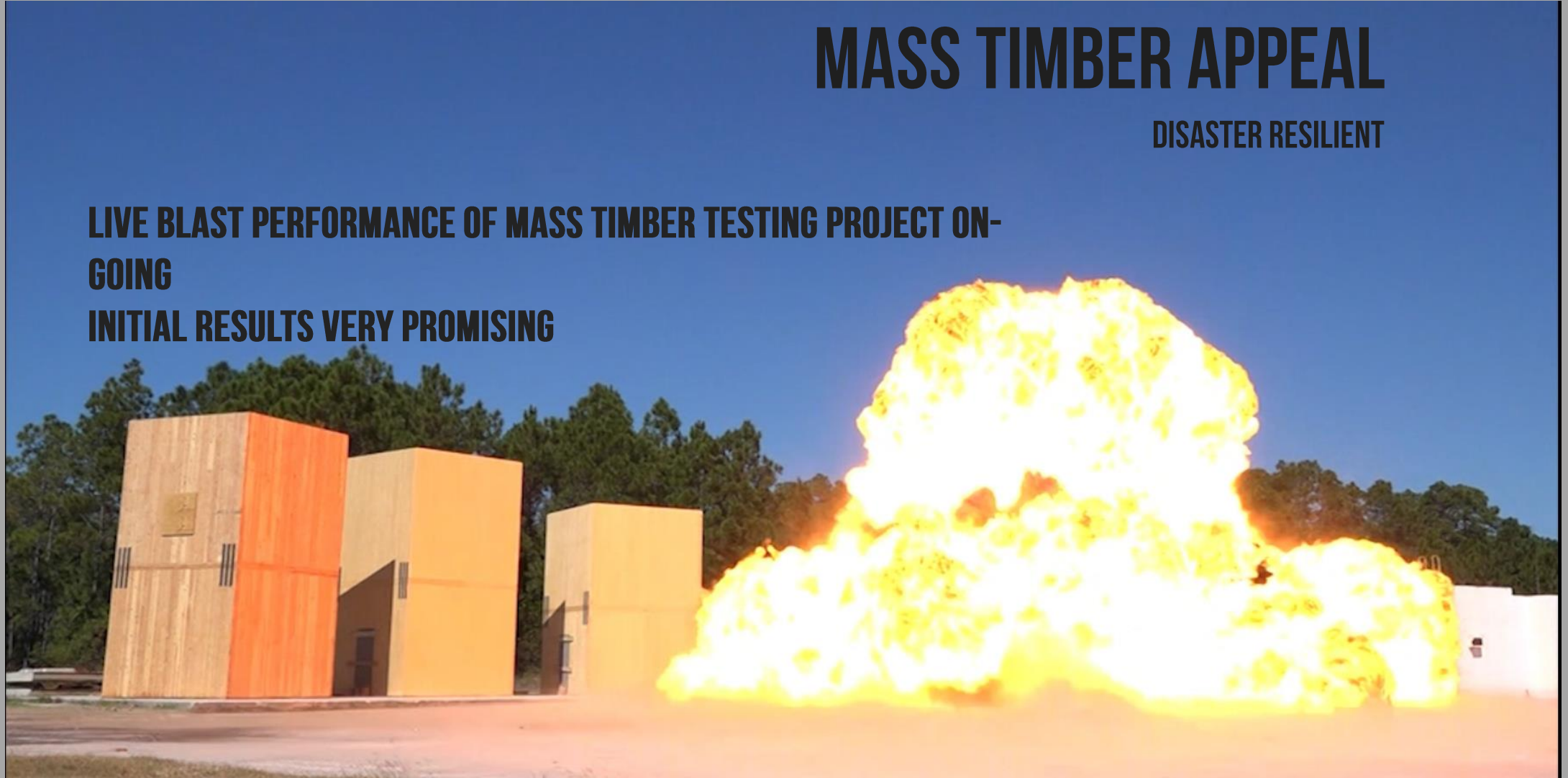
**CLT HAS AN R-VALUE OF APPROXIMATELY 1.25 PER INCH OF THICKNESS.**

**SOURCE: US CLT HANDBOOK**

# MASS TIMBER APPEAL

DISASTER RESILIENT

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





# MASS TIMBER SYSTEMS

## HORIZONTAL SYSTEMS

- **NLT PANELS**
- **CLT PANELS**
- **GLT PANELS**
- **T&G DECKING**
- **COMPOSITE TIMBER/CONCRETE**
- **SCL PANELS**

## VERTICAL SYSTEMS

- **GLULAM FRAME**
- **MASS TIMBER WALLS**



# BUILDING FRAME SYSTEMS



# MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

**NAIL-LAMINATED TIMBER (NLT)**



**CROSS-LAMINATED TIMBER (CLT)**



**HORIZONTAL FRAMING**

**GLUE-LAMINATED TIMBER (GLT)**



**TONGUE & GROOVE  
DECKING (T&G)**



**TIMBER CONCRETE COMPOSITE**





# MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

GLULAM



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Richmond Olympic Oval, Richmond, BC, Canada  
Design Team: Cannon Design Architecture, Fast + Epp,  
Glotman Simpson



# FLEXIBILITY OF SPANS AND SHAPES

The image captures the interior of the Richmond Olympic Oval, showcasing its unique architectural design. The most prominent feature is the ceiling, which consists of a series of large, curved wooden ribs that create a ribbed, vaulted structure. These ribs are supported by a network of steel trusses. The ceiling is illuminated by numerous small, recessed lights that create a warm, golden glow. Below the ceiling, the floor is highly polished and reflective, mirroring the ceiling's structure and the lights. In the background, a large glass wall allows natural light to enter the space. The overall atmosphere is one of modern, organic architecture.

**RICHMOND OLYMPIC OVAL, RICHMOND, BC, CANADA**

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

**PHOTO CREDIT: STEPHANIE TRACEY, CRAIG CARMICHAEL, JON PESOCHIN, KK LAW CREATIVE,  
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# MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

## NAIL-LAMINATED TIMBER (NLT) PANELS



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PHOTO CREDIT: JONATHAN CHRISTIAN



# MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

## NAIL-LAMINATED TIMBER (NLT) PANELS

**NAIL-LAMINATED TIMBER (NLT) =**  
**A STRUCTURAL PANEL OF SQUARE-EDGED**  
**DIMENSIONAL LUMBER LAMINATIONS (USUALLY 2X)**  
**SET ON EDGE AND NAILED WIDE FACE TOGETHER**

- **RECOGNIZED IN IBC 2304.8.3 (MECHANICALLY LAMINATED DECKING)**
- **NDS 15.1.1 PROVIDES DISTRIBUTION FACTORS FOR CONCENTRATED LOADS**
- **CAN BE USED FOR FLOOR, ROOF DECKING. OCCASIONALLY USED FOR SHAFT WALLS**





# MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

NAIL-LAMINATED TIMBER (NLT) PANELS



**NLT SHRINKAGE/EXPANSION DESIGN:  
CONSIDER LEAVING ONE PLY OUT PER 8'-10'  
WIDE PANEL**



# BULLITT CENTER

SEATTLE, WA



PHOTO CREDIT: BULLITT CENTER



# 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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# BULLITT CENTER

SEATTLE, WA

**THE BULLITT CENTER IS CONSIDERED A MARKET-RATE,  
CLASS A COMMERCIAL OFFICE BUILDING**

**ENHANCED OCCUPANT EXPERIENCE**

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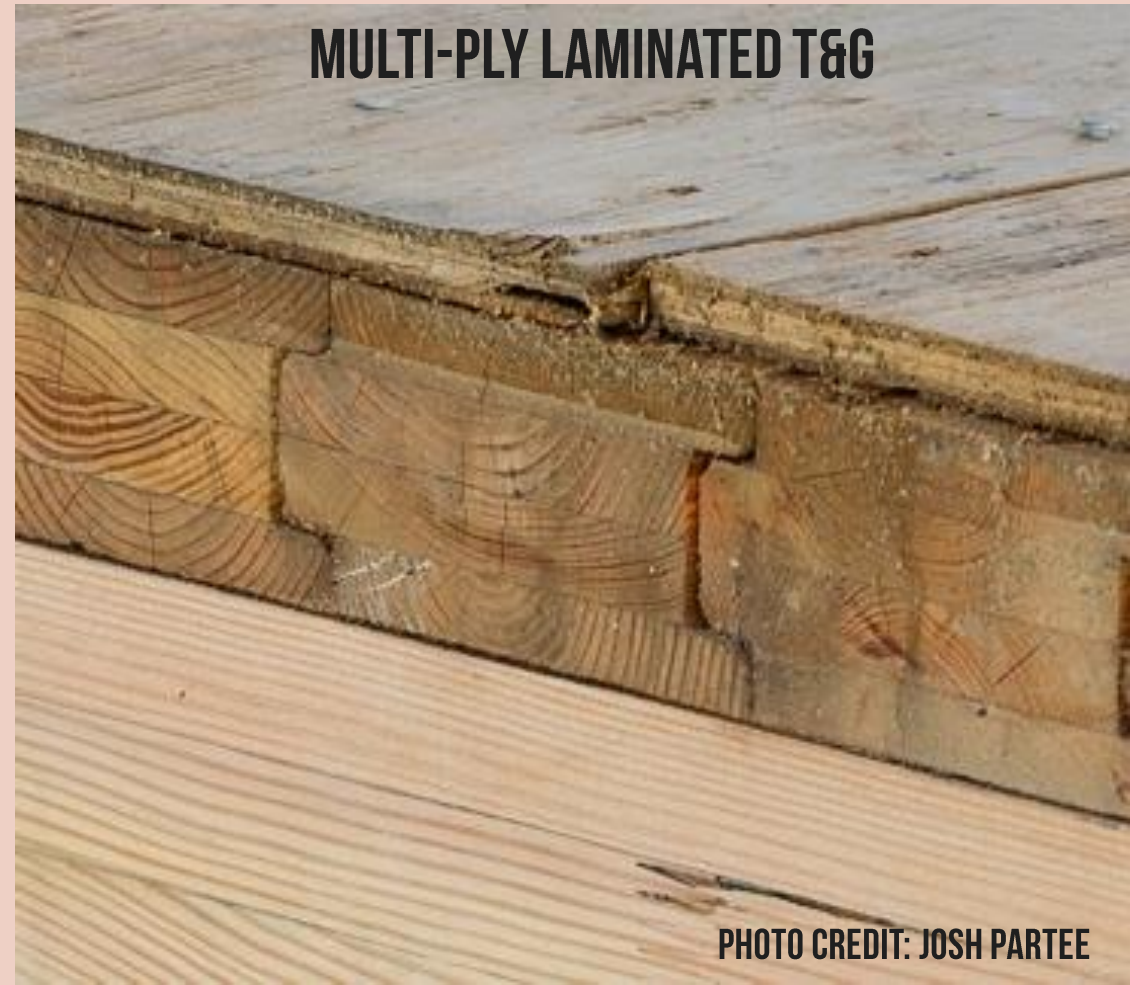
# MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

