



CANADA WALL GUIDE

Featuring Trus Joist® TimberStrand® LSL
and Parallam® PSL Wall Framing

- Engineered to meet code requirements for walls up to 30' tall
- Available in ForteWEB® software for quick, easy sizing of studs, columns, headers, and connections
- Limited product warranty





The products in this guide are readily available through our nationwide network of distributors and dealers. For more information on other applications or other Trus Joist® products, contact your Weyerhaeuser representative.

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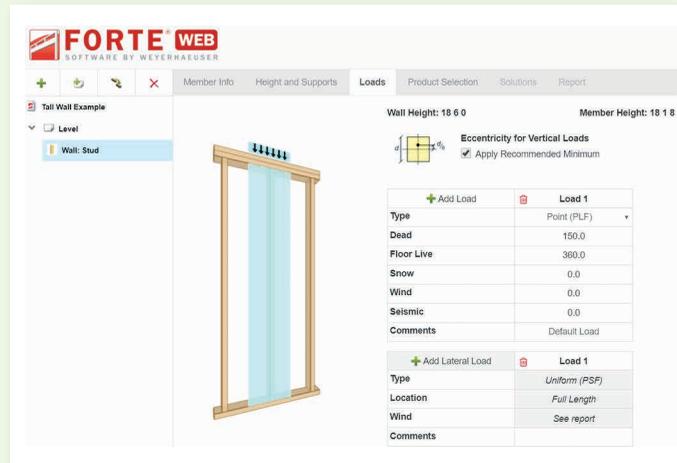
Choose Trus Joist® wall framing for straight, flush walls that:

- are critical for tile applications.
- allow easy countertop and cabinet installation in kitchens and bathrooms.
- give visual appeal to tall walls in great rooms and entryways.
- have the strength and stiffness to accommodate “window” walls.

Many of today’s homes have design requirements—such as walls over 10 feet tall—that exceed the code provisions for conventional construction. Trus Joist® TimberStrand® laminated strand lumber (LSL) and Parallam® parallel strand lumber (PSL) can help you meet the requirements of these challenging designs. Weyerhaeuser also offers product and design support that includes technical information, design software, and design advice from our team of skilled engineers and sales representatives.

Tall wall software solutions

ForteWEB® software is a single-member sizing solution created by Weyerhaeuser to help estimators, architects, and engineers design walls quickly and efficiently. ForteWEB® software provides the most economical solutions for studs, columns, and headers, and helps you design connections for each member. Professional calculations can be printed out for engineer sign-off or to give to building officials. Ask your Weyerhaeuser representative how you can get ForteWEB® software today.



This guide features the following Trus Joist® wall framing products:

Western Canada:

1.5E TimberStrand® LSL studs:

1½" x 5½" (2x6)
1½" x 7¼" (2x8)

1.55E TimberStrand® LSL studs:

1¾" x 7¼"

1.55E TimberStrand® LSL headers and beams:

Widths: 1¾" and 3½"
Depths: 9½", 11⅞", 14", and 16"

2.2E Parallam® PSL headers and beams:

Widths: 3½", 5¼", and 7"
Depths: 9¼", 9½", 11¼", 11⅞", 14", 16", and 19"

1.8E Parallam® PSL columns and posts:

3½" x 3½" 3½" x 5¼" 3½" x 7"
5¼" x 5¼" 5¼" x 7" 7" x 7"

Eastern Canada:

1.3E TimberStrand® LSL studs*:

1½" x 3½" (2x4) in lengths up to 14'

1.5E TimberStrand® LSL studs:

1½" x 5½" (2x6)
1½" x 7¼" (2x8)

1.55E TimberStrand® LSL headers and beams:

Widths: 1¾" and 3½"
Depths: 9½", 11⅞", 14", and 16"

2.0E Parallam® PSL headers and beams:

Widths: 3½", 5¼", and 7"
Depths: 9½", 11⅞", 14", 16", and 18"

1.8E Parallam® PSL columns and posts:

3½" x 3½" 3½" x 5¼" 3½" x 7"
5¼" x 5¼" 5¼" x 7" 7" x 7"

Other sizes may be available in Weyerhaeuser software; however, not all products are available in all markets. Contact your Weyerhaeuser representative for the sizes available in your area.

* For 1.3E TimberStrand® LSL headers, columns, and posts, refer to the Trus Joist® Beam, Header, and Column Specifier's Guide for Eastern Canada, TJ-9500.

