

**SUBJECT: SUPRESS SOUND ENGINEERED PLYWOOD**

To Whom It May Concern:

This is in response to your question regarding the structural certification of **SUPRESS** Sound-Engineered Plywood. These panels are manufactured using a 23/32" Uni-Flor certified structural plywood panel. The **SUPRESS** panel is Span Rated with a 24" o.c. floor span as a combined subfloor/underlayment. All **PSI/Pittsburgh Testing Laboratory (PSI/PTL)** certified panel products, grade stamped under United States Product Standards **PS 1-95** and or **HUD UM 66** are manufactured to the same Product Standards as any other agency grade stamped products, with **no deviation**, and will provide the **same assurance**. The use of **PSI/PTL** grade stamped products meet the requirements of all applicable Model Building Code Agencies including ICBO, BOCCA and SBCCI. This also includes additional requirements for HUD under UM 66. It is important to understand that **PSI/PTL** grade stamped products are manufactured to the **same** standard upon which **load design values** are set within the Model Building Codes.

Pittsburgh Testing Laboratory first began grade stamping panel products in 1956. We currently represent manufacturers that produce more than three billion square feet of certified panel products each year. To maintain the highest possible standard for our certification programs and provide National, and International marketing advantages to our clients, **PSI/PTL** maintains the following accreditations:

- ISO/IEC Guide 25, ISO 9002 -US Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) as recognized under the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) for Wood-based Products.
- ISO/IEC Guides 65, 17020 and 17025 – National Evaluation Service and ICBO ES
- Registered Foreign Certifying Organization (RFCO) under the Japanese Agriculture Standard (JAS).
- Standards Council of Canada (SCC) as a certified testing and grading agency.
- City of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety under Certificate # 22139.
- Florida Building Code from the Florida Building Commission as a Validation Entity, Certification Agency, and Testing Laboratory, recognizing **PSI/PTL** grade stamped panels for all applicable uses in the state of Florida.

**PSI/PTL** believes that all panel products manufactured in compliance with PS 1 and or HUD UM 66 are **equivalent**. Our emphasis is working with manufacturers to produce the highest quality products available to the marketplace. **PSI/PTL** is an **independent third party** certifying agency and one of the largest consulting engineering firms in the United States, whose financial base **does not** depend upon the manufacturers that we certify. With **PSI/PTL** grade stamped products, specifiers and end users will have the advantage of knowing they can count on quality.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (800) 324-5024.

Respectfully yours,

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