DIVISION: 06 00 00—WOOD, PLASTICS AND COMPOSITES
Section: 06 17 13—Laminated Veneer Lumber

REPORT HOLDER:
PACIFIC WOODTECH CORPORATION

EVALUATION SUBJECT:
PACIFIC WOODTECH® LAMINATED VENEER LUMBER (LVL) AND PACIFIC WOODTECH® RIM BOARDS

ADDITIONAL LISTEES:
ALLIANCE LUMBER
BLUELINX CORPORATION

1.0 EVALUATION SCOPE
Compliance with the following codes:


For evaluation with codes adopted by the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS), see ESR-2909 LABC and LARC Supplement.

Properties evaluated:
- Structural
- Fireblocking

2.0 USES
Pacific Woodtech® laminated veneer lumber (LVL) is used in structural applications such as beams, headers, joists, rafters, columns, and truss chords. Pacific Woodtech® Rim Boards are used in rim board applications as described in this report.

3.0 DESCRIPTION
Pacific Woodtech Corporation manufactures and private-labels the LVL products described in this report. Private-label products are produced for the additional listee in this report, and also for others. The company names and associated product trade names for LVL and rim board products are as follows:

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Pacific Woodtech LVL and Pacific Woodtech Rim Boards are structural composite lumber products complying with ASTM D5456 and additional performance requirements specified in the ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria for Structural Wood-based Products (AC47) and the Acceptance Criteria for Rim Board Products (AC124). Qualified adhesives, veneer species and veneer grades are as specified in the approved quality control manual. The veneers are laminated with the grain parallel to the length of the LVL member. Pacific Woodtech LVL is available in thicknesses from \( \frac{3}{4} \) inch (19.1 mm) to 7 inches (178 mm) and depths from \( \frac{1}{4} \) inch (44.5 mm) to 48 inches (1219 mm). Products thicker than 3\( \frac{1}{2} \) inches (89 mm) are fabricated by means of a secondary face-bonding process. Pacific Woodtech Rim Boards are manufactured from Pacific Woodtech LVL in thicknesses of 1\( \frac{1}{4} \), 1\( \frac{1}{2} \) and 1\( \frac{3}{4} \) inches (32 mm, 38 mm and 44 mm), a maximum depth of 24 inches (610 mm), and a minimum length of 8 feet (2438 mm).

4.0 DESIGN AND INSTALLATION
4.1 Design:
4.1.1 General: The design provisions for structural composite lumber in the ANSI/AWC National Design Specification® (NDS) for Wood Construction, as referenced in the applicable code, are applicable to Pacific Woodtech LVL, unless otherwise noted in this report. Reference design values for Pacific Woodtech LVL are provided in Table 1.

4.1.2 Connections: Reference lateral and withdrawal design values for nailed or bolted connections in Pacific Woodtech LVL are as specified in the NDS for structural composite lumber having equivalent specific gravities as given in Table 3 of this report. For fasteners installed perpendicular to the wide face of the veneers, spacing, edge distances and end distances must be as required in the NDS for sawn lumber. Minimum required spacing, edge distances and end distances for fasteners installed into the narrow face of the LVL (faces showing the narrow edge of all veneers) are as given in Table 4. Bolted connections are not allowed in member edges.

Connections, other than the nailed and bolted connections described herein, are outside the scope of this report.

Exception: Lag screw connections between Pacific Woodtech Rim Boards and deck ledgers have an allowable lateral load of 350 pounds (1.56 kN) per lag screw, under the following conditions:

- Lag screws must have a minimum nominal diameter of \( \frac{1}{2} \) inch (12.7 mm), and sufficient length so that the full diameter of the lag screw shank penetrates through the rim board (the tapered tip must pass completely through the rim board).
- Deck ledgers must consist of minimum 2-by-8 lumber having a minimum assigned specific gravity of 0.42.
c. Sheathing between the rim board and the deck ledger must consist of wood structural panels meeting PS-1 or PS-2 and be attached to the rim board in accordance with the applicable code.

d. One flat washer must be used between the deck ledger and the lag screw head.

e. Edge distances from the center of the lag screw to the edges of the rim board and deck ledger must be 2 inches (51 mm) or greater. End distances must be 4 inches (102 mm) or greater.

f. The lag screws must be installed, and adjustment factors must be applied as applicable, in accordance with the NDS.

g. Rim boards and deck ledgers must be checked for load-carrying capacity at connections in accordance with Section 10.1.2 of the NDS.