## 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



MULTI-PLY LAMINATED T&G



# RADIATOR BUILDING

PORTLAND, OR



PHOTO CREDIT: JOSH PARTEE



# ONE NORTH

PORTLAND, OR

## LONG TERM SUSTAINABILITY

WHY A TIMBER FRAMED OFFICE BUILDING?

***“WOOD CONSUMES AND SEQUESTERS CARBON. THERE’S A LOT OF MOMENTUM FOR THIS. TIMBER FRAMING IS SO MUCH MORE SUSTAINABLE.”***

**BEN KAISER OF PATH ARCHITECTURE, PROJECT ARCHITECT, DEVELOPER, AND GENERAL CONTRACTOR**



# MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

CROSS-LAMINATED TIMBER (CLT)



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CROSS-LAMINATED TIMBER (CLT)

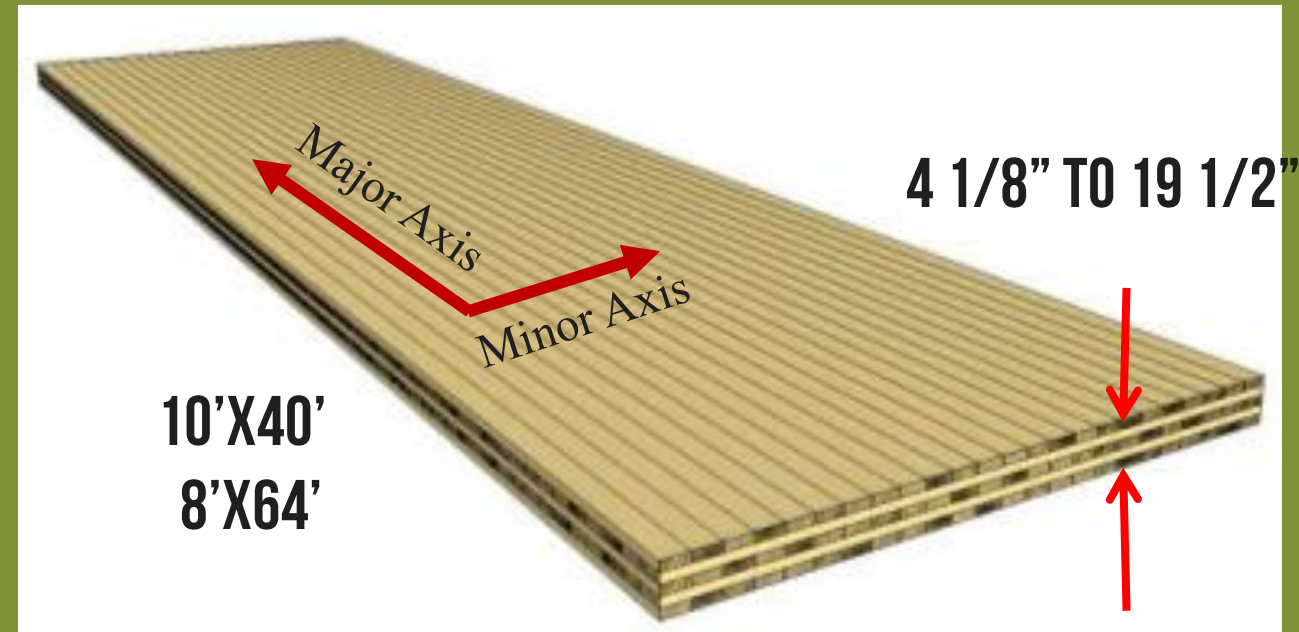
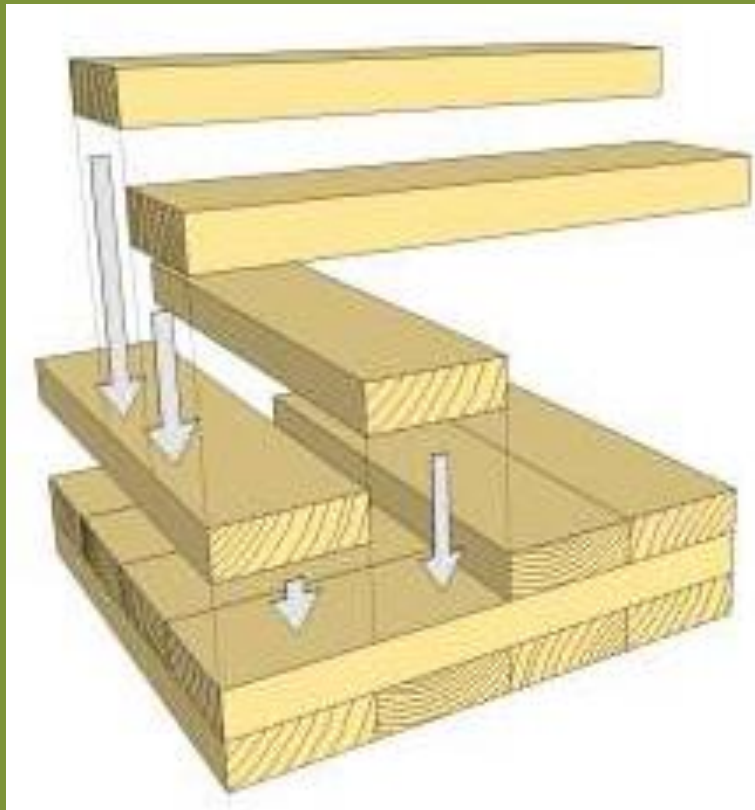
## WHAT IS CLT?

SOLID WOOD PANEL

3 LAYERS MIN. OF SOLID SAWN LAMS

90 DEG. CROSS-LAMS

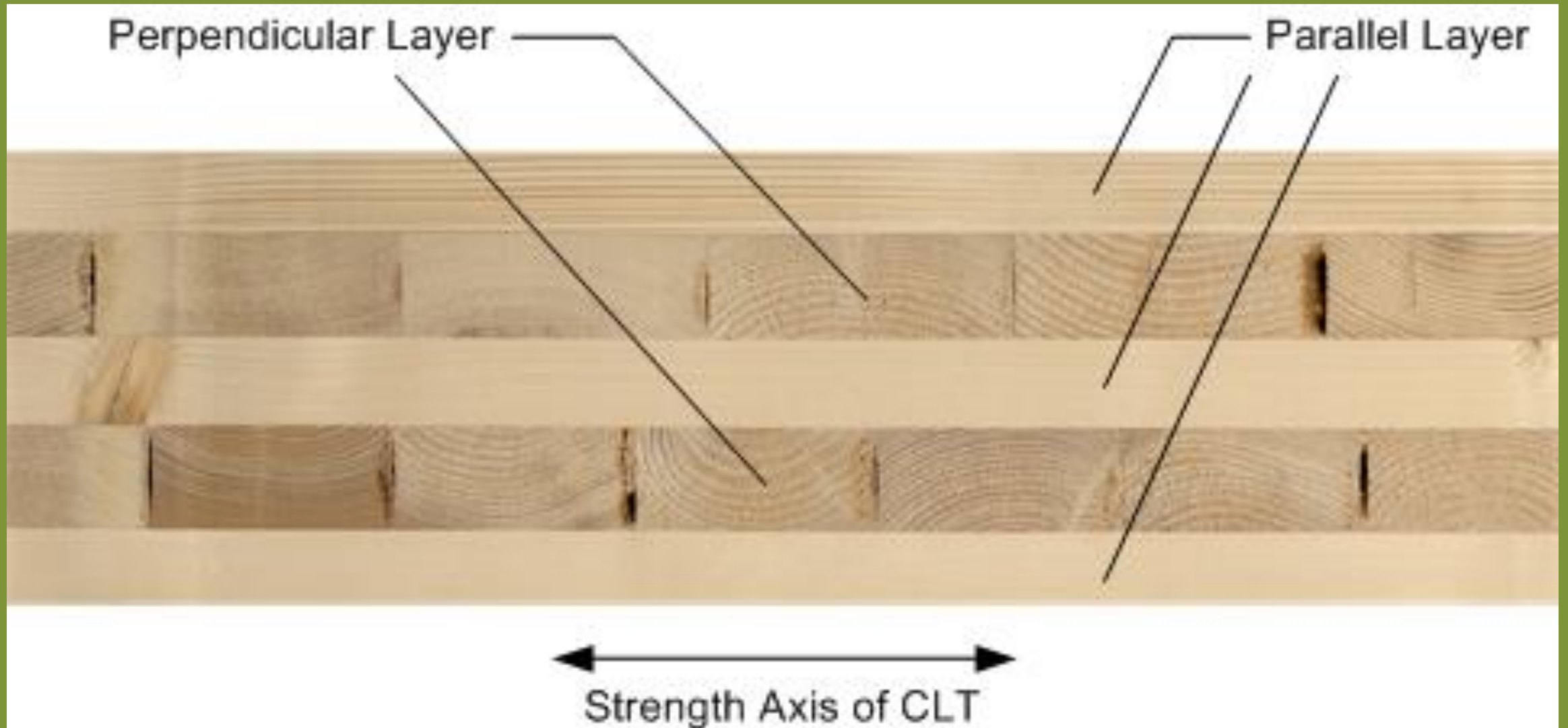
SIMILAR TO PLYWOOD SHEATHING





# MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

## CROSS-LAMINATED TIMBER (CLT)



# MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

CROSS-LAMINATED TIMBER (CLT)

