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The following rules have been certified as conforming to the American Softwood Lumber Standard, PS20, by the Board of Review of the American Lumber Standard Committee:

1. **Standard Grading Rules for Northeastern Lumber;** published by the Northeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association (NeLMA), 272 Tuttle Road, P.O. Box 87A, Cumberland Center, ME 04021; phone 207.829.6901; fax 207.829.4293
2. **Standard Specifications for Grades of California Redwood Lumber;** published by the Redwood Inspection Service (RIS), 2 Centerpointe Drive, Ste. 360, Lake Oswego, OR 97035; phone 503.224.3930; fax 503.224.3934
3. **Standard Grading Rules for Southern Pine Lumber;** published by the Southern Pine Inspection Bureau (SPIB), 4555 Spanish Trail, Pensacola, FL 32504; phone 850.434.2611; fax 850.433.5594
4. **Standard Grading Rules for West Coast Lumber;** published by the Pacific Lumber Inspection Bureau (PLIB/WCLIB), 1010 South 336th Street, Suite 210, Federal Way, WA 98003; phone 253.835.3344; fax 253.835.3371
5. **Western Lumber Grading Rules;** published by the Western Wood Products Association (WWPA), 2 Centerpointe Drive, Ste. 360, Lake Oswego, OR 97035; phone 503.224.3930; fax 503.224.3934
6. **Standard Grading Rules for Canadian Lumber;** published by the National Lumber Grades Authority (NLGA), 420-99 Bank St., Ottawa, ON K1P 6B9; phone 604.673.9100; fax 604.673.9141

Agencies Accredited by the Board of Review of the American Lumber Standard Committee, Incorporated and Typical Grade Stamps.

TYPICAL GRADE STAMP

AGENCY NAMES & ADDRESSES

Northeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association (NeLMA)
272 Tuttle Road, P.O. Box 87A
Cumberland Center, ME 04021
207.829.6901
fax: 207.829.4293
e-mail: info@nelma.org

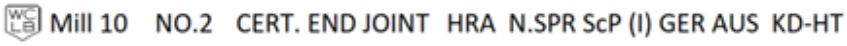
1. NeLMA is a rules writing agency.
2. Approval of rules they publish and as an inspection agency including mill supervisory services under:
   a. NeLMA rules
   b. NGR, Posts and Timbers, and Beams and Stringers portions of PLIB rules
   c. NGR, Selects and Common Boards, 4/4 Shop, Heavy Shop, Posts and Timbers, and Beams and Stringers under the WWPA rules
   d. NGR portion of the SPIB rules
   e. NGR portion of the NLGA rules
3. Approved to supervise glued and machine graded lumber.
4. Approved to provide heat treatment audit services under all rules.

Pacific Lumber Inspection Bureau (PLIB)
1010 South 336th Street
Suite 210
Federal Way, WA 98003

253.835.3344
fax: 253.835.3371
e-mail: info@plib.org

1. PLIB is a rules writing agency.
2. Approval as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
   a. PLIB rules
   b. WWPA rules
   c. RIS rules
   d. NLGA rules
   e. NGR, Scaffold Plank, Radius Edge Decking, Finish and Boards portions of the SPIB rules
3. Approved to supervise glued and machine graded lumber.
4. Approved to provide heat treatment audit services under all rules.

The PLIB and WCLIB trademarks may appear with or without the ® symbol on the stamp.



Redwood Inspection Service (RIS)
2 Centerpointe Drive, Suite 360
Lake Oswego, OR 97035

503.224.3930
fax: 503.224.3934
e-mail: info@wwpa.org

1. RIS is a rules writing agency.
2. Approval of rules they publish and as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
   a. RIS rules
   b. PLIB rules
   c. WWPA rules
3. Approval to supervise machine graded lumber.
4. Approved to provide heat treatment audit services under all rules.

Renewable Resource Associates, Inc. (RRA)
860 Johnson Ferry Road
Suite 140-194
Atlanta, GA 30342

678.528.3734 or 770.330.9416
fax: 678.528.8082
e-mail: lon@rrainc.net

1. Approval as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
   a. SPIB rules
   b. NGR, Posts and Timbers, and Beams and Stringers portions of the NLGA rules
   c. NGR, Selects and Finish, Boards, Posts and Timbers, and Beams and Stringers portions of the WWPA rules
   d. NGR, Posts and Timbers, and Beams and Stringers portions of the PLIB rules
   e. NGR, Selects and Finish, Boards, Mouldings, Posts and Timbers, and Beams and Stringers portions of the NeLMA rules
2. Approved to supervise glued and machine graded lumber.
3. Approved to provide heat treatment audit services under all rules.

