

News Release



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Strong, Straight and True – TimberStrand® LSL

Builders don't have the time – or money – for the frustrating task of sorting through framing material looking for the right piece of lumber. Builders need wood products that are consistently strong, straight and true. iLevel® Trus Joist® TimberStrand® laminated strand lumber (LSL) is a high-quality engineered wood product available for a wide range of applications, including beams, rim board, treated sill plate, headers, columns and studs. TimberStrand LSL is designed to fit together and work efficiently with the entire iLevel family of structural framing products, helping reduce construction time, labor and callbacks.

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TimberStrand LSL rim board is a critical structural link in transferring vertical and lateral loads to the home's foundation. TimberStrand LSL provides superior performance for load carrying, including resistance to lateral loads generated by high winds. iLevel's design tools help specifiers, code officials and builders select a rim board product and installation details sufficient to withstand wind speeds of up to 120 miles per hour. TimberStrand LSL rim board is also sized to fit with iLevel Trus Joist Silent Floor® joists, and provides an excellent attachment point for decks.

For areas – or zones – of the home where flat, straight walls are critical, TimberStrand LSL has become the framing material of choice. Cabinets and countertops install flush and true when walls are framed with TimberStrand LSL studs. Rather than shimming cabinets to fit, framers can use TimberStrand LSL to provide a smooth surface ready for cabinet installation, with fewer

hassles. These same studs also provide a flat, stable surface for tile walls – reducing the likelihood of the tile or grout cracking. Builders can maximize value by using engineered lumber in applications that require tight tolerances, and sawn lumber in other applications.

The availability of TimberStrand LSL wall studs in long lengths – up to 30 feet – is critical for “tall wall” applications. Living spaces with walls taller than 10 feet are often found in the foyer, family and great rooms. The design and construction of tall walls provide unique challenges to builders and code officials because conventional framing practices do not apply. Using iLevel’s design tools and technical support, designers and builders can factor in both lateral wind loads and vertical loads for optimizing tall walls up to 30 feet high.

Roof applications also benefit from TimberStrand LSL since the product helps ensure that ridgelines will be crisp and cathedral ceilings will be smooth. Properly designed complex roof systems will stand the test of time when built with TimberStrand LSL.

TimberStrand LSL is one part of a complete and integrated package of framing materials – from foundation to rooftop – which include trusted products and brands such as Trus Joist® Parallam® parallel strand lumber (PSL), TJI® joists, Structurwood® 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 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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