## COMMON CLT LAYUPS

3-PLY 3-LAYER



5-PLY 5-LAYER



7-PLY 7-LAYER



9-PLY 9-LAYER





# CANDLEWOOD SUITES

REDSTONE ARSENAL, AL



IMAGE CREDIT: LEND LEASE

# 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



IMAGE CREDIT: LEND LEASE & SCHAEFER



# 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.



# MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

## CROSS-LAMINATED TIMBER (CLT)

**CLT PANEL CAPACITIES:  
FOR FLOORS, TYPICALLY  
CONTROLLED BY VIBRATION**

CrossLam® Floor Panel Load Table (with 2" concrete topping)

	MAX. SPAN (ft)		FLOOR LIVE LOAD (psf)									
	PANEL TYPE	SIZE (in)	40 Residential		50 Office/ Classroom		75 Mechanical Room		100 Assembly/ Storage		150 Library	
			L/300* (4)	L/240 (5)	L/300* (4)	L/240 (5)	L/300* (4)	L/240 (5)	L/300* (4)	L/240 (5)	L/300* (4)	L/240 (5)
single span	SLT3	3.90	10.26	12.37	9.95	11.90	9.32	10.93	8.81	9.95	8.03	8.58
	SLT5	6.66	15.90	19.28	15.48	18.31	14.60	16.41	13.86	15.00	12.73	13.01
	SLT7	9.42	<b>20.41</b>	24.82	20.40	23.66	19.34	21.36	18.46	19.62	17.05	17.13
	SLT9	12.18	<b>24.31</b>	30.05	<b>24.31</b>	28.73	23.94	26.08	22.92	24.05	21.10	21.10
double span	SLT3	3.90	<b>11.50</b>	12.98	<b>11.50</b>	12.28	10.93	10.93	9.95	9.95	8.58	8.58
	SLT5	6.66	<b>16.22</b>	19.28	<b>16.22</b>	18.31	<b>16.22</b>	16.41	15.00	15.00	13.01	13.01
	SLT7	9.42	20.00**	20.00**	20.00**	20.00**	20.00**	20.00**	19.62	19.62	17.13	17.13
	SLT9	12.18	*US CLT Handbook recommends L/300 for preliminary design. **Span is governed by maximum panel length of 40ft - design as simple span using table values above.									

SOURCE: STRUCTURELAM, STRESS GRADE V2

L/360, LL DEFLECTION CRITERIA - Panel thickness (in.)

LL (psf)	Simple Span							Double Span						
	10 ft	12 ft	14 ft	16 ft	18 ft	20 ft	22 ft	10 ft	12 ft	14 ft	16 ft	18 ft	20 ft	22 ft
40			4 1/8	5 1/8	5 1/8		6 7/8		3 1/8	4 1/8	4 1/8	5 1/8	5 1/8	
50	3 1/8								3 1/8					6 7/8
60		4 1/8								4 1/8				
70			5 1/8								5 1/8			
80													6 7/8	
90														
100									4 1/8					
110	4 1/8	5 1/8								5 1/8			6 7/8	
120														8 5/8
130			6 7/8						4 1/8		6 7/8			
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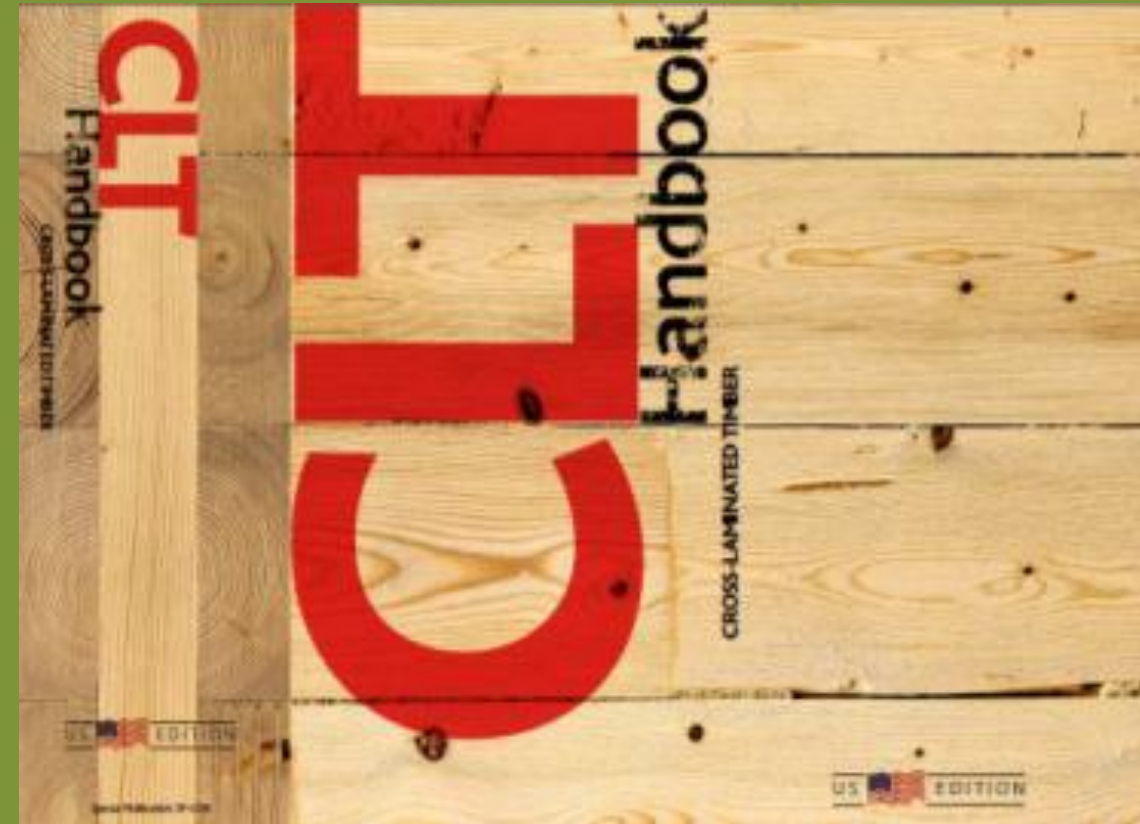
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# MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

CROSS-LAMINATED TIMBER (CLT)

1. INTRODUCTION
2. MANUFACTURING
3. STRUCTURAL
4. LATERAL
5. CONNECTIONS
6. DOL AND CREEP
7. VIBRATION
8. FIRE
9. SOUND
10. ENCLOSURE
11. ENVIRONMENTAL
12. LIFTING



# MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

WOOD CONCRETE COMPOSITE



ARCHI-5S 12 070 1138-089  
16029X0022  
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3736LBS  
16029X0022

