

**TIMBERS —
BEAMS &
STRINGERS,
POSTS & TIMBERS**

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TIMBERS

ASPEN	SPRUCE—PINE—FIR(s)
EASTERN SPRUCE	*RED MAPLE
EASTERN HEMLOCK—	*MIXED MAPLE
TAMARACK	*BEECH—BIRCH—
BALSAM FIR	HICKORY
NORTHERN WHITE CEDAR	*MIXED OAK
NORTHERN PINE	*RED OAK
EASTERN WHITE PINE	*NORTHERN RED OAK
EASTERN SOFTWOODS	*WHITE OAK

*For these species groupings, the grade description presented in para. 25.1, 25.2, 25.3, 26.1, 26.2 and 26.3 apply with the following addition. [Unsound knots up to 1/2 the size of allowable sound knot sizes are allowed provided the unsoundness does not penetrate more than 1-1/2" into the member and any associated decay is limited to the knot itself and is not present in any of the wood surrounding the knot.]

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25.0 BEAMS AND STRINGERS (70.00 WWPA) **5" and Thicker** **Width More Than 2" Greater Than Thickness**

Grades of Beams and Stringers are designed for construction uses where material larger than Joists and Planks is required. The various grades are used in all types of building — home, industrial, farm and in special engineered construction such as bridges, auditoriums, stadiums and the like. Some grades are selected for appearance and strength. Other grades are designed for serviceability with strength and appearance qualities available in graduated increments to provide reliable and economical construction.

[There are three grade choices: SELECT STRUCTURAL, NO. 1 and NO. 2 with assigned design values as shown in Table 3, Section 8. Refer to para. 25.4 for adjustment factors.]

STANDARD SIZES FOR BEAMS AND STRINGERS

Thickness and Width	
Nominal	Surfaced
5" & Larger	1/2" Off Nominal

Standard lengths are 6' and longer in multiples of 1'.

25.1 SELECT STRUCTURAL (70.10 WWPA)

Select Structural Beams and Stringers are graded primarily for strength properties, but most pieces of this grade are suitable for exposed uses where both strength and good appearance are desired.

Characteristics and limiting provisions are:

Checks — Seasoning checks, single or opposite each other with a sum total equal to 1/4 the thickness.

Knots — Sound, tight, and well-spaced, are limited as follows:

Width or Thickness	Narrow Face & Edge of Wide Face Knots in Middle 1/3 of Length	Knots at Ends & Along Centerline of Wide Faces
5"	1-1/4"	
6"	1-1/2"	
8"	1-7/8"	2"
10"	2"	2-5/8"
12"	2-1/8"	3-1/8"
14"	2-3/8"	3-3/8"
16"	2-1/2"	3-5/8"
18"	2-3/4"	3-5/8"
20"	2-7/8"	3-7/8"
22"		4"
24"		4-1/4"

The sizes of knots on narrow faces and at the edge of wide faces may increase proportionately from the size permitted in the middle 1/3 of the length to twice that size at the ends of the piece, except that the size of no knot shall exceed the size permitted at the center of the wide face. The size of knots on wide faces may be increased proportionately from the size permitted at the edge to the size permitted at the centerline.

Pin Holes — Limited.
 Pitch Streaks.
 Pockets — Medium pitch pockets.
 Shake — 1/6 the thickness on end.
 Skips — Occasional skips 1/6" deep, 2' in length.
 Slope of Grain — 1 in 15 in middle 1/3 of length, balance of piece may be 1 in 12.
 Splits — Splits equal in length to 1/2 the width of the piece or equivalent of end checks.
 Stain — Stained sapwood. Firm heart stain; 10% of width or equivalent.
 Torn Grain — Heavy.
 Wane — 1/8 of any face, or equivalent slightly more for a short distance.

25.2 No. 1 (70.11 WWPA)

No. 1 Beams and Stringers, like the Select Structural grade, consists of many pieces of fine appearance suitable for exposed uses. The strength qualities of this grade make it desirable for use in almost all classes of heavy construction.



