

# News Release

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## **StrandGuard® TimberStrand® LSL Helps Homes Resist Insect and Fungal Damage, and Eliminates Field Treating During Construction**

For builders seeking an edge in guarding homes from wood-destroying insects and fungal decay, iLevel® Trus Joist® StrandGuard® TimberStrand® laminated strand lumber (LSL) offers superior protection and ease of use. iLevel's patented StrandGuard process treats structural framing members uniformly throughout the entire cross section, eliminating the need for retreating if builders cut, notch or drill the product during installation. In addition, no special handling or disposal is required, which makes StrandGuard TimberStrand LSL fast and easy to install. [www.ilevel.com](http://www.ilevel.com)

The StrandGuard process applies zinc borate, an EPA-registered biocide, to the individual strands of wood in TimberStrand LSL, which ensures protection to the core of the product. Unlike other common wood treatments, zinc borate does not increase corrosion of fasteners and connectors.

StrandGuard TimberStrand LSL is designed for use in above ground, protected applications such as sill plates, columns, beams, headers, rim board and studs. Builders choose TimberStrand LSL for its stiffness, durability, consistency and availability in long lengths (up to 64 feet in some products). In addition, TimberStrand LSL provides strong holding capability for fasteners, which helps eliminate nail pops, and its resistance to bowing and twisting helps builders construct walls that stay straight and stable long after installation. StrandGuard TimberStrand

LSL takes these benefits a step further by helping protect the integrity of the structural framing from insects and fungus, and carries a limited 25-year product warranty.

“Builders have relied on TimberStrand LSL for building quality structural framing in new and remodeled homes for more than a decade,” says Brian Greber, vice president of marketing and technology for iLevel by Weyerhaeuser. “The StrandGuard process allows builders to use treated TimberStrand as part of an overall set of measures to give homeowners peace of mind knowing their home is protected from termites, other insects and decay.”

### **About iLevel® by Weyerhaeuser**

iLevel is Weyerhaeuser’s integrated residential framing business resulting in a seamless, unified solution for residential builders through dealers – offering a coordinated network of support for all structural framing materials. By combining Weyerhaeuser’s high-quality products and services from well-known brands like Trus Joist and Structurwood, with its distribution and technology capabilities, iLevel efficiently supplies customers with all the necessary components for building the residential structural frame, and solving builder and customer needs around that frame.

### **About Weyerhaeuser**

Weyerhaeuser Company, one of the world's largest forest products companies, was incorporated in 1900. In 2007, sales were \$16.3 billion. It has offices or operations in 13 countries, with customers worldwide. Weyerhaeuser is principally engaged in the growing and harvesting of timber; the manufacture, distribution and sale of forest products; and real estate construction, development and related activities. Additional information about Weyerhaeuser's businesses, products and practices is available at <http://www.weyerhaeuser.com>.

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