



Building Dreams to a **Greener Standard™**

FSC Wood Products



Overview

Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Wood Products

An important component in the green building movement is the use of FSC lumber products. FSC, or the Forest Stewardship Council is an organization that monitors source forests for lumber bearing the FSC logo. The FSC logo is essentially a guarantee that the harvested wood comes from a well-managed sustainable forest in which wildlife habitat and clean water are protected by the use of environmentally sensitive logging methods.

Economic and social sustainability standards must also be met to earn the right to bear the FSC logo. By addressing the concerns of the local communities and workers, FSC certified lumber is also a good indicator that the source forest landowner is a good global citizen. FSC wood products represent the ultimate choice for the environmentally minded consumer.

About Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)

- Over the past 13 years, over 90 million hectares in more than 70 countries have been certified according to FSC standards while several thousand products are produced using FSC-certified wood and carrying the FSC trademark. FSC operates through its network of National Initiatives in 45 countries.
- FSC is an international organization that brings people together to find solutions which promote responsible stewardship of the world's forests.
- FSC is a stakeholder owned system for promoting responsible management of the world's forests.
- Through consultative processes, it sets international standards for responsible forest management. The FSC accredits independent third party organizations who can certify forest managers and forest product producers to FSC standards.
- The FSC trademark provides international recognition to organizations and consumers who support the growth of responsible forest management.



KEY BENEFITS

- FSC lumber reduces waste
- Protects the environment
- Consistent, high quality lumber

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Make It Green When Choosing Building Materials

Traditional 'stick built' homes use solid sawn lumber for wall, floor and ceiling framing. Because wood is a natural product, imperfections are inherent. Often, entire wood studs are scrapped out due to defects like knots, twisting or cupping. Finger-jointed wood studs and engineered wood framing components made from FSC certified lumber helps to significantly reduce both material waste and environmental impact.

Why Finger-Jointed Wood Studs?

The use of finger-jointed wood studs in framing provides an economy of resources as well as an unparalleled level of precision. Finger-jointed studs are made differently from traditional single-cut pieces of lumber. Smaller lengths of wood (not long enough to make a stud) are joined with small, machined, precisely interlocking 'fingers' at the ends of the joined sections and are bonded together with water-resistant, structural adhesives. The joint has a greater surface area that results in added structural integrity. In addition, by salvaging what would traditionally be viewed as scrap lumber, waste is also reduced. Another advantage of using finger-jointed studs is that the end product does not have any of the inherent flaws found in a single piece of wood such as warping, cupping or twisting.

Engineered Wood

Yet another opportunity to 'make the green choice' is using Relam framing products from Lamco Forest Company. Lamco uses only FSC certified lumber in the production of their Relam-LFS Engineered Rimboard and Relam-LFS EWP Structural components. Engineered, FSC certified, wood components combine the dimensional stability of engineered components with the flexibility of solid sawn lumber.



HOW CAN YOU "MAKE THE GREEN CHOICE" IN YOUR HOME?

Ask your builder about using FSC certified lumber in your home. They will give you the information on pricing differences and let you know what is available. Other products include FSC certified birch interior doors and MDF trim (Medium-Density Fiberboard) that is made from recycled wood.

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