

News Release



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Simplify the Installation of Utilities and Reduce the Risk of Red Tag Delays with iLevel® Trus Joist® TJO® Joists

Innovative Open-Configuration Floor Joists Introduced in Texas

Installing plumbing, ductwork and wiring in new or remodeled homes can be challenging given the need to work around floor joists. Cutting holes in the joists to complete the work takes time and, if done incorrectly, can result in red tag delays. To make it easier, faster and safer for contractors to run pipes, ducts and wires, the open configuration of the new iLevel® Trus Joist® TJO® joist allows ready access through the joist. (www.iLevel.com)

TJO joists are manufactured using TimberStrand® laminated strand lumber (LSL) top and bottom flanges, with diagonal TimberStrand LSL webs installed between the flanges and Structurwood® oriented strand board (OSB) webs on both ends of the joist. The design provides openings greater than 60% of the joist depth, allowing for easy access, while optimizing strength and stability. Rounded edges on all pieces make handling the joists easy and help reduce the risk of snags as utilities are installed through the joist.

Unlike most similar products, the joists can be installed with either flange up and can be trimmed on the job site, making installation easier for the framer. Faster framing and fewer obstructions for other trades can help builders reduce cycle time – critical for profitability in today’s housing market.

TJO joists are part of iLevel's floor system solutions for builders and are designed to be used in conjunction with iLevel Trus Joist TJI® joists (the Silent Floor® joist). Using iLevel's OpenZone™ framing concept, TJO joists are used where open access through joists is most needed, while TJI joists are used in all other areas. Where solid beams are required, the new TimberStrand LSL beam provides additional strength, while having the capacity to accommodate larger holes than other beams. The result is a high level of framing performance and ease of installation at an economical cost.

The joists are available in 11-7/8", 14" and 16" depths and multiple lengths, and are backed by iLevel's limited product warranty. They are currently offered throughout Texas only.

TJO joists are one part of a complete and integrated package of framing materials – from foundation to rooftop. Other trusted products and brands from iLevel include Trus Joist Parallam® parallel strand lumber (PSL), Trus Joist TimberStrand® laminated strand lumber (LSL), TJI® joists, Structurwood Edge® and Structurwood Edge Gold® floor panels, and iLevel Premium Joists™. To learn more about the complete iLevel line of residential framing products, design software tools, technical support, and extensive distribution network throughout North America, visit www.iLevel.com or call 1-888-iLevel8 (1-888-453-8358) to locate a dealer near you.

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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