Southern Pine Inspection Bureau (SPIB)
4555 Spanish Trail
Pensacola, FL 32504

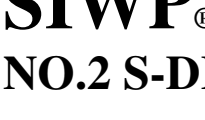
850.434.2611
fax: 850.433.5594
e-mail: spib@spib.org

1. SPIB is a rules writing agency.
2. Approval of rules they publish and as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
    a. SPIB rules
    b. Southern Pine graded under WWPA Moulding Stock and Shop Lumber rules
    c. NGR, Posts and Timbers, and Beams and Stringers portions of NeLMA rules
    d. NGR, Posts and Timbers, and Beams and Stringers portions of PLIB rules
    e. NGR, Western Patio Decking, Posts and Timbers, and Beams and Stringers portions of WWPA rules
    f. NGR, Posts and Timbers, and Beams and Stringers portions of NLGA rules
3. Approved to supervise glued and machine graded lumber.
4. Approved to provide heat treatment audit services under all rules.
5. If no other species is designated, the agency logo (SPIB) indicates the species group is Southern Pine.

Timber Products Inspection (TP)
100 Kedron Dr.
Peachtree City, GA 30269

770.922.8000
fax: 770.922.1290
e-mail: dconner@tpinspection.com

1. Approval as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
    a. SPIB rules
    b. RIS rules
    c. PLIB rules
    d. WWPA rules
    e. NGR, Posts and Timbers, and Beams and Stringers, Section 6-Eastern White Pine Board Grades, and Section 7-Selects and Commons portions of the NeLMA rules
    f. NGR, paragraph 112-Selects, and paragraph 113-Commons, Posts and Timbers, and Beams and Stringers portions of the NLGA rules
2. Approved to supervise glued and machine graded lumber.
3. Approved to provide heat treatment audit services under all rules.



Western Wood Products Association (WWPA)
2 Centerpointe Drive, Suite 360
Lake Oswego, OR 97035

503.224.3930
fax: 503.224.3934
e-mail: info@wwpa.org

1. WWPA is a rules writing agency.
2. Approval of rules they publish and as an inspection agency including mill service under:
    a. WWPA rules
    b. PLIB rules
    c. NLGA rules
    d. RIS rules
    e. NGR and Scaffold Plank portions of the SPIB rules
    f. Section 6.2-Eastern White Pine Common Board Grades of the NeLMA rules
3. Approved to supervise glued and machine graded lumber.
4. Approved to provide heat treatment audit services under all rules.

National Lumber Grades Authority (NLGA)
Suite 420 – 99 Bank St.
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 6B9

604.673.9100
fax: 604.673.9141
e-mail: info@nlga.org

The NLGA is the rules writing agency for Canada. The following Canadian agencies have been accredited by the Board of Review of the American Lumber Standard Committee as inspection agencies including mill supervisory service as indicated below.

Alberta Forest Products Association (AFPA)
Suite 900, 10707 100 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5J 3M1

780.452.2841
fax: 780.455.0505
e-mail: info@albertaforestproducts.ca

1. Approved as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
    a. NLGA rules
2. Approved to supervise glued and machine graded lumber.
3. Approved to provide heat treatment audit services under all rules.

Canadian Mill Services Association (CMSA)
Suite 280, 500 Sixth Avenue
New Westminster, BC V3L 1V3

604.523.1288
fax: 604.523.1289
e-mail: reklinski@canserve.org

1. Approved as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
    a. NLGA rules
    b. NGR portion of WWPA rules for Douglas fir, larch, and SPF(S)
2. Approved to supervise glued and machine graded lumber.
3. Approved to provide heat treatment audit services under all rules.

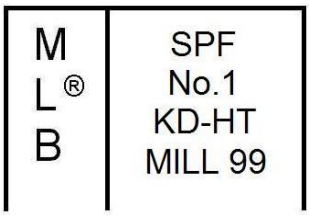
CMSA has taken over the administration of COFI ILMA grade marking services January 1, 2025.

Canadian Softwood Inspection Agency, Inc. (CSI)
902 County Road 50 E.
Harrow, ON N0R 1G0
855.714.2090
fax: 604.568.6933
e-mail: info@canadiansoftwood.com

1. Approved as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
   a. NLGA rules
   b. NGR, Posts and Timbers, and Beams and Stringers portions of WWPA rules
   c. NGR, Posts and Timbers, and Beams and Stringers portions of PLIB rules
2. Approved to supervise glued and machine graded lumber.
3. Approved to provide heat treatment audit services under all rules.