TIMBERSTRAND® LSL WALL SYSTEMS IN MID-RISE CONSTRUCTION

With 5- and 6-storey wood frame construction now approved in several Canadian jurisdictions, builders and specifiers are looking to TimberStrand® LSL as a solution for applications where higher loads are applied to wall framing. Conventional studs used in lower levels of mid-rise buildings often require tight on-center spacing, posing a challenge for trades when installing wiring, fixtures, plumbing and other services in the walls. But high-strength TimberStrand® LSL studs allow wider on-center spacing, which not only helps speed up construction but also improves the energy performance associated with thermal-bridging at exterior walls. In addition, TimberStrand® LSL gives builders quality walls that are stiff, strong and straight.

TimberStrand® LSL wall systems also address the challenges of dimensional stability, plate crushing and shear wall performance that designers and builders commonly face with multi-storey construction projects:

- Because TimberStrand® LSL studs are manufactured dry, walls built with them are straighter than those built with traditional materials and movement due to plate shrinkage is significantly reduced as well.
- Used in flat orientation, TimberStrand® LSL studs in wall applications can support the demanding loads of mid-rise structures.

DEFLECTION REQUIREMENTS

How stiff does a wall need to be?

Clause A.5.4.2.2 from Annex A (informative) of CSA 086 suggests that for brittle finishes such as brick, typical stud wall systems should be designed for an out-of-plane deflection criteria of L/360. However, this section of the code is non-mandatory and included for informative purposes. As an alternative, organizations such as the Brick Industry Association suggest L/240 criteria for brick veneer with wood stud walls, which is consistent with model codes in the United States.

While model building codes provide required deflection limits based on the type of finish supported by the wall framing, acceptable deflection limits are usually established by the design professional of record, finish-material provider, and/or building code authority. Typical deflection requirements are shown in table at right.

Code Minimum Deflection Criteria⁽¹⁾

Type of Wall	Maximum Deflection
Exterior walls with brittle finish (brick/stucco/plaster)	L/360 ⁽²⁾
Exterior walls with brick veneer	L/240 ⁽³⁾
Exterior walls with flexible finish	L/180 ⁽⁴⁾

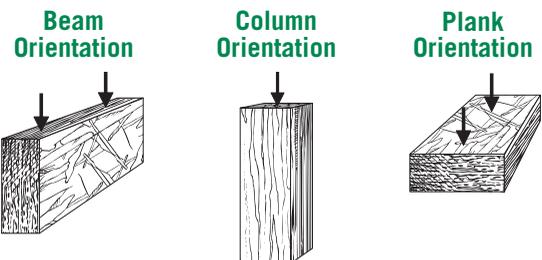
- (1) Local authority may require higher deflection criteria. Contact your Weyerhaeuser representative for more information.
 (2) CSA 086 Annex A (informative) Clause A.5.4.2.2.
 (3) The Brick Industry Association Technical Note, *Brick Veneer/Wood Stud Walls*.
 (4) *Structural Commentaries (User's Guide - NBCC: Part 4 of Division B) Commentary D*

DESIGN PROPERTIES

Specified Strengths⁽¹⁾ and Moduli of Elasticity (Standard Term)

	Modulus of elasticity	E =	TimberStrand® LSL			Parallam® PSL		
			1.3 x 10 ⁶	1.5 x 10 ⁶	1.55 x 10 ⁶	1.8 x 10 ⁶	2.0 x 10 ⁶	2.2 x 10 ⁶
	Shear modulus of elasticity	G =	81,250 psi	93,750 psi	96,875 psi	112,500 psi	125,000 psi	137,500 psi
Axial	Compression parallel to grain	f _c =	2,930psi	3,355 psi	3,465 psi	3,990 psi	4,630 ⁽¹⁰⁾ psi	4,630 ⁽¹⁰⁾ psi
	Tension stress	f _t ⁽²⁾ =	1,985 psi	2,770 psi	1,975 ⁽⁹⁾ psi	3,245 psi	3,750 psi	3,750 psi
Joist or Beam Orientation	Flexural stress	f _b ⁽³⁾ =	3,140 ⁽⁶⁾ psi	4,160 ⁽⁶⁾ psi	4,295 ⁽⁶⁾ psi	4,620 ⁽⁶⁾ psi	5,360 ⁽⁶⁾ psi	5,360 ⁽⁶⁾ psi
	Horizontal shear parallel to grain	f _v =	780 psi	935 psi	575 ⁽⁹⁾ psi	425 psi	540 psi	540 psi
	Compression perpendicular to grain	f _{c⊥} ⁽⁴⁾ =	1,295 psi	1,570 psi	1,635 psi	990 psi	1,135 psi	1,135 psi
Plank Orientation	Flexural stress	f _b =	3,510 psi	4,660 psi	4,830 psi	4,435 ⁽⁶⁾ psi	4,895 ⁽⁶⁾ psi	4,895 ⁽⁶⁾ psi
	Horizontal shear parallel to grain	f _v =	280 psi	280 psi	280 psi	355 psi	390 psi	390 psi
	Compression perpendicular to grain	f _{c⊥} ⁽⁴⁾ =	1,215 psi	1,355 psi	1,405 psi	990 psi	1,155 psi	1,155 psi
Equivalent Specific Gravity for Connections	Shear Walls ⁽⁵⁾	SG =	0.42 ⁽⁷⁾	0.42	0.42	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
	Lateral	SG =	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
	Withdrawal	SG =	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.50	0.50	0.50
	Minimum Shear Wall ⁽⁸⁾ nail spacing	oc =	6"	3"	3"	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

