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Standard Specification for Adhesives for Field-Gluing Wood Structural Panels (Plywood or Oriented Strand Board) to Wood Based Floor System Framing¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers minimum performance standards and test requirements for gap-filling construction adhesives for bonding wood structural panels consisting of plywood or oriented strand board (OSB) to wood based floor system framing, particularly dimension lumber or wood I-joists, at the construction site.

1.2 This specification provides a basis for ensuring the quality of the adhesives and is not intended as an application specification.

1.3 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.4 The following precautionary caveat pertains only to the test method portion, Section 11, of this specification: *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.5 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

¹ This specification is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee D14 on Adhesives and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee D14.70 on Construction Adhesives.

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

D572 Test Method for Rubber—Deterioration by Heat and Oxygen

D905 Test Method for Strength Properties of Adhesive Bonds in Shear by Compression Loading

D907 Terminology of Adhesives

D4300 Test Methods for Ability of Adhesive Films to Support or Resist the Growth of Fungi

D4442 Test Methods for Direct Moisture Content Measurement of Wood and Wood-Based Materials

D4783 Test Methods for Resistance of Adhesive Preparations in Container to Attack by Bacteria, Yeast, and Fungi

E4 Practices for Force Verification of Testing Machines

E177 Practice for Use of the Terms Precision and Bias in ASTM Test Methods

2.2 Voluntary Product Standards:³

PS1 Structural Plywood

PS2 Performance Standard for Wood-Based Structural-Use Panels

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 Many terms in this specification are defined in Terminology D907.

3.1.2 *gap class, n*—a classification used to indicate whether a product has been qualified using a 1/8 in. (1.59 mm) gap condition.

3.1.3 *gap-filling adhesive, n*—an adhesive capable of forming and maintaining a bond between surfaces that are not close-fitting.

3.1.3.1 *Discussion*—Close-fitting is relative to a given material and industry; for example, standards in construction differ from standards in electronics. Some adhesives will bond by bridging without completely filling the gap; others by filling the gap completely.

3.1.4 *open assembly time, n*—the time interval between applying adhesive on the substrates and closing them together before bonding.

³ Available from National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), 100 Bureau Dr., Stop 1070, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1070, <http://www.nist.gov>.

3.1.5 *oriented strand board (OSB), n*—a mat formed panel product with oriented layers resulting in directional properties.

3.1.6 *panel type, n*—a classification used to indicate whether a product has been qualified using OSB and/or plywood panels.

3.1.7 *plywood, n*—a conventional all-veneer panel with alternate layers of veneer which are orientated perpendicular to each other.

3.1.8 *wood-I joist, n*—a structural member manufactured using sawn or structural composite lumber flanges and structural panel webs, bonded together with exterior exposure adhesives, forming an “I” cross-sectional shape.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 This specification establishes test methods and performance requirements for adhesives bonding plywood or OSB to wood framing members.

4.2 This specification provides a basis for ensuring the quality of the adhesives.

4.3 The tests provide shear strength performance data when the substrates are conditioned to simulate various conditions that may occur during sub-floor adhesive application and curing.

4.4 The tests are suitable for product performance certification and quality control programs, and can be useful to the general public, adhesive manufacturers, distributors, specifiers, architects, contractors, testing laboratories and other businesses and professionals.

4.5 The results do not include all possible conditions, which may occur during final assembly, but indicate a set of performance characteristics for laboratory controlled bonding variables.

4.6 Successful testing compliance with plywood or OSB does not qualify the same adhesive formulation with the other.

5. Ordering Information

5.1 The adhesive may be furnished by the manufacturer in any suitable form agreeable to the purchaser.

6. Materials

6.1 The adhesive shall be a gap-filling construction adhesive.

6.2 The adhesive shall not support mold or bacterial growth. If amylaceous or protein fillers and extenders are used in the adhesive formulation, the adhesive must not only pass the performance requirements of this specification, but in addition, possess sufficient anti-fungal properties to inhibit the growth of selected fungal species when tested in accordance with Test Methods **D4300** and selected bacterial species in accordance with Test Methods **D4783**. The adhesive manufacturer shall notify in writing the agency responsible for testing, certifying, and compliance labeling of the adhesive whether any such materials are present in the adhesive.