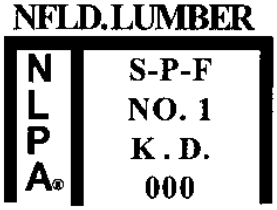
Central Forest Products Association (CFPA)
1200 Cook Dr.
Prince Albert, SK S6V 2R8
306.960.5914
e-mail: cfpainspections@sasktel.net

1. Approved as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
   a. NLGA rules
   b. NGR portion of NeLMA rules
2. Approved to supervise glued and machine graded lumber.
3. Approved to provide heat treatment audit services under all rules.



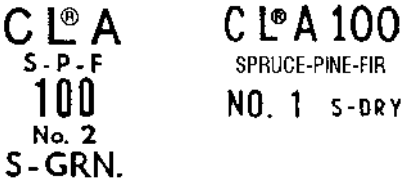
Maritime Lumber Bureau (MLB)
P.O. Box 459
Amherst, NS B4H 4A1
902.667.3889
fax: 902.667.0401
e-mail: mlb@ns.sympatico.ca

1. Approved as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
   a. NLGA rules
   b. NGR and Section 6-Eastern White Pine Board Grades portions of the NeLMA rules
2. Approved to supervise glued lumber.
3. Approved to provide heat treatment audit services under all rules.



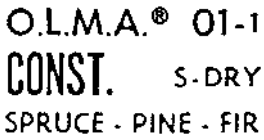
Newfoundland and Labrador Lumber Producers Association (NLPA)
P.O. Box 8
Glovertown, NF A0G 2L0
709.533.2206
fax: 709.533.2611
e-mail:
rolandwinters000@gmail.com

1. Approved as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
   a. NLGA rules
2. Approved to provide heat treatment audit services under all rules.



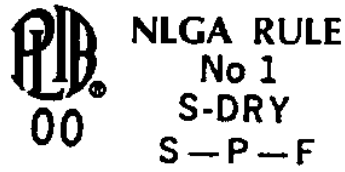
Ontario Forest Industries Association (OFIA) – Home of CLA Grading and Inspection
8 King Street East, Suite 1704 416.368.6188
Toronto, ON M5C 1B5 fax: 416.368.5445
e-mail: info@ofia.com

1. Approved as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
   a. NLGA rules
   b. NGR and Section6-Eastern White Pine Board Grades portions of NeLMA rules
2. Approved to supervise glued and machine graded lumber.
3. Approved to provide heat treatment audit services under all rules.



Ontario Lumber Manufacturers Agency (OLMA)
244 Viau Road 705.898.1036
Noelville, ON P0M 2N0 fax: 705.898.3403
e-mail: aboucher@olma.ca

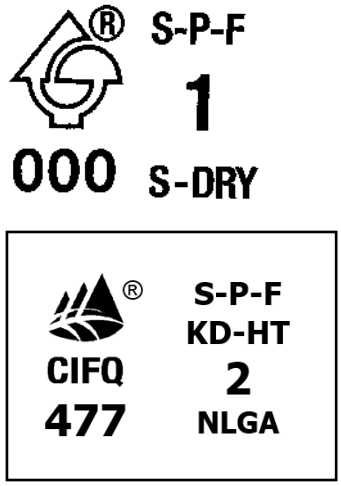
1. Approved as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
   a. NLGA rules
   b. NGR and Section 6-Eastern White Pine Board Grades portions of the NeLMA rules
2. Approved to supervise glued and machine graded lumber.
3. Approved to provide heat treatment audit services under all rules.



Pacific Lumber Inspection Bureau (PLIB)
British Columbia Division
P.O. Box 19118 BC tel/fax: 604.732.1782
Fourth Avenue Postal Outlet US tel: 253.835.3344
Vancouver, BC V6K 4R8 e-mail: info@plib.org

1. Approval as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
   a. NLGA rules
   b. PLIB rules
   c. WWPA rules
   d. RIS rules
2. Approved to supervise glued and machine graded lumber.
3. Approved to provide heat treatment audit services under all rules.