- (1) To obtain factored resistances, apply the appropriate formulae from CSA 086 to the specified strengths shown.
 (2) f_t has been adjusted to reflect the volume effects for most standard applications.
 (3) When structural members qualify as repetitive members in accordance with CSA 086, a 4% increase is permitted for f_b in addition to the increases permitted in Footnote 6.
 (4) f_{c⊥} shall not be increased for duration of load.
 (5) Design shear wall applications per CSA 086 Clause 11.5.1.
 (6) For 12" depth. For other depths, multiply f_b by the appropriate factor as follows:
 – For TimberStrand® LSL multiply by $\left[\frac{12}{d}\right]^{0.092}$ – For Parallam® PSL multiply by $\left[\frac{12}{d}\right]^{0.111}$
 (7) Do not use with nail spacings less than 6" on-centre. (Studs at boundary locations, where two panels abut, are allowed two rows at 6" on-centre.)
 (8) Refer to CCMC 12627-R and CSA 086 for additional nail placement requirements.
 (9) Value accounts for large hole capabilities. See **Allowable Holes** on page 7.
 (10) For column applications, use F_{c||} of 800 psi. Alternatively, refer to CCMC 11161-R, Table 4.1.1, footnote 9.

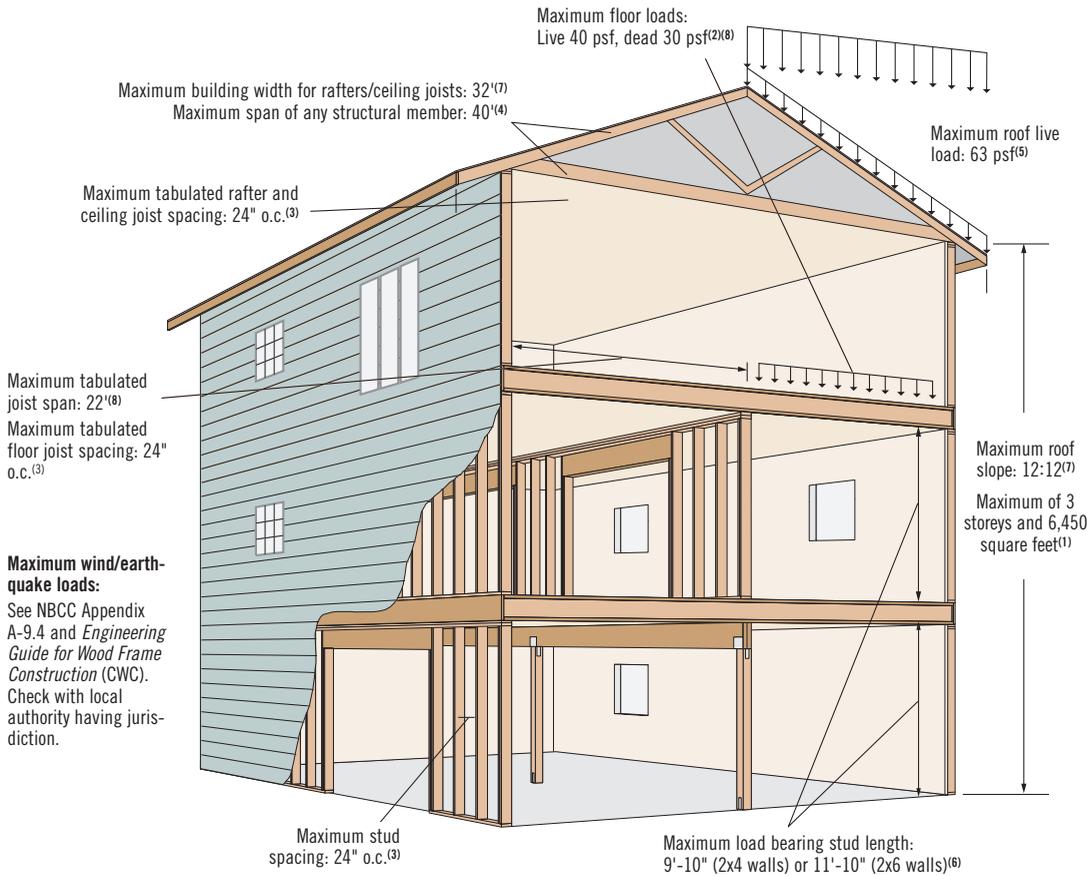


TimberStrand® LSL and untreated Parallam® PSL are intended for dry-use applications

CONVENTIONAL CONSTRUCTION APPLICATIONS

Limitations of Conventional Construction

The illustration provides the key limitations to the prescribed information in Part 9 of the NBCC (see code references below). If these requirements and the nailing requirements of NBCC Table 9.23.3.4. are met, TimberStrand® LSL wall studs can be used in Part 9 buildings as a direct substitution for the lumber studs listed in NBCC Table 9.23.10.1. A section of this table is provided below for your convenience.