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# MASS TIMBER DESIGN

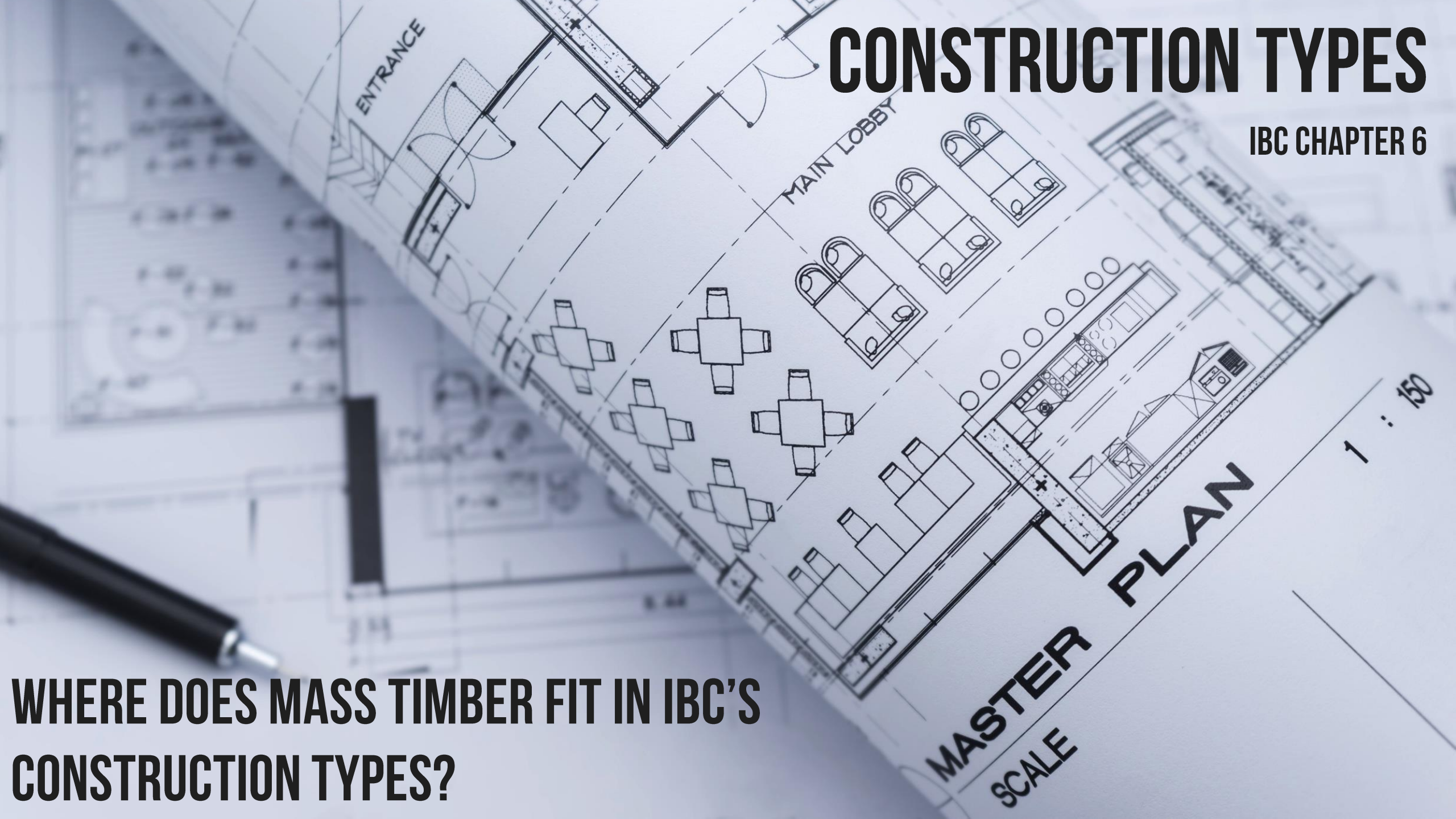
## DESIGN TOPICS

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

# CONSTRUCTION TYPES

IBC CHAPTER 6

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





# 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)

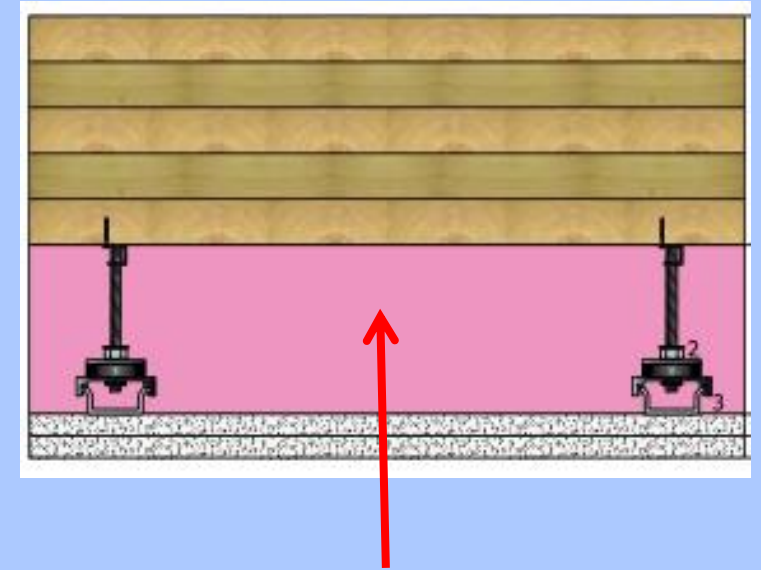
# CONSTRUCTION TYPES

IBC 602

## 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



# HT Outside of Type IV Construction

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- **In Type III & V Construction Requiring Fire Resistance Rating:**
- IBC 722.1 permits calculation of fire resistance for exposed wood members and wood decking performed in accordance with NDS Chapter 16.
- Common applications are exposed timber floors and roofs in IIIA, VA construction
- Reduced (non-charred) section is used for structural calculations
- Protection of connections required per IBC 722.6.3.3

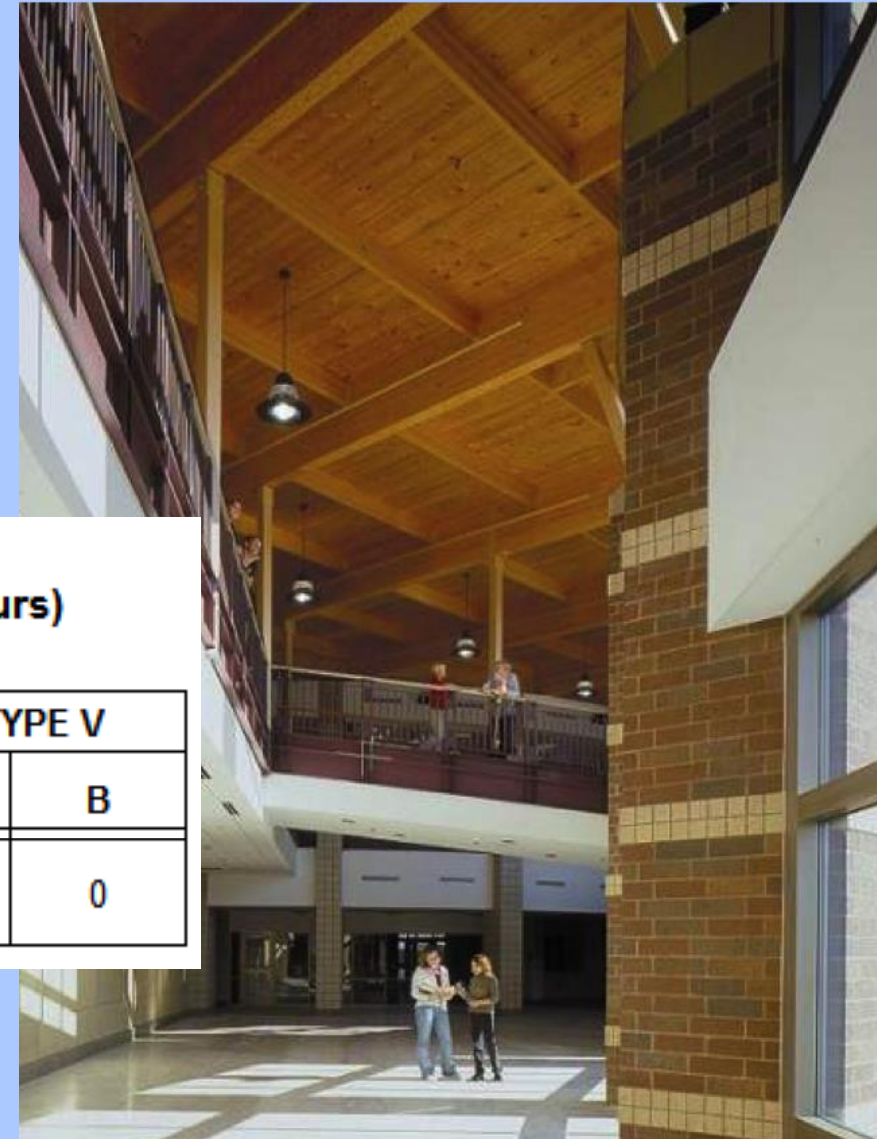


Federal Center South – Building 1202 , Seattle, WA  
Photo Credit: Benjamin Benschneider

# CONSTRUCTION TYPES

IBC 601 & 603

**MASS TIMBER ROOFS (DECKS & SECONDARY MEMBERS) CAN BE USED WHERE THE REQUIRED FIRE RESISTANCE RATING IS 1 HOUR OR LESS IN ANY CONSTRUCTION TYPE EXCEPT 1A PER IBC TABLE 601 FOOTNOTE C & SECTION 603.1**



**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 <sup>d</sup>	B	A <sup>d</sup>	B	HT	A <sup>d</sup>	B
Roof construction and secondary members (see Section 202)	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>b,c</sup>	1 <sup>b,c</sup>	0 <sup>c</sup>	1 <sup>b,c</sup>	0	HT	1 <sup>b,c</sup>	0

**C. IN ALL OCCUPANCIES, HEAVY TIMBER SHALL BE ALLOWED WHERE A 1-HOUR OR LESS FIRE-RESISTANCE RATING IS REQUIRED**





## Portland International Jetport, Portland, Maine

Architect : Gensler

Structural Engineer: Oest Associates

Timber Engineer: DeStefano & Chamberlain

Photos courtesy DeStefano & Chamberlain, Inc.