Characteristics and limiting provisions are:

Checks — Seasoning checks, single or opposite each other with a sum total equal to 1/4 the thickness.
 Holes — In Cedar species, holes from any cause 1/2 the size of allowable knots are permitted.
 Knots — Sound, tight, and well-spaced, are limited as follows:

Width or Thickness	Narrow Face & Edge of Wide Face Knots in Middle 1/3 of Length	Knots at Ends & Along Centerline of Wide Faces
5"	1-7/8"	
6"	2-1/4"	
8"	2-5/8"	3"
10"	2-7/8"	3-3/4"
12"	3-1/4"	4-1/2"
14"	3-1/2"	5"
16"	3-3/4"	5-1/4"
18"	3-7/8"	5-5/8"
20"	4-1/8"	5-7/8"
22"		6-1/4"
24"		6-1/2"

The sizes of knots on narrow faces and at the edge of wide faces may increase proportionately from the size permitted in the middle 1/3 of the length to twice that size at the ends of the piece, except that the size of no knot shall exceed the size permitted at the center of the wide face. The size of knots on wide faces may increase proportionately from the size permitted at the edge to the size permitted at the centerline.

Pin Holes — Limited.

Pitch Streaks.

Pockets — Pitch pockets.

Shake — 1/6 the thickness on end.

Skips — Occasional skips 1/8" deep, 2' in length.

Slope of Grain — 1 in 10 in middle 1/3 of length, balance of piece may be 1 in 8.

Splits — Equal in length to the width of the piece or equivalent of end checks.

Stain — Stained sapwood. Firm stained heartwood.

Torn Grain — Heavy.

Wane — 1/4 of any face, or equivalent slightly more for a short distance.

25.3 No. 2 (70.12 WWPA)

No. 2 Beams and Stringers are used in all general construction. The grade is designed for the many uses where higher strength properties are not needed and where serviceability is important.

Characteristics and limiting provisions are:

Checks — Seasoning checks.

Knots — Sound, not firmly fixed or holes, well spaced, are limited as follows:

Width or Thickness	Narrow Face & Edge of Wide Face Knots in Middle 1/3 of Length	Knots at Ends & Along Centerline of Wide Faces
5"	2-5/8"	
6"	3-1/4"	
8"	4-1/2"	4-1/2"
10"	5-5/8"	5-5/8"
12"	6-7/8"	6-7/8"
14"	8-1/8"	7-1/2"
16"	9-1/4"	8-1/8"
18"	10"	8-5/8"
20"	11-1/4"	9-1/8"
22"		9-1/2"
24"		10"

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Unsound knots are limited to 1/2 the size of other knots.

The size of knots on narrow faces and at the edge of wide faces may increase proportionately from the size permitted in the middle 1/3 of the length to twice that size at the ends of the piece, except that the size of no knot shall exceed the size permitted at the center of the wide face. The size of knots on wide faces may be increased proportionately from the size permitted at the edge to the size permitted at the centerline.

Pitch Streaks.

Pockets — Pitch or bark pockets.

Shake — 1/2 length, 1/2 thickness. If through at ends, limited as splits.

Skips — 1/8" deep, 2' in length, or 1/16" skip full length.

Slope of Grain — 1 in 6 in full length.

Splits — Medium or equivalent end checks.

Stain — Stained wood.

Torn Grain.

Unsound Wood — Small spots of unsound wood, well scattered, 1/6 the face width.

Wane — 1/3 of any face, or equivalent slightly more for a short distance.

White Specks — Firm, 1/3 width, or equivalent.

25.4 DESIGN VALUES — Adjustment Factors

In structural design for loads applied on the wide face, the fiber stress in bending and Modulus of Elasticity (MOE) values in Table 3, Section 8 should be multiplied by the factors shown in the following table.

Adjustment Factors* for Beams and Stringers Subjected to Loads Applied on the Wide Face			
Grade	Extreme Fiber Stress in Bending "Fb"	Modulus of Elasticity "E"	Other Properties
Select Structural	0.86	1.00	1.00
No. 1	0.75	0.90	1.00
No. 2	1.00	1.00	1.00

*Posts and Timbers graded to para. 25.1, 25.2 and 25.3 may use the design values in Table 2, Section 8 without the above flat use adjustment factors.