NBCC Code References:

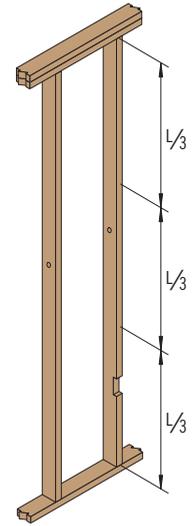
- (1) NBCC 1.3.3.3 (1) (3) NBCC 9.4.2.1. (1) b (5) NBCC 9.23.4.2. (1) (7) NBCC Table 9.23.14.8
- (2) NBCC Table 4.1.5.3. (4) NBCC 9.4.2.1. (1) c (6) NBCC Table 9.23.10.1. (8) NBCC Table 9.23.4.2-B

Stud Specifications for Conventional Construction (from NBCC Table 9.23.10.1.)*

Type of Wall	Supported Loads (including dead loads)	Minimum Stud Size, Nominal	Maximum Stud Spacing	Maximum Unsupported Height
Interior	Attic not accessible by a stairway	2x4	24"	11'-10"
	Attic accessible by a stairway plus 1 floor	2x4	16"	11'-10"
	Roof load plus 1 floor	2x4	16"	11'-10"
	Attic not accessible by stairway plus 2 floors	2x4	16"	11'-10"
	Attic accessible by a stairway	2x4	24"	11'-10"
	Attic not accessible by a stairway plus 1 floor	2x4	24"	11'-10"
	Attic accessible by a stairway plus 2 floors	2x4	12"	11'-10"
	Roof load plus 2 floors	3x4 2x6	16" 16"	11'-10" 13'-9"
Exterior	Attic accessible by a stairway plus 3 floors	2x6	12"	13'-9"
	Roof load plus 3 floors	2x6	12"	13'-9"
	Roof with or without attic	2x4	24"	9'-10"
	Roof with or without attic storage plus 1 floor	2x4	16"	9'-10"
		2x6	24"	9'-10"
	Roof with or without attic storage plus 2 floors	2x4	12"	9'-10"
3x4 2x6		16" 16"	9'-10" 11'-10"	
Roof with or without attic storage plus 3 floors	2x6	12"	5'-11"	

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Allowable Holes and Notches for TimberStrand® LSL Studs

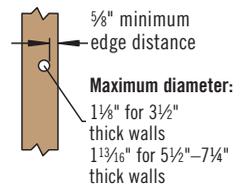


When used in conventional construction applications, both 2x4 and 2x6 TimberStrand® LSL studs may be drilled or notched in accordance with NBCC 9.23.5.3.