4.1.3 Rim Boards: Allowable loads for Pacific Woodtech Rim Boards are given in Table 2. Toe-nailed connections of rim boards are not limited by the 150 plf (2189 N/m) lateral load capacity noted for Seismic Design Categories D, E, and F in Section 4.1.7 of the ANSI/AWC Special Design Provisions for Wind and Seismic (SDPWS).

4.1.4 Fireblocking: Pacific Woodtech LVL may be used as fireblocking in lieu of the materials listed in Section 718.2.1 of the 2018, 2015 and 2012 IBC, Section 717.2.1 of the 2009 IBC, and Section R302.11.1 of the 2018, 2015, 2012 and 2009 IRC, as applicable. LVL used as fireblocking must have a minimum thickness of 1 1/2 inches (38 mm), with the exception that 3/4-inch-thick (19 mm) LVL may be used, provided the joints are backed by a second layer of 3/4-inch-thick (19 mm) LVL.

4.2 Installation:

4.2.1 General: Installation of Pacific Woodtech LVL and Pacific Woodtech Rim Boards must comply with this report and with the manufacturer’s published installation instructions. The manufacturer’s published installation instructions must be available at the jobsite at all times during installation.

4.2.2 Rim Boards: Pacific Woodtech Rim Boards must be installed as a continuously supported structural element located at the joist elevation in an end bearing wall or parallel to the joist framing. It must be the full depth of the joist space and be used for any combination of the following: (1) transfer of vertical loads, from above to below, at the rim board location; (2) diaphragm attachment (e.g., sheathing to top edge of rim board); (3) transfer of in-plane lateral loads from the diaphragm to the wall plate below; (4) to provide lateral support to the joist (i.e., resistance against rotation) through attachment to the joist; (5) to provide closure for ends of joists; or (6) as an attachment base for siding and/or exterior deck ledgers.

5.0 CONDITIONS OF USE

The Pacific Woodtech® LVL and Pacific Woodtech® Rim Boards described in this report comply with, or are suitable alternatives to what is specified in, those codes listed in Section 1.0 of this report, subject to the following conditions:

5.1 Design and installation must comply with this report, the manufacturer’s published installation instructions, and the applicable code. In the event of a conflict between this report and the manufacturer’s published installation instructions, this report governs.

5.2 Design calculations and/or drawings, demonstrating compliance with this report, must be provided to the code official upon request. These documents must be sealed by a registered design professional where required by the statutes of the jurisdiction in which the project is to be constructed.

5.3 Plank compression perpendicular to grain, F_c, values in Table 1 are allowed to be adjusted by the NDS specified bearing area factor, C_b.

5.4 Applications in unprotected, wet service conditions, where the moisture content of the LVL will reach 16 percent or greater, are beyond the scope of this report.

5.5 Pacific Woodtech® LVL products are produced at the Pacific Woodtech Corporation manufacturing plant located in Burlington, Washington, under a quality-control program with inspections by ICC-ES and APA—The Engineered Wood Association (AA-649).

6.0 EVIDENCE SUBMITTED

6.1 Data in accordance with the ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria for Structural Wood-based Products (AC47), dated June 2017 (Editorially revised March 2018).

6.2 Data in accordance with the ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria for Rim Board Products (AC124), dated June 2019.

7.0 IDENTIFICATION

7.1 Pacific Woodtech® LVL is identified by a stamp noting the manufacturer's name (Pacific Woodtech), product trade name, grade, production date, evaluation report number (ESR-2909), qualified inspection agency name or logo (APA), and manufacturer's APA mill number (1047).