26.0 POSTS AND TIMBERS (80.00 WWPA) 5" X 5" and Larger Width Not More Than 2" Greater Than Thickness

Grades of Posts and Timbers are designed for construction uses where material larger than Joists, Planks and Studs is required. The various grades are used in all types of building — home, industrial, farm and special engineered construction, such as bridges, auditoriums, stadiums, and the like. Some grades are selected for appearance and strength. Other grades are designed for serviceability with strength and appearance qualities available in graduated increments to provide reliable, but economical construction.

[There are three grade choices: SELECT STRUCTURAL, No. 1 and No. 2.] All are graded full

length. The SELECT STRUCTURAL, No. 1 and No. 2 grades are assigned design values as shown in Table 4, Section 8. These grades are designed to provide high compression values.

If the higher fiber stress in bending values applicable to Beams and Stringers are desired, the SELECT STRUCTURAL, No. 1 and No. 2 grades may be graded under para. 25.1, 25.2 or 25.3 if all faces are considered as narrow faces. If so graded and grade stamped, the grade stamp must show the appropriate para. number (25.1, 25.2 or 25.3).

STANDARD SIZES FOR POSTS AND TIMBERS

Thicknesses and Widths	
Nominal	Surfaced
5" & Larger	1/2" Off Nominal

Standard lengths are 6' and longer in multiples of 1'.

26.1 SELECT STRUCTURAL (80.10 WWPA)



Select Structural Posts and Timbers are graded primarily for strength properties, but most pieces of this grade are suitable for exposed uses where both strength and good appearance are desired.

Characteristics and limiting provisions are:

Checks — Seasoning checks, single or opposite each other with a sum total equal to 1/2 the thickness of the piece.

Knots — Sound, tight, and well-spaced. Knots equal to the size permitted on the widest face are allowed on all faces. Knot size limitations are as follows:

Wide Face Width	Knot Size
5"	1"
6"	1-1/4"
8"	1-5/8"
10"	2"
12"	2-3/8"
14"	2-1/2"
16"	2-3/4"
18"	3"

Pin Holes — Limited.
 Pitch Streaks.
 Pockets — Medium pitch pockets.
 Shake — 1/3 the thickness on end.
 Skips — Occasional skips 1/16" deep, 2' in length.
 Slope of Grain — 1 in 12.
 Splits — Splits equal in length to 3/4 the thickness of the piece or equivalent of end checks.
 Stain — Stained sapwood. Firm heart stain; 10% of width or equivalent.
 Torn Grain — Heavy.
 Wane — 1/8 of any face, or equivalent slightly more for a short distance.

26.2 No. 1 (80.11 WWPA)

No. 1 Posts and Timbers, like the Select Structural grade, consist of many pieces of fine appearance suitable for exposed uses. The strength qualities of this grade make it desirable for use in almost all classes of heavy construction.

Characteristics and limiting provisions are:

Checks — Seasoning checks, single or opposite each other with a sum total equal to 1/2 the thickness.
 Holes — In Cedar species, holes from any cause 1/2 the allowable knot size are permitted.
 Knots — Sound, tight, and well-spaced. Knots equal to the size permitted on the widest face are allowed on all faces. Knot size limitations are as follows:

Wide Face Width	Knot Size
5"	1-1/2"
6"	1-7/8"
8"	2-1/2"
10"	3-1/8"
12"	3-3/4"
14"	4"
16"	4-1/4"
18"	4-1/2"

Pin Holes — Limited.
 Pitch Streaks.
 Pockets — Pitch pockets.
 Shake — 1/3 the thickness on end.
 Skips — Occasional skips 1/8" deep, 2' in length.
 Slope of Grain — 1 in 10.
 Splits — Splits equal in length to width of the piece or equivalent of end checks.
 Stain — Stained sapwood. Firm stained heartwood.
 Torn Grain — Heavy.
 Wane — 1/4 of any face, or equivalent slightly more for a short distance.

26.3 No. 2 (80.12 WWPA)

No. 2 Posts and Timbers are used in all general construction. The grade is designed for the many uses where heavy material is needed and where serviceability is important.



Characteristics and limiting provisions are:

Checks — Seasoning checks.
 Knots — Sound, not firmly fixed, or holes, well spaced. Knots equal to the size permitted on the widest face are allowed on all faces. Knot size limitations are as follows:

Wide Face Width	Knot Size
5"	2-1/2"
6"	3"
8"	3-3/4"
10"	5"
12"	6"
14"	6-1/2"
16"	7"
18"	7-1/2"

Unsound knots are limited to 1/2 the size of other knots.