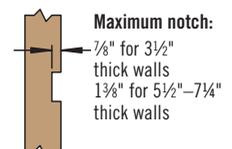


DO NOT cut a notch and a hole in the same cross section

Holes may be drilled anywhere along the length of the stud, but must be at least 5/8" from the edge



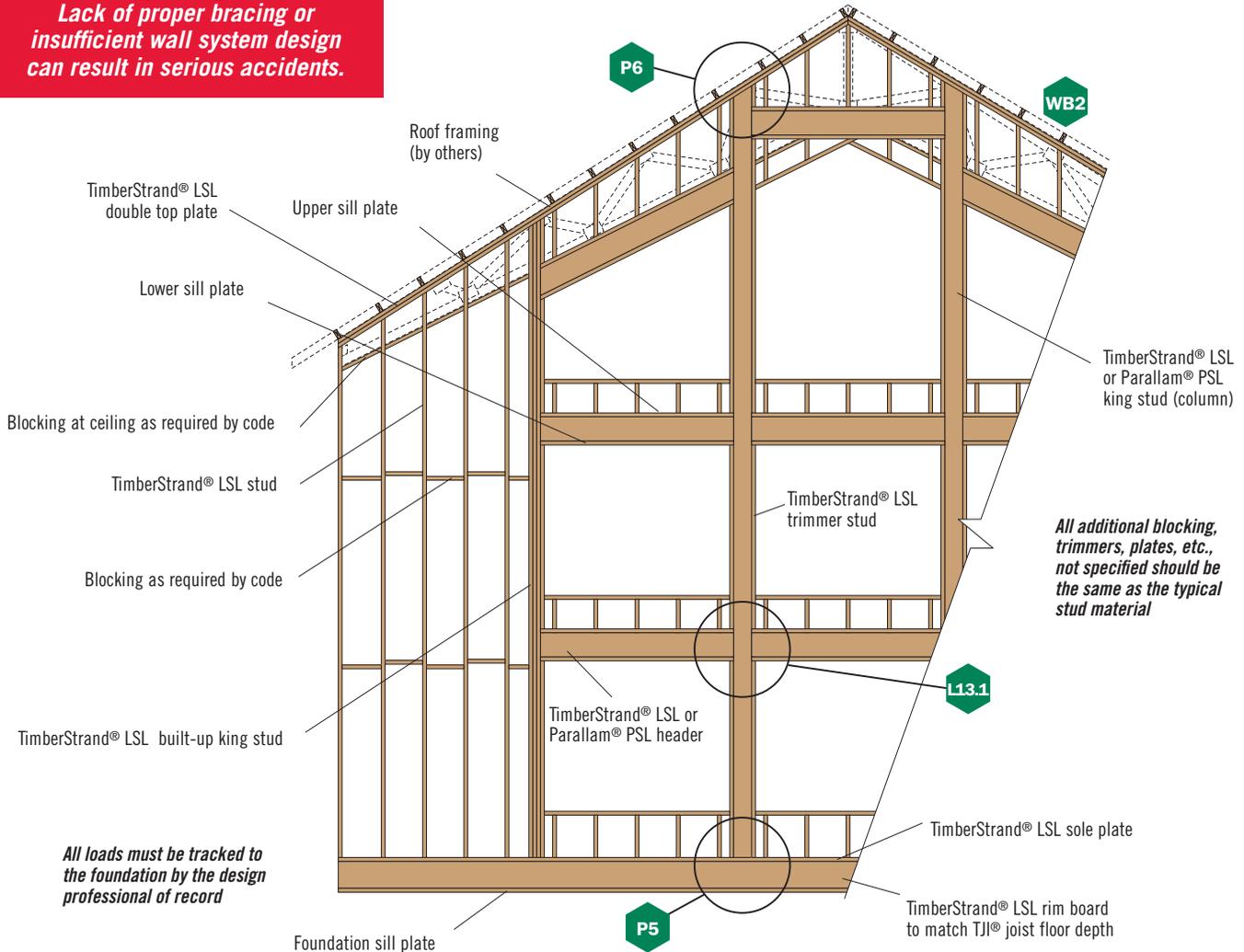
For 2x4 and 2x6 studs, one notch may be cut anywhere along the length of the stud. For larger studs, the notch may be cut anywhere except the middle 1/2 of the length of the stud.



TYPICAL TALL WALL FRAMING

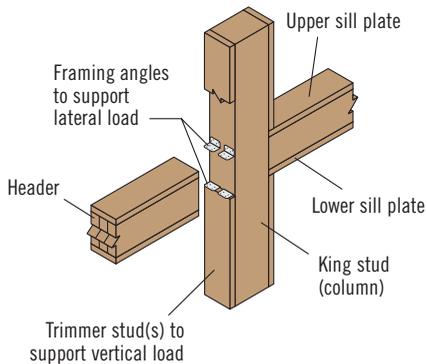
WARNING
 Safety bracing is required for lateral stability during construction. Lack of proper bracing or insufficient wall system design can result in serious accidents.