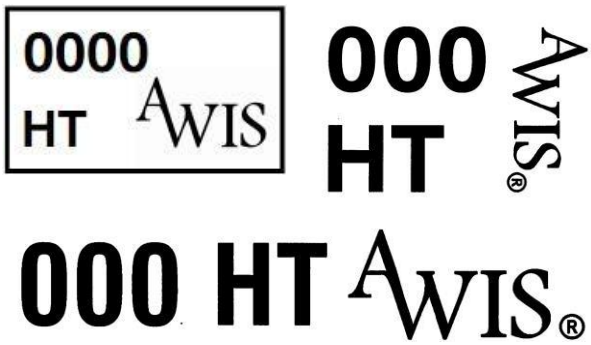
The PLIB trademarks may appear with or without the ® symbol on the stamp.



Quebec Forest Industry Council (QFIC)
1175 Lavigerie Avenue, Suite 200 418.657.7916
Quebec, QC G1V 4P1 fax: 418.657.3365
e-mail: info@cifq.qc.ca

1. Approved as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
   a. NLGA rules
   b. NGR and paragraph 6.2 Commons portions of the NeLMA rules
2. Approved to supervise glued and machine graded lumber.
3. Approved to provide heat treatment audit services under all rules.

The following agencies are accredited to provide heat treatment service only. Typical stamps are shown.



American Wood Inspection Services (AWIS)
29767 CR250 540.558.8380
Carrollton, MO 64633 e-mail: brandon@heattreatinspections.com

1. Approval as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
    a. Heat Treatment portion only of the NeLMA, RIS, SPIB, PLIB, WWPA, and NLGA rules

Carolina Inspection Services, Inc. (CIS)
5910 Morgan Park Dr. 866.753.5738
Monroe, NC 28110 704.776.4901
fax: 704.776.4902
e-mail: cis@carolinainspection.com

1. Approval as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
    a. Heat Treatment portion only of the NeLMA, RIS, SPIB, PLIB, WWPA, and NLGA rules

Conway & Robison, LLC (C&R)
P.O. Box 1508 678.642.4036
Sharpsburg, GA 30277 e-mail: jason@cr-inspect.com

1. Approval as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
    a. Heat Treatment portion only of the NeLMA, RIS, SPIB, PLIB, WWPA, and NLGA rules

Export Wood Packing Inspection US LLC (EWPI)
P.O. Box 650536 772-222-5288
Vero Beach, FL 32968 fax: 772-248-4060
e-mail: ipd@exportwoodpi.com

1. Approval as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
    a. Heat Treatment portion only of the NeLMA, RIS, SPIB, PLIB, WWPA, and NLGA rules

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Lee Global, Inc. (LIWP)
3358 North Ewing Lane
Joplin, MO 64801

866.327.1899
fax: 866.327.1901
e-mail: sales@leeinspect.com

1. Approval as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
    a. Heat Treatment portion only of the NeLMA, RIS, SPIB, PLIB, WWPA, and NLGA rules

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Missouri Forest Products Association (MFPA)
505 East State Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

573.634.3252
fax: 573.636.2591
e-mail: moforest@moforest.org

1. Approval as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
    a. Heat Treatment portion only of the NeLMA, RIS, SPIB, PLIB, WWPA, and NLGA rules

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Package Research Laboratory (PRL)
25 Pine Street
Suite 9
Rockaway, NJ 07866

973.627.4405
fax: 973.627.4407
e-mail: info@package-testing.com

1. Approval as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
    a. Heat Treatment portion only of the NeLMA, RIS, SPIB, PLIB, WWPA, and NLGA rules

000 WRD HT

Wood Research and Development, LLC (WRD)
PO Box 70
Jefferson, OR 97352

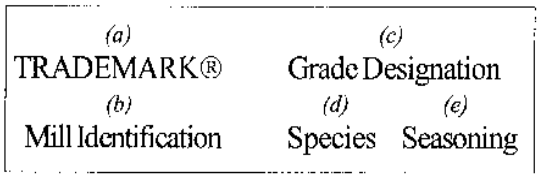
541.752.0188
fax: 503.385.8493
e-mail: admin@woodrandd.com

1. Approval as an inspection agency including mill supervisory service under:
    a. Heat Treatment portion only of the NeLMA, RIS, SPIB, PLIB, WWPA, and NLGA rules

INTERPRETING GRADE STAMPS

With few exceptions (see note), all approved grade stamps include the following five elements:

Visually Graded Lumber [1]:



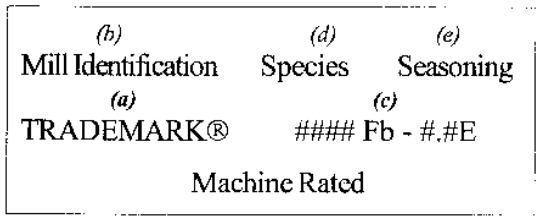
a. *Trademark* – indicates identity of agency quality supervision
b. *Mill Identification* – product manufacturer name, brand or assigned mill number
c. *Grade Designation* – grade name (number or abbreviation)
d. *Species Identification* – name or abbreviation of individual species or species combination (Species may be identified in the agency logo)
e. *Condition of Seasoning*[a] – moisture content classification at time of surfacing
   1. *S-Dry* – 19% maximum moisture content
   2. *MC15* – 15% maximum moisture content
   3. *KD* – kiln dried to moisture content indicated in grading rules
   4. *S-Grn* – over 19% moisture content (unseasoned)

[a] – *HT* – designation for Heat Treated - while not a seasoning designation, the abbreviation HT may be found in conjunction with the above seasoning abbreviations (see notes below). The HT definition can be found in the grading rules.

Machine Graded Lumber[1]:

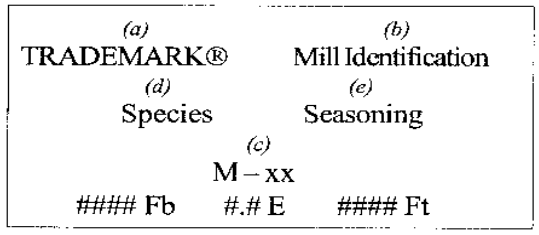
Grade stamps on machine graded lumber include the five elements listed above for visually graded lumber. Grade designations for the two types of machine grade lumber, machine stress rated (MSR) lumber and machine evaluated lumber (MEL), are distinctive from those used for visually graded lumber grades.

Machine Stress Rated Lumber (MSR) Stamp:



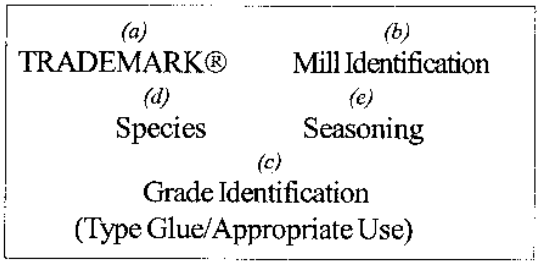
- MSR grade designations are composed of the assigned extreme fiber in bending (Fb or f) in psi and the assigned modulus of elasticity (E) in millions of pounds per square inch. Examples include 1650f-1.5E; 2100f-1.8E; and 2400f-2.0E.
- The phrase "Machine Rated" or "MSR" is also required on machine stress rated lumber stamps.

Machine Evaluated Lumber (MEL) Stamp:



- MEL grade designations use the format, M-xx; where xx indicates a one or two digit number. Examples include M-12; M-15; and M-19.
- In addition, the assigned extreme fiber in bending (Fb or f) in psi, the assigned modulus of elasticity (E) in millions of pounds per square inch, and the assigned tension parallel to grain (Ft) in psi are required elements on machine evaluated lumber stamps.

Glued Lumber[1]:



Grade stamps on glued lumber include all the information indicated for visually graded lumber. In addition, the grade stamp includes a designation or abbreviation indicating the type of glue joint and appropriate use. Examples include "Stud Use Only", "Vertical Use Only", "Certified End Joint", "Certified Exterior Joints", "Heat Resistant Adhesive", and "Non-heat Resistant Adhesive".

1 Grade Stamp Layout – The placement of the required elements within a grade stamp may vary, depending on the preferences of the specific supervising agency. The sample grade stamp facsimiles that accompany the agency listing herein provide a good example of the typical placement of elements preferred by that particular agency. Contact the agency whose trademark appears on the lumber, for specific information related to the agency's grade stamping policies.

2 When a combination species/species group/country nomenclature is shown in a grade stamp, the user of the lumber would select the weakest species/species group/county for the combination shown on the grade stamp as the appropriate value for the specific allowable property.

Note: Grade stamps for timbers are not required to include the condition of seasoning.
An approved grade stamp may include only a) trademark, b) mill identification, c) HT designation.
Grade stamps are permitted to include information that is not required, so long as the additional information is not confusing, misleading or deceptive. Contact the agency whose trademark appears on the lumber, for specific information related to the agency's grade stamping policy.

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