Pitch Streaks.
 Pockets — Pitch or bark pockets.

Shake — 1/2 length, 1/2 thickness. If through at ends, limited as splits.

Skips — 1/8" deep, 2' in length, or 1/16" skip full length.

Slope of Grain — 1 in 6.

Splits — Medium or equivalent end checks.

Stain — Stained wood.

Torn Grain.

Unsound Wood — Small spots of unsound wood, well scattered, 1/6 the face width.

Wane — 1/3 of any face, or equivalent slightly more for a short distance.

White Speck — Firm white specks, 1/3 width or equivalent.

27.0 PROFILE BEAMS AND STRINGERS 5" and Thicker

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Width more than 2" wider than thickness excluding profile (measurement is of width excluding profile; profile may be one or both edges). There is no limitation as to style of profile except it must be convex, not concave.

Grades of profile beams and stringers are designed for construction uses in log type structures where a log cabin or rustic effect is desired outside or inside.

There are three grade choices: SELECT STRUCTURAL, No. 1 and No. 2. Grades are assigned design values as shown in Table 3, Section 8.

STANDARD SIZES FOR PROFILE BEAMS STRINGERS

Thickness and Width (Excluding the Profile)	
Nominal	Surfaced
5" & Larger	1/2" Off Nominal

Standard lengths are 6' and longer in multiples of 1'.

27.1 SELECT STRUCTURAL

Select Structural Profile Beams and Stringers are graded primarily for strength properties, also most pieces of this grade are suitable for exposed uses where both strength and good appearance are desired. Characteristics and limiting provisions are the same as those for Select Structural Beams and Stringers. See para. 25.1.

27.2 No. 1

No. 1 Profile Beams and Stringers like the Select Structural grade consists of many pieces of fine appearance suitable for exposed uses. The strength qualities of this grade make it especially desirable where headers and spans are needed with a profile. Characteristics and limiting provisions are the same as those for No. 1 Beams and Stringers. See para. 25.2.

27.3 No. 2

No. 2 Profile Beams and Stringers may be used in areas where higher strength properties are not needed where serviceability and a rustic look are important. Characteristics and limiting provisions are the same as those for No. 2 Beams and Stringers. See para. 25.3.

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28.0 PROFILE POSTS AND TIMBERS 5" x 5" and Larger

Width not more than 2" greater than thickness excluding Profile (measurement is of width excluding Profile: Profile may be on one or both edges).

There is no limitation as to the style of Profile except it must be convex not concave.

Grades of Profile Posts and Timbers are designed for construction used in log type structures where a log cabin or rustic effect is desired outside or inside.

There are three grade choices: SELECT STRUCTURAL, No. 1 and No. 2 grades that are assigned design

values as shown in Table 4, Section 8. These grades are designed to provide high compression values.

If the higher fiber stress in bending values applicable to Profile Beams and Stringers are desired, the SELECT STRUCTURAL, No. 1 and No. 2 grades may be graded under para. 25.1, 25.2 and 25.3 if all faces are considered narrow faces. If so graded and grade stamped, the grade stamp must show the appropriate para. number (25.1, 25.2 or 25.3).

**STANDARD SIZES FOR
PROFILE POSTS AND TIMBERS**

Thickness and Widths (Excluding Profile)	
Nominal	Surfaced
5" & Larger	1/2" Off Nominal

Standard lengths are 6' and longer in multiples of 1'.

28.1 SELECT STRUCTURAL

Select Structural Profile Posts and Timbers are graded primarily for strength properties, but most pieces of this grade are suitable for exposed uses where both strength and good appearance are desired. Characteristics and limiting provisions are the same as those for Posts and Timbers, para. 26.1.

28.2 No. 1

No. 1 Profile Posts and Timbers like the Select Structural, consist of many pieces of fine appearance suitable for exposed uses. The strength qualities of this grade make it especially desirable where weight bearing members with a Profile are desired. Characteristics and limiting provisions are the same as those for Posts and Timbers, para. 26.2.

28.3 No. 2

No. 2 Profile Posts and Timbers are used in all general construction areas where heavy material is needed with a rustic effect. Characteristics and limiting provisions are the same as those for Posts and Timbers, para. 26.3.

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