Wall reinforcement is required at all lift points to ensure wall stability during construction



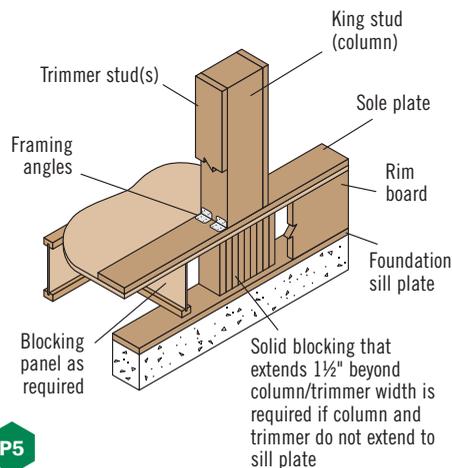
WALL DETAILS

Header to King Stud (Column)



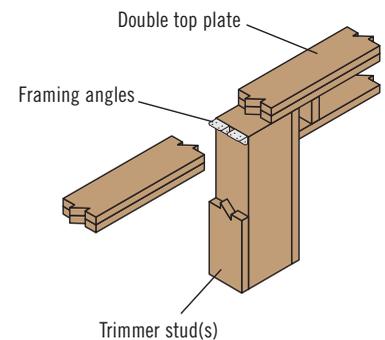
L13.1 Plate width must equal the wall thickness to provide lateral bracing.

King Stud (Column) to Bottom Plate



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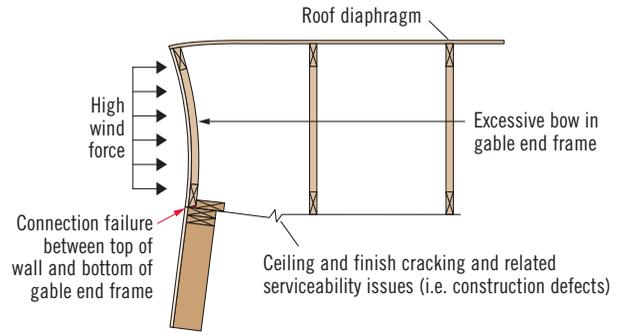
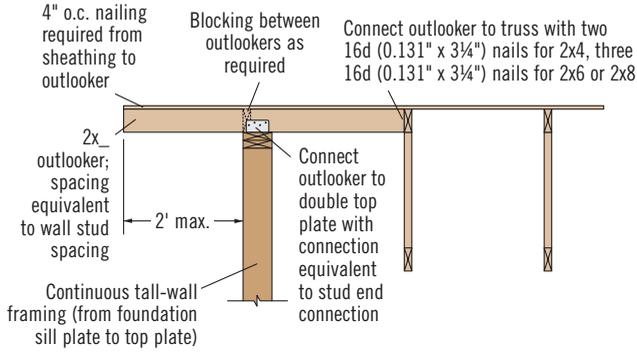
King Stud (Column) to Top Plate



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WALL DETAILS

Wind Brace



The top of the wall framing must be supported by either the outlooker framing or by perpendicular trusses attached to the roof diaphragm. Depending on the application, gypsum ceilings can lack adequate strength to transfer lateral loads. Bracing for gable trusses that are stacked on walls is outside the scope of this document. Contact your building engineer for specific design information in these cases.

WB2 Outlooker spacing must be the same as the stud spacing. For alternate spacing, contact your Weyerhaeuser representative.

FRAMING CONNECTORS

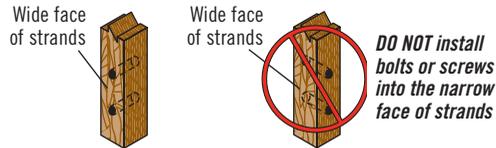
Lateral Connections

On Flat Plate				On Sloped Plate			
Lateral Connection at Each End	Nailing	Capacity ⁽¹⁾ (lbs)	Connector Length (L)	Lateral Connection at Each End	Nailing	Capacity ⁽¹⁾ (lbs)	Connector Length (L)
Two end or toe nails	12d (0.120" x 3/4")	175	N.A.	Two end or toe nails	12d (0.120" x 3/4")	175	N.A.
Three end or toe nails	12d (0.120" x 3/4")	260	N.A.	Three end or toe nails	12d (0.120" x 3/4")	260	N.A.
Four toe nails	12d (0.120" x 3/4")	435	N.A.	Four toe nails	12d (0.120" x 3/4")	435	N.A.
One A35 ⁽²⁾	Twelve 8d (0.131" x 1 1/2")	675	4 1/2"	One LS50 ⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	Eight 10d (0.148" x 3")	720	4 7/8"
Two A34	Eight 8d (0.131" x 1 1/2")	1,340	2 1/2"	Two LS30 ⁽³⁾⁽⁵⁾	Six 10d (0.148" x 3")	830	3 3/8"
Two A35 ⁽²⁾	Twelve 8d (0.131" x 1 1/2")	1,350	4 1/2"	Two LS50 ⁽³⁾⁽⁵⁾	Eight 10d (0.148" x 3")	1,440	4 7/8"
Four A34 ⁽³⁾	Eight 8d (0.131" x 1 1/2")	2,680	2 1/2"	Two LS70 ⁽⁵⁾⁽⁶⁾	Ten 10d (0.148" x 3")	1,610	6 3/8"