7.2 Pacific Woodtech® Rim Boards are identified by a stamp noting the manufacturer's name (Pacific Woodtech), product trade name, product name or registered trademark, grade, thickness, production date, evaluation report number (ESR-2909), name of the inspection agency (APA—The Engineered Wood Association) and manufacturer's APA mill number (1047).

7.3 The report holder’s contact information is the following:

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7.4 The additional listee’ contact information is the following:

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BLUELINX CORPORATION
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MARIETTA, GEORGIA 30067
Applications where the EMC will equal or exceed 16 percent are outside the scope of this report.

Connections in which fasteners are installed into the end grain of the LVL are outside the scope of this report.

Values given under the heading 'Face' apply to connections in which the fastener axis is installed parallel to the faces showing the wide face of one veneer.

Values given under the heading 'Edge' apply to connections in which the fastener axis is installed perpendicular to the faces showing the narrow edge of all veneers.

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¹Edge distance shall be sufficient to prevent splitting.
²Nail sizes and closest on-center spacing not specifically described in this table are outside the scope of this report.
³Penetration length includes nail tip.
⁴Tabulated closest on-center spacing for face orientation is applicable to nails that are installed in rows parallel to the grain (length) of the LVL. For nails installed in rows perpendicular to the direction of grain (width/depth) of the LVL, the closest on-center spacing for face orientation shall be sufficient to prevent splitting of the LVL.
⁵Minimum end distance is allowed to be reduced to 2-1/2 in. for single row nailing.
⁶Minimum nail spacing may be reduced to 5 in. when LVL is 1-1/4 in. or thicker.
1.0 REPORT PURPOSE AND SCOPE

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Applicable code editions:
- 2020 City of Los Angeles Building Code (LABC)
- 2020 City of Los Angeles Residential Code (LARC)

2.0 CONCLUSIONS

The Pacific Woodtech® Laminated Veneer Lumber (LVL) and Pacific Woodtech® Rim Boards described in Sections 2.0 through 7.0 of the evaluation report ESR-2909, comply with the LABC Chapter 23, and the LARC, and are subjected to the conditions of use described in this supplement.

3.0 CONDITIONS OF USE

The Pacific Woodtech® Laminated Veneer Lumber (LVL) and Pacific Woodtech® Rim Boards described in this evaluation report supplement must comply with all of the following conditions:

- All applicable sections in the evaluation report ESR-2909.
- The design, installation, conditions of use and identification are in accordance with the 2018 International Building Code® (IBC) provisions noted in the evaluation report ESR-2909.
- The design, installation and inspection are in accordance with additional requirements of LABC Chapters 16 and 17, as applicable.

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Applicable code editions:
- 2020 and 2017 Florida Building Code—Building
- 2020 and 2017 Florida Building Code—Residential

2.0 CONCLUSIONS

The Pacific Woodtech® Laminated Veneer Lumber (LVL) and Pacific Woodtech® Rim Boards, described in Sections 2.0 through 7.0 of the evaluation report ESR-2909, comply with the Florida Building Code—Building and the Florida Building Code—Residential, provided the design requirements are determined in accordance with the Florida Building Code—Building or the Florida Building Code—Residential, as applicable. The installation requirements noted in evaluation report ESR-2909 for the International Building Code® meet the requirements of the Florida Building Code—Building or the Florida Building Code—Residential, as applicable.

Use of the Pacific Woodtech® Laminated Veneer Lumber (LVL) and Pacific Woodtech® Rim Boards for compliance with the High-Velocity Hurricane Zone provisions of the Florida Building Code—Building and the Florida Building Code—Residential has not been evaluated, and is outside the scope of this evaluation report supplement.

For products falling under Florida Rule 61G20-3, verification that the report holder’s quality assurance program is audited by a quality assurance entity approved by the Florida Building Commission for the type of inspections being conducted is the responsibility of an approved validation entity (or the code official when the report holder does not possess an approval by the Commission).

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