6.3 The adhesive, when completely set, shall form a resilient bond that shall be durable when protected from direct exposure to the weather, as defined by the requirements of this specification.

6.4 The adhesive shall be a uniform mixture suitable for extrusion by a caulking gun or other pressurized application equipment.

6.5 The adhesive shall permit an open assembly time of not less than 10 min when applied to the lumber framing in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions. It shall be functional, as defined in this specification, when applied to surfaces having a temperature range from 0 to 100°F (–17.8 to 37.8°C). Open assembly times less than 10 min, may be used if agreed upon between the manufacturer and user, provided the adhesive meets the requirements of **Table 1**.

6.6 The adhesive shall be functional when applied to lumber framing free of standing water, ice, or snow.

7. Requirements

7.1 The adhesive shall conform to the strength and durability properties shown in **Table 1**.

7.2 Performance of the adhesive for bonding plywood and OSB shall be evaluated separately.

TABLE 1 Adhesive Strength and Durability Requirements

Test	Property	Number of Specimens	Requirement	Section Reference
Test A (wet lumber)				
Douglas-fir	shear strength	24	150 psi (1.035 MPa), min avg	11.2
Southern pine	shear strength	24	150 psi (1.035 MPa), min avg	11.2
Test B (frozen lumber)				
Douglas-fir	shear strength	24	100 psi (0.689 MPa), min avg	11.2
Southern pine	shear strength	24	100 psi (0.689 MPa), min avg	11.2
Test C (dry lumber)				
Douglas-fir	shear strength	24	150 psi (1.035 MPa), min avg	11.2
GAP-filling				
Douglas-fir	shear strength	24	100 psi (0.689 MPa), min avg	11.3
Durability (moisture resistance)				
Douglas-fir	delamination	24	a minimum of 22 of 24 specimens shall show no delamination.	11.4
	shear strength	24	150 psi (1.035 MPa), min avg	11.4
Durability (oxidation resistance)	flexibility	3	no fracture of free film on mandrel bend or visible signs of melting after exposure	11.5

7.3 Adhesive bonding performance with both plywood and OSB shall meet the requirements specified in this standard prior to certification in accordance with Section 14.

8. Sampling

8.1 A representative sample totaling not less than 1 qt (946 cm³) of the adhesive shall be taken from each lot to be tested.

8.2 For the purpose of sampling, a lot shall consist of material from the same batch or blending operation subject to the same processing operations and conditions.

9. Number of Tests

9.1 The number of test specimens shall be as specified in each test method designated in Section 11 and Table 1. The average result for the specimens tested shall conform to the requirements prescribed in this specification.

10. Specimen Preparation

10.1 Materials—Use the following materials for the tests outlined:

10.1.1 Plywood—5/8 in. or 19/32 in. (15.1 mm) thick, U.S. Product Standard PS-1 grade marked stamped, commercial plywood, Group 1 Species, exterior glue, or sanded exterior-grade plywood, underlayment type with A grade face ply for the adhesion surface. The plywood must be flat within 1/16 in. (2 mm); that is, the maximum permissible bow for a 16 in. (406 mm) length of plywood shall be 1/16 in. (2 mm). Make the measurement across the top surface of the plywood. Use bowed plywood only if it meets the limitation above and if the convexity occurs on the bottom surface that will contact the lumber. The plywood must be free of patches, core voids, and knot holes in the glue-line area.

10.1.2 Oriented Strand Board (OSB)—5/8 in. or 19/32 in. (15.1 mm) thick, U.S. Product Standard PS-2-grade marked stamped. The OSB must be flat within 1/16 in. (2 mm); that is, the maximum permissible bow for a 16 in. (406 mm) length of OSB shall be 1/16 in. (2 mm). Make the measurement across the top surface of the OSB. Use bowed OSB only if it meets the limitation above and if the convexity occurs on the bottom surface that will contact the lumber. The OSB must be free of any defect that could interfere with bonding to lumber substrate. Unless the OSB’s grade stamp requires otherwise, the panel surface with the grade stamp shall be used for adhesion. No further surface modification or preparation is permitted.