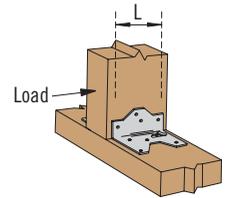
- (1) Factored value
- (2) Minimum 5/4" deep column or stud
- (3) Minimum 3 1/2" wide x 5/4" deep column or stud (i.e., 2x6 wall)
- (4) Clinched when possible
- (5) 2-ply top plate required
- (6) Minimum 3 1/2" wide x 7" deep column or stud (i.e., 2x8 wall)

General Notes

- Table is based on:
 - Short-term load duration.
 - Lateral connection values based on a specific gravity of spruce-pine-fir.
- For end-grain nailed connections, a 0.67 factor was used (based on CSA O86).
- For toenail connections, a 0.83 factor was used (based on CSA O86).



In order to use the manufacturer's published capacities when designing column caps, bases, or holdowns for uplift, the bolts or screws must be installed perpendicular to the wide face of strands, as shown above



MULTIPLE-MEMBER CONNECTIONS

2-Ply Nailing Recommendations

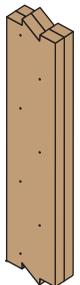
- For 2x4, 2x6, 1 1/4" x 7 1/4", and 2x8: Minimum of **two rows** of 16d (0.131" x 3/4") pneumatic nails at 10" on-centre, staggered.
- Nail from one side.

3-Ply Nailing Recommendations

- For 2x4: Minimum of **two rows** of 16d (0.131" x 3/4") pneumatic nails at 8" on-centre, staggered.
- For 2x6, 1 1/4" x 7 1/4", and 2x8: Minimum of **three rows** of 16d (0.131" x 3/4") pneumatic nails at 5" on-centre, staggered.
- Nail from both sides.

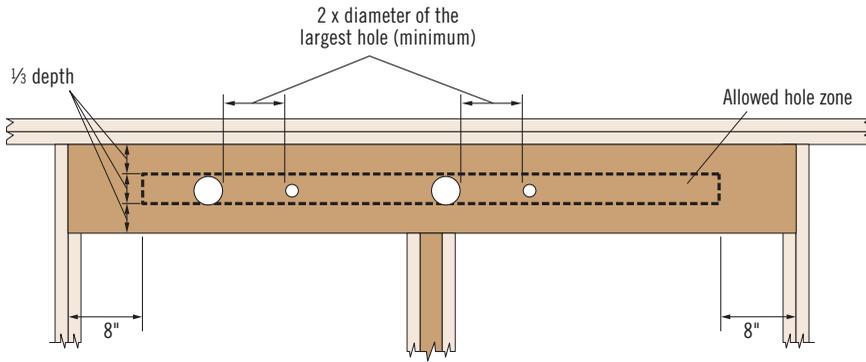
4-Ply Fastening Recommendations

- For 2x4: Nail each ply to the other with a minimum of **two rows** of 16d (0.131" x 3/4") pneumatic nails at 5" on-centre. When connecting each ply, offset nail rows by 2" from the ply below.
- For 2x6, 1 1/4" x 7 1/4", and 2x8:
 - Nail each ply to the other with a minimum of **three rows** of 16d (0.131" x 3/4") pneumatic nails at 5" on-centre. When connecting each ply, offset nail rows by 2" from the ply below.
 - or,
 - Minimum of **two rows** of 1/2" diameter bolts spaced at 8" on-centre.