# Case Study: Portland International Jetport

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## Portland International Jetport

- Location: Portland, ME
- LEED Gold
- Completed 2012

Design Team: Gensler, Oest Associates

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





# FIRE RESISTANCE



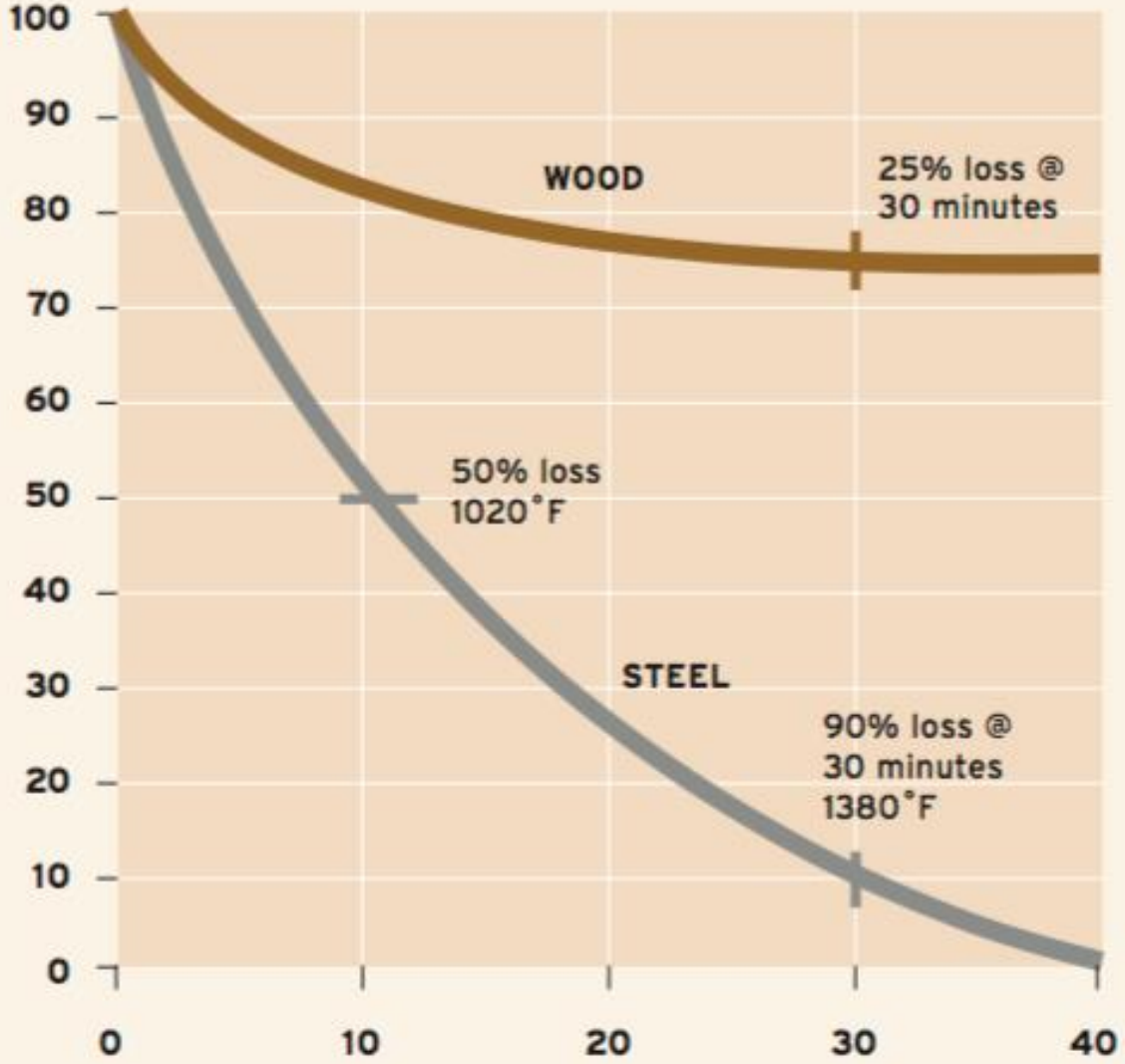
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# MASS TIMBER DESIGN

## FIRE RESISTANCE

COMPARATIVE STRENGTH LOSS OF WOOD VERSUS STEEL



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

SOURCE: AITC

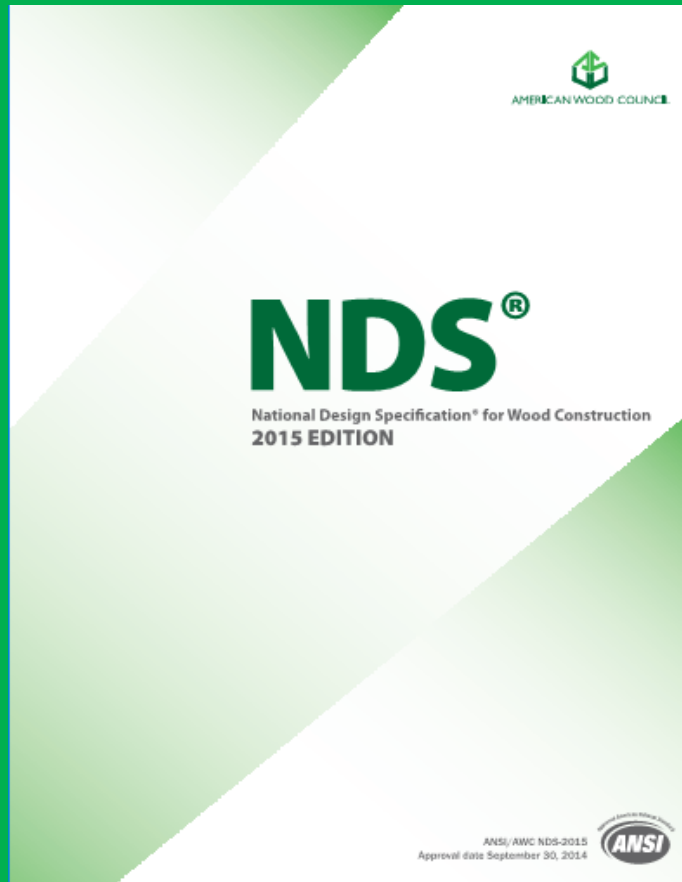




# MASS TIMBER DESIGN

## FIRE RESISTANCE

FOR EXPOSED WOOD MEMBERS: IBC 722.1 REFERENCES AWC'S NDS  
CHAPTER 16:



NATIONAL DESIGN SPECIFICATION FOR WOOD CONSTRUCTION 149

### FIRE DESIGN OF WOOD MEMBERS

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# MASS TIMBER PRODUCTS

ACOUSTICS



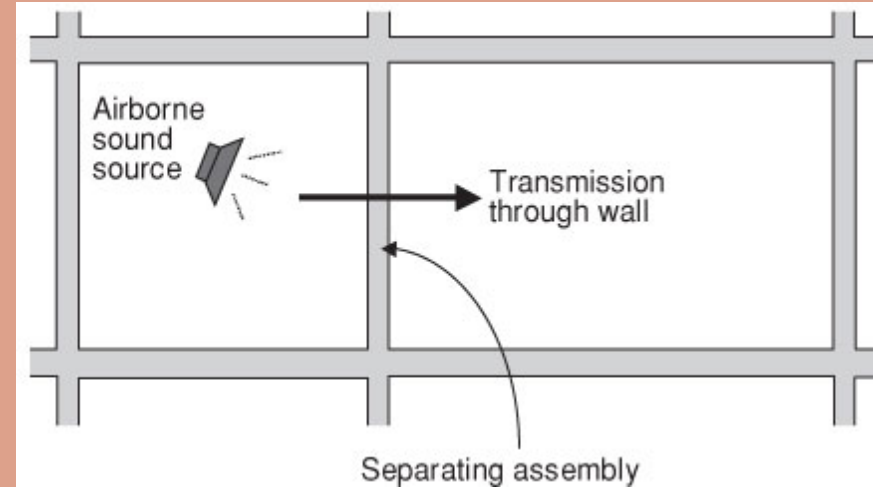


# MASS TIMBER DESIGN

## ACOUSTICS

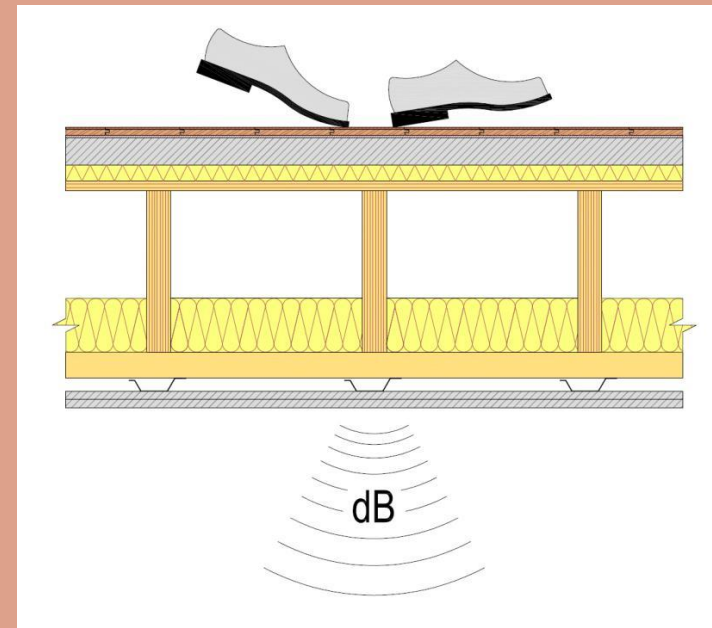
### AIR-BORNE SOUND:

- **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



# MASS TIMBER DESIGN

## ACOUSTICS



**LIGHTWEIGHT CONCRETE TOPPING OR OTHER SIMILAR MATERIALS CAN PROVIDE IMPROVED ACOUSTICAL PERFORMANCE, INCREASED DURABILITY**





# MASS TIMBER SHAFTS



PHOTO CREDIT: ALEX SCHREYER



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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**