10.1.3 Lumber—2 in. (51 mm) (nominal) Douglas-fir and southern pine; (Note 1) clear dry lumber (moisture content of 8 to 15 %) (Note 2). The surface shall be free of bark, knots, splits, and pitch.

NOTE 1—Only the sapwood of loblolly, slash, longleaf, and shortleaf pine may be used.

NOTE 2—Test Method D4442 shall be used to determine moisture content.

10.1.4 Adhesive—applied as per the quantity and method recommended by the adhesive manufacturer to ensure full coverage of a 1 1/2 in. wide lumber surface. The dispensed bead diameter used for test specimen preparation shall be stated in the manufacturer’s application instructions as the minimum

application for 1 1/2 in. wide floor system framing. See the product marking requirement in 15.2.5.

10.2 Number of Test Assemblies—Prepare three wood-adhesive composite test assemblies as shown in Fig. 1 for each condition specified.

10.3 Conditioning of Materials:

10.3.1 Cut lumber and plywood or OSB to the required size as shown in Fig. 1. If the lumber must be reduced in height, retain at least one mill-finished surface as the surface to be bonded. If the lumber must be reduced in width to achieve a maximum 1 1/2 in. (38 mm) dimension, plane both sides in equal amounts.

10.3.2 Predrill the plywood or OSB and lumber with a No. 37 (diameter 0.104 in. (2.64 mm)) to receive nails as shown in Fig. 1. Predrill the lumber to a depth of 1 in. (25 mm).

10.3.3 Condition the adhesive at 70 ± 5°F (21.1 ± 2.8°C) for a period of 48 h prior to use.

10.3.4 Condition the lumber and plywood or OSB in accordance with the schedules shown in Table 2, and the following procedures:

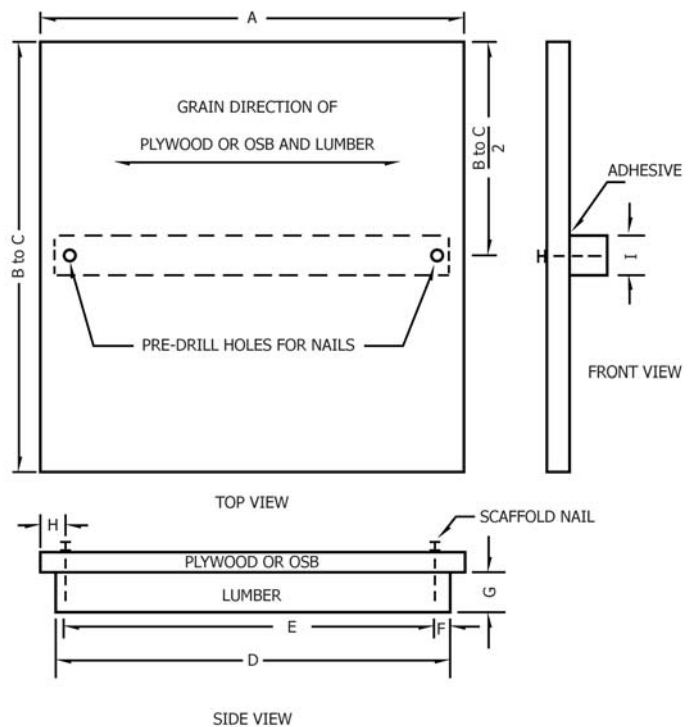


Table of Dimensions

Dimension	in.		mm	
	Dimension	Tolerance	Dimension	Tolerance
A	15 3/4	1/8	400	3
B	5 1/2	...	140	...
C	16	...	406	...
D	15	1/8	381	3
E	13	1/8	330	3
F	1	1/8	25	3
G	1 1/2 min	1/16	38 min	2
H	1 3/8	1/16	33	2
I	1 1/2 max	1/16	38 max	2

FIG. 1 Test Assembly