ALLOWABLE HOLES

1.55E TimberStrand® LSL Headers and Beams



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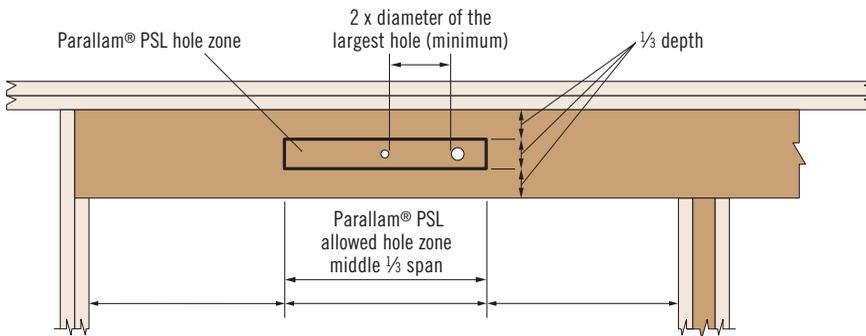
- Allowed hole zone suitable for headers and beams with **uniform and/or concentrated loads** anywhere along the member.
- Round holes only.
- No holes in headers or beams in plank orientation.

1.55E TimberStrand® LSL

Header or Beam Depth	Maximum Round Hole Size
9½"	3"
11⅞"	3⅝"
14"-16"	4⅝"

- See illustration for allowed hole zone.

Parallam® PSL Headers and Beams



General Notes

- Allowed hole zone suitable for headers and beams with **uniform loads only**.
- Round holes only.
- No holes in cantilevers.
- No holes in headers or beams in plank orientation.

Parallam® PSL

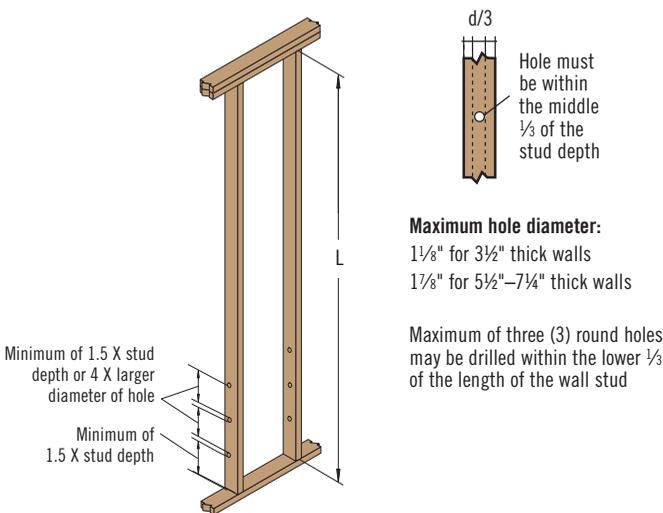
Header or Beam Depth	Maximum Round Hole Size
5½"	1¾"
7¼"-20"	2"

- See illustration for allowed hole zone.



DO NOT cut, notch, or drill holes in headers or beams except as indicated in the illustrations and tables above

TimberStrand® LSL Studs

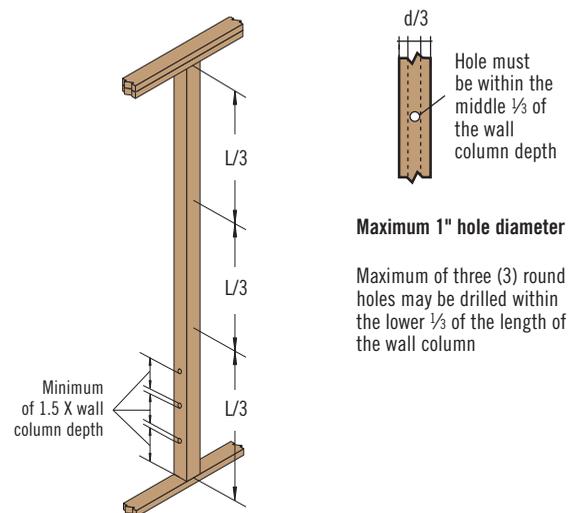


Maximum hole diameter:
 1⅛" for 3½" thick walls
 1⅞" for 5½"-7¼" thick walls

Maximum of three (3) round holes may be drilled within the lower ⅓ of the length of the wall stud

Minimum of 1.5 X stud depth or 4 X larger diameter of hole
 Minimum of 1.5 X stud depth

TimberStrand® LSL and Parallam® PSL Wall Columns



Maximum 1" hole diameter

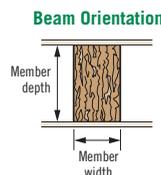
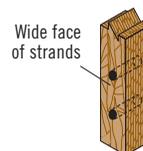
Maximum of three (3) round holes may be drilled within the lower ⅓ of the length of the wall column

Minimum of 1.5 X wall column depth

For studs and wall columns in non-prescriptive applications, holes may be drilled in accordance with the illustrations shown.



DO NOT notch studs and wall columns.



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