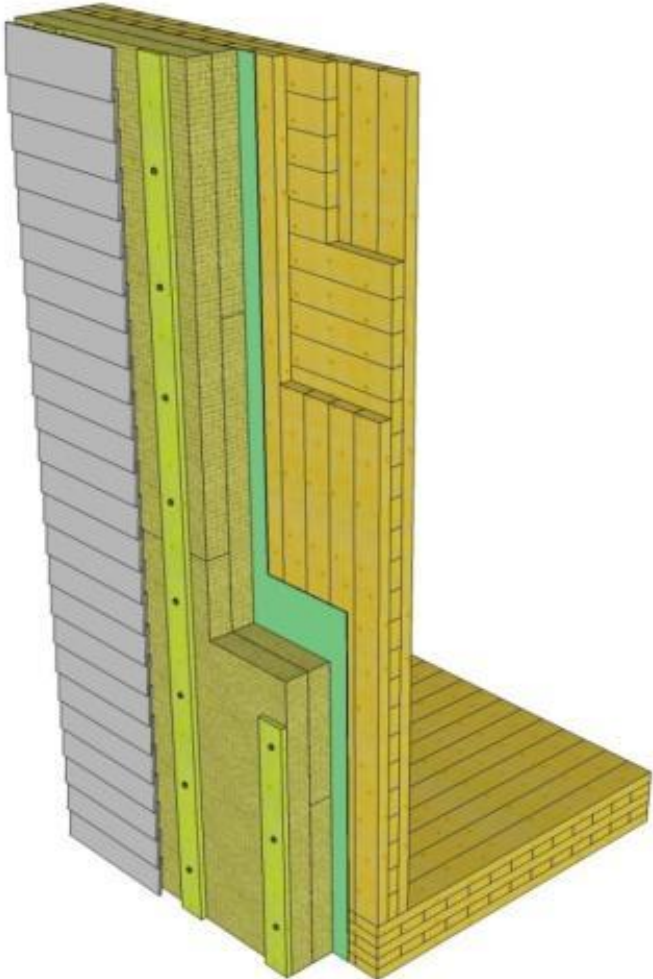


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# MASS TIMBER DESIGN

## 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

CENTRAL CORE — CONCRETE SHEARWALLS

PHOTO CREDIT: STRUCTURECRAFT







**CENTRAL CORE — MASS TIMBER SHEARWALLS**

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# MASS TIMBER DESIGN

LATERAL FRAMING SYSTEMS



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## LATERAL FRAMING SYSTEMS

### EXTERIOR STEEL MOMENT FRAME

PHOTO CREDIT: WOODWORKS





# MASS TIMBER DESIGN

## LATERAL FRAMING SYSTEMS



## INTERIOR WOOD SHEARWALLS

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# MASS TIMBER DESIGN

CONNECTIONS



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PHOTO CREDIT: MYTICON



# MASS TIMBER DESIGN

## CONNECTIONS

# BEAM TO BEAM CONNECTIONS

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# MASS TIMBER DESIGN

## CONNECTIONS

### BEAM TO COLUMN & COLUMN TO COLUMN CONNECTIONS



TIME FOR  
CASE STUDY

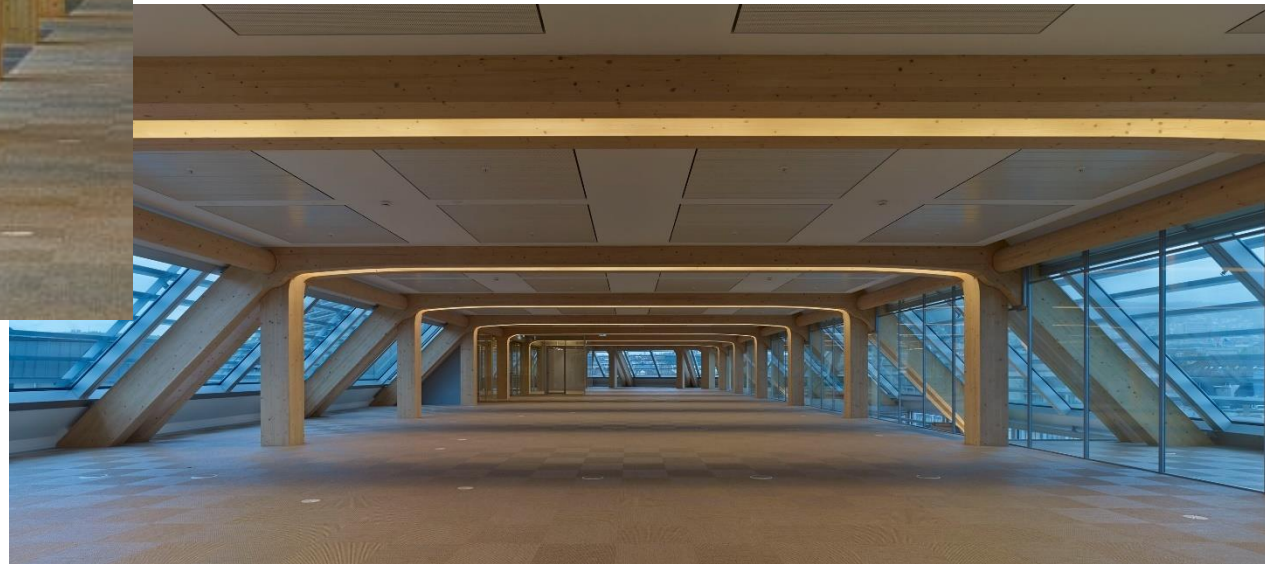






Tamedia Headquarters, Zurich Switzerland  
Design Team: Shigeru Ban & IttenBrechtbuhl, Creation Holz GmbH  
Photo: Didier Boy de la Tour

Source: Survey of International Tall Wood Buildings, 2014



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# Churches

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## **St. Martha Catholic Church – Porter, TX**

Design Team : Turner Duran Architects, Pinnacle

Structural Engineers

Photo Credit: G. Lyon Photography, Inc.

- 45,000 sf
- Glulam trusses & columns, T&G decking

# Aquatic Centers

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## West Vancouver Aquatic Centre

Design Team: Hughes Condon Marler  
Architects, Fast and Epp Engineers

Photo Credit: Nic Lebourg, Gary Otte,  
Martin Tessler

- Curved glulam beams and wishbone columns provide vertical and lateral support
- \$7.5 Million total cost





# CLAY CREATIVE

PORTLAND, OR



**5 STORIES**

**MOSTLY OFFICE, SOME RETAIL AND AMENITY**

**72,000 SF**

IMAGE CREDIT: NEXT PORTLAND



**“THIS IS A TERRIFIC BUILDING THAT ECHOES THE HISTORIC CHARACTER OF THE WORKSPACES IN THE CENTRAL EASTSIDE, BUT TAKES IT A STEP FURTHER WITH THIS INCREDIBLE WOOD CONSTRUCTION.”**  
**PORTLAND METRO COUNCILOR BOB STACEY**

# **CLAY CREATIVE**

**PORTLAND, OR**





# CLAY CREATIVE

PORTLAND, OR



- 5 STORIES OF TYPE IIIA OVER 1 STORY OF TYPE IA
- NET COST: ~\$300-\$350/SF OF RENTABLE SPACE
- RECEIVED A \$300K TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT GRANT
- ~12 MONTH CONSTRUCTION DURATION





# UMASS DESIGN BUILDING

AMHERST, MA



IMAGE CREDIT: ALEX SCHREYER



# UMASS DESIGN BUILDING

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**



# UMASS DESIGN BUILDING

AMHERST, MA

COMPLETED SPRING 2017

PHOTO CREDIT: ALEX SCHREYER







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# UMASS DESIGN BUILDING

AMHERST, MA



# T3 MINNEAPOLIS

MINNEAPOLIS, MN



IMAGE CREDIT: MICHAEL GREEN ARCHITECTS/HINES GROUP



**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**

# T3 MINNEAPOLIS

MINNEAPOLIS, MN





# T3 MINNEAPOLIS

MINNEAPOLIS, MN



IMAGE CREDIT: STRUCTURECRAFT/HINES/MICHAEL GREEN ARCHITECT



# **MASS TIMBER CONSTRUCTION THE FUTURE'S LOOKING UP**



**PHOTO CREDIT: NATURALLY: WOOD**

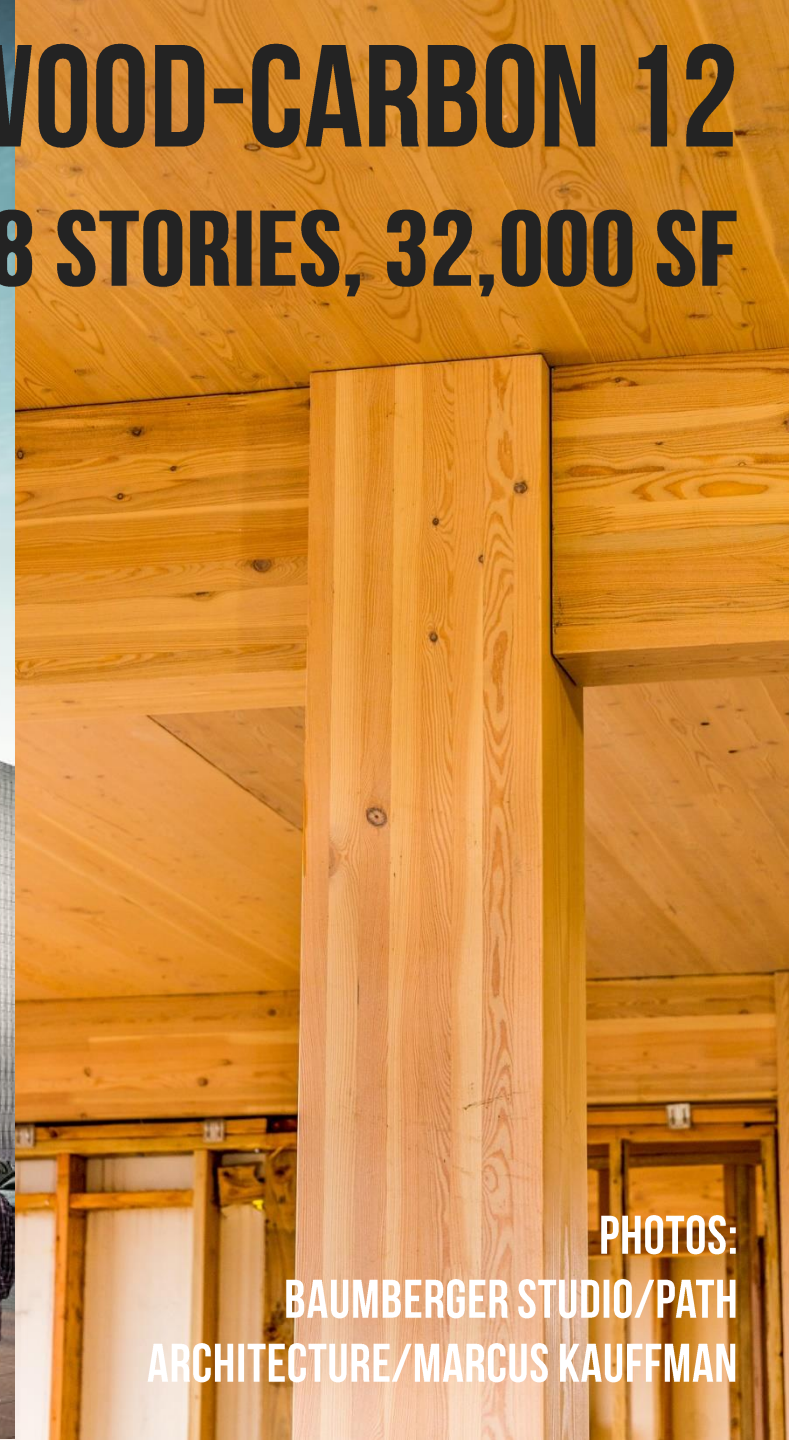




**PORTLAND, OR**

# MODERN TALL WOOD-CARBON 12

2017, 8 STORIES, 32,000 SF



**PHOTOS:  
BAUMBERGER STUDIO/PATH  
ARCHITECTURE/MARCUS KAUFFMAN**



# TALL WOOD IN THE BUILDING CODE

**AT END OF 2015, ICC APPROVED CREATION OF AD HOC COMMITTEE TO EXPLORE TALL WOOD BUILDINGS AND POTENTIAL RELATED CODE PROVISIONS**

**AD HOC COMMITTEE HAS HELD SEVERAL IN-PERSON MEETINGS SINCE JULY, 2016;  
FREQUENT CONFERENCE CALLS**

**OBJECTIVE IS SUBMISSION OF CODE CHANGES FOR THE 2018 GROUP A CYCLE (IBC) IN  
JANUARY, 2018 – CHANGES FOR 2021 IBC**



**ICC Ad Hoc Committee on Tall Wood Buildings**

# TALL WOOD IN THE BUILDING CODE

**TESTING & RESEARCH AIDING AD HOC EFFORTS IN DEVELOPMENT OF CODE  
CHANGE PROPOSALS FOR PRESCRIPTIVE CODE ALLOWANCES OF TALL WOOD**



**MASS TIMBER FIRE TESTING AT ATF LAB – SPRING/SUMMER 2017**



# TALL WOOD IN THE BUILDING CODE

## FRAMEWORK PROJECT TESTING

PHOTO: LEVER ARCHITECTURE



>> This charred sample was from a Douglas Fir column that was fire tested to meet a two-hour rating according to ASTM E 119, as required by the Oregon Structural Special Code. The original dimensions of the column are indicated by the dotted outline.

Material supplied by DR Johnson  
Sample courtesy of David Barber, Arup



## BEAM TO COLUMN FIRE TESTING

## BEAM TO COLUMN SEISMIC TESTING



# BROCK COMMONS

VANCOUVER, BC

**EXPECTED COMPLETION:  
SUMMER 2017  
18 STORIES  
174 FT  
156K SQ.FT.**



PHOTO CREDIT: ACTON OSTRY ARCHITECTS



# BROCK COMMONS

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

**VANCOUVER, BC**





# Upcoming Events

**Oct 30, 2018** *Mass Timber Workshop – White Plains, NY*

**Oct 18 2018:** *Mass Timber Wood Design Symposium – Washington, DC*

**Nov 6, 2018** *Mass Timber Workshop – Marlborough, MA*

*Visit [www.woodworks.org](http://www.woodworks.org) for a complete list of events*





# Questions?

This concludes The American  
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# The Olver Design Building & Mass Timber

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Presented October 5, 2018 to:  
Mass.gov Division of  
Capital Assets Management and Maintenance





# Olver Design Building, UMass, Amherst



## Awards

- 2018 **Wood Design Awards Jury's Choice for Wood Innovation**, WoodWorks
- 2017 **Building of the Year**, world-architects
- 2017 **Most Innovative Project Award** (less than \$100 million), Architectural Engineering Institute
- 2017 **Excellence in Structural Engineering Award** (New Buildings \$20 to \$100 Million), National Council of Structural Engineering Associations
- 2017 **Awards of Merit for Structural Systems Design and Architectural Engineering Integration**, Architectural Engineering Institute
- 2017 **Award of Merit, Higher Education/Research Category**, ENR New England
- **+ 6 more!**

JOHN W. OLVER  
DESIGN BUILDING







Photo credit: A. Schreyer



# Olver Design Building Carbon Summary



- V** **Volume of wood products used:**  
2,052 cubic meters (72,467 cubic feet)
- 🌲** **U.S. and Canadian forests grow this much wood in:**  
6 minutes
- C** **Carbon stored in the wood:**  
1,826 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>
- 🌍** **Avoided greenhouse gas emissions:**  
706 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>
- ✓** **TOTAL POTENTIAL CARBON BENEFIT:**  
2,532 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>

*EQUIVALENT TO:*

- 🚗** 535 cars off the road for a year
- 🏠** Energy to operate 267 homes for a year

Source: US EPA

<<http://www.woodworks.org/wp-content/uploads/UMass-Amherst-Olver-Design-Building-WoodWorks-Case-Study.pdf>>







**UMass Wood Mechanics Lab**



# Recent and on-going projects



[www.woodontheplaza.info](http://www.woodontheplaza.info)

a public art exhibition on wood architecture and engineering

## Local Species Cross Laminated Timber



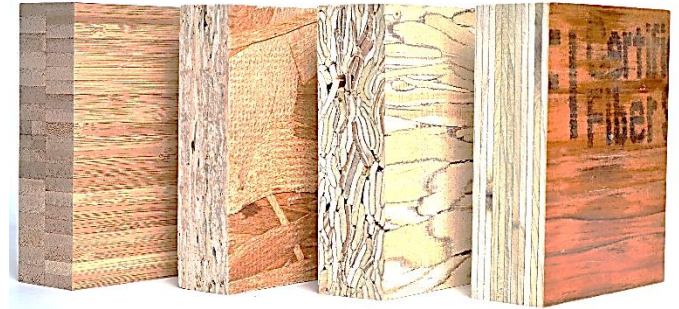
National Science Foundation  
WHERE DISCOVERIES BEGIN

Award #1538309



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## Modeling Structural Composite Lumber



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## Laminated Veneer Bamboo



McIntire-Stennis

USDA United States Department of Agriculture  
National Institute of Food and Agriculture



National Science Foundation  
WHERE DISCOVERIES BEGIN

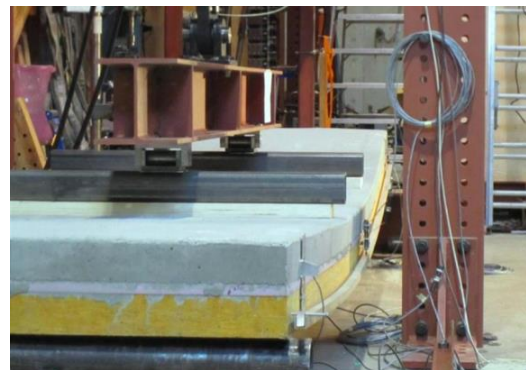
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## Bio-based Composites in Wind Turbine Blades



<http://csmres.co.uk>

## Wood-Concrete Composites



McIntire-Stennis

USDA United States Department of Agriculture  
National Institute of Food and Agriculture

To see more... <http://biobasedbuilding.info>



# Engineering Local Species Cross Laminated Timber



Massachusetts  
Eastern Hemlock



# Engineering Local Species Cross Laminated Timber



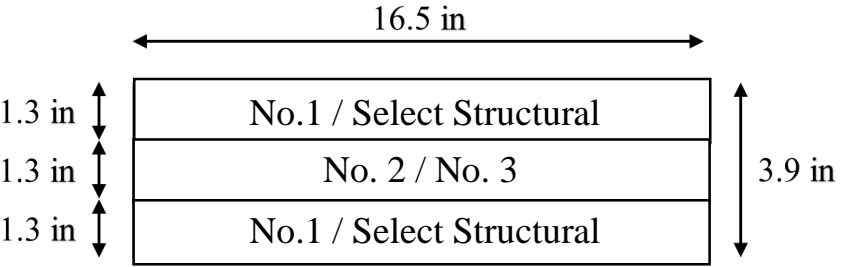
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#Mass-Timber

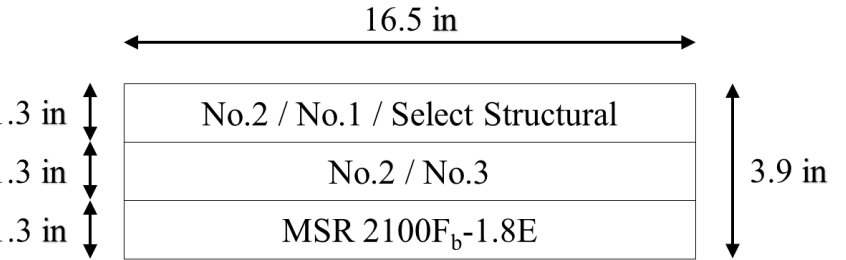


# Work in progress: 4 panel layups -- 2 for Eastern Hemlock and 2 for Eastern White Pine

## 1. BASELINE layup

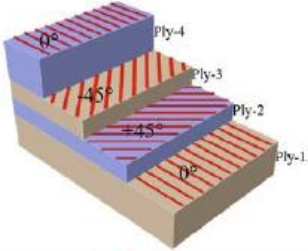
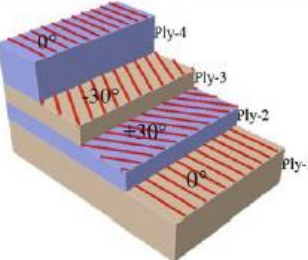


## 2. HYBRID layup



# Advanced Panel Design and Computer Simulation

Table 5.1: Test Treatment for Four-Layer Short-Span CLT Panel

Treatment	Layups	CLT Size (mm)	Fibers Orientation
1	[0/+45/-45/0]	686×305×99	
2	[0/+30/-30/0]	686×305×99	

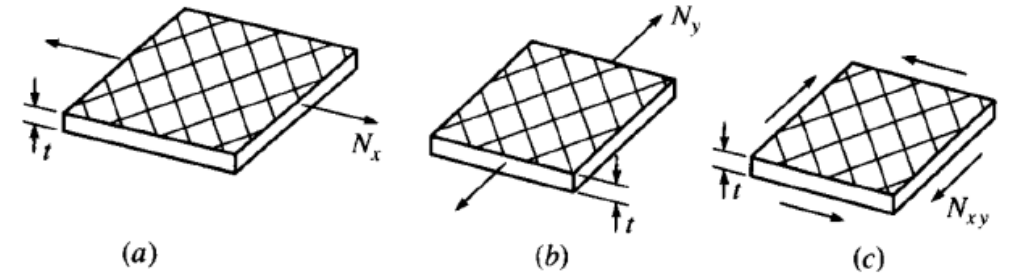


Figure 3.14: In-Plane Loading of Laminate to Determination of Laminate Engineering Constant. a) Single Axial Load  $N_x$  with  $N_y=N_{xy}=0$ , b) Single Axial Load  $N_y$  with  $N_x=N_{xy}=0$ , c) Pure Shear Load  $N_{xy}$  with  $N_y=N_x=0$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \epsilon_x^0 \\ \epsilon_y^0 \\ \gamma_{xy}^0 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A'_{11} & A'_{12} & A'_{16} \\ A'_{12} & A'_{22} & A'_{26} \\ A'_{16} & A'_{26} & A'_{66} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} N_x \\ N_y \\ N_{xy} \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$E_x = \frac{\sigma_x}{\epsilon_x^0} = \frac{N_x/t}{A'_{11}N_x} = \frac{1}{tA'_{11}}$$

$$E_y = \frac{\sigma_y}{\epsilon_y^0} = \frac{N_y/t}{A'_{22}N_y} = \frac{1}{tA'_{22}}$$

$$G_{xy} = \frac{\tau_{xy}}{\gamma_{xy}^0} = \frac{N_{xy}/t}{A'_{66}N_{xy}} = \frac{1}{tA'_{66}} \quad (18)$$

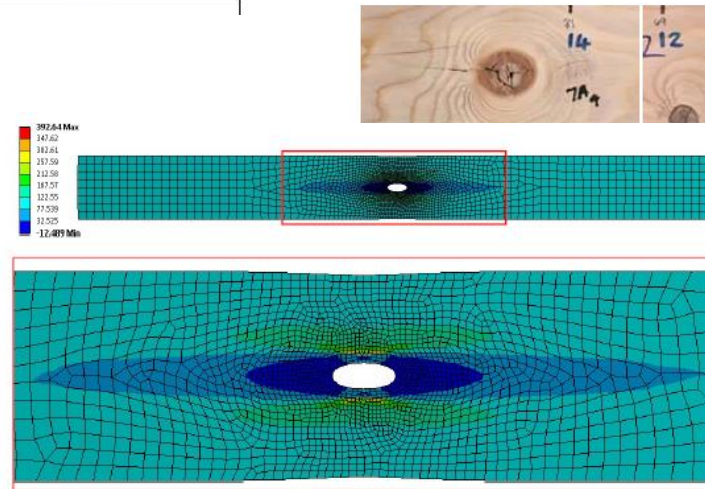
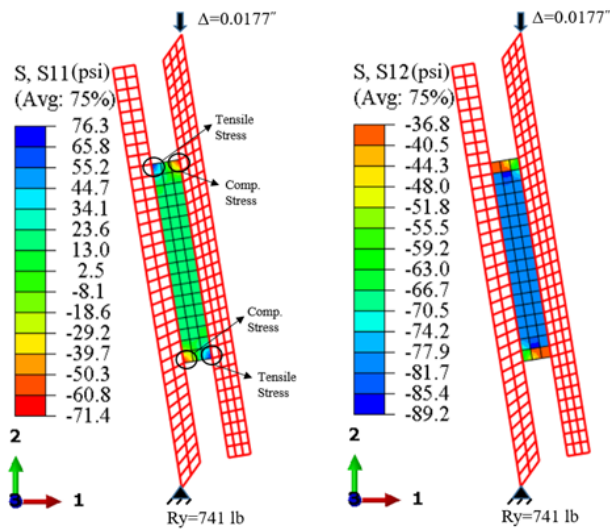


Figure 3.21 Normal stress along the longitudinal axis for geometry C with knot modeled as a hole

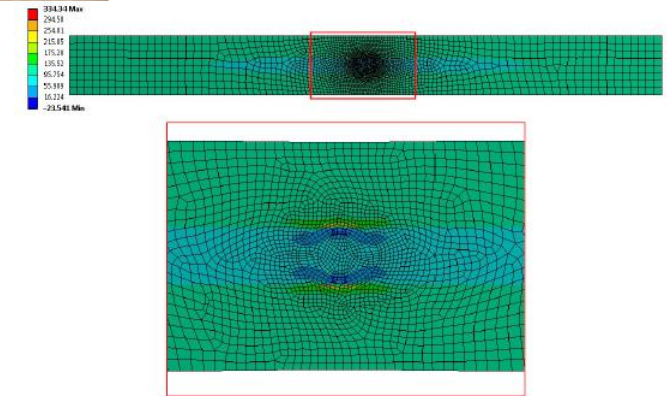


Figure 3.23 Normal stress along the longitudinal axis for geometry B with knot modeled as a stiff inclusion



# Panel Manufacture

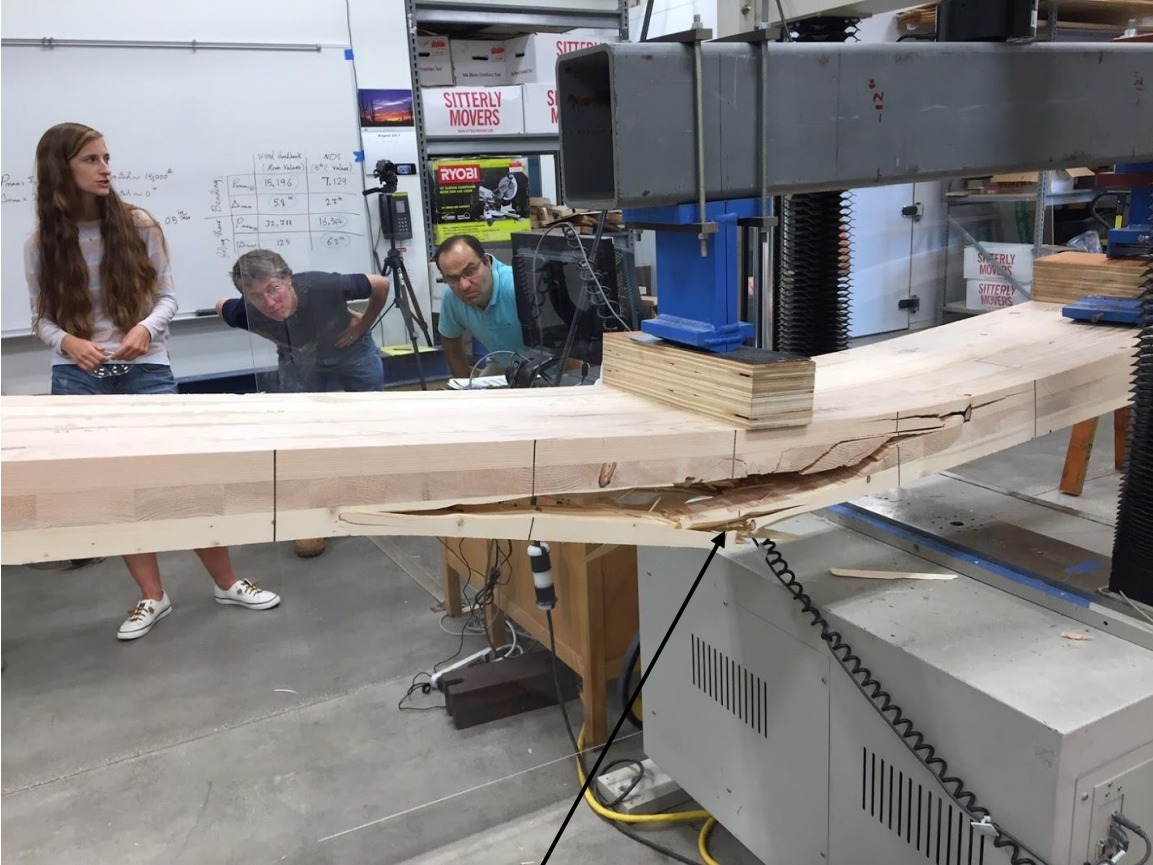


Hydraulic press applies 120 psi pressure





# Experimental testing to establish strength properties for inclusion into ANSI/APA PRG 320



Bending failure



Rolling Shear failure



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