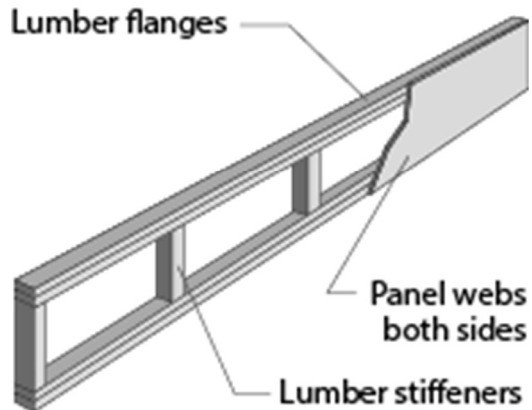


# Box Beams

- General Shear Stress Equation
- Shear on Common Sections
- Examples

## BOX BEAM



# Homework problem – Beam Design

**5. Sawn Lumber - Beams**

Design the central timber beam shown in the floor system using the given species and grade. Use the given floor D+L load plus the beam selfweight based on the given wood density (moisture is already included). Assume dry conditions (M.C. < 19%) and normal temperatures. Find the timber section with the least area to pass the adjusted allowable stress. Finally, calculate the total D+L deflection including creep. Assume 30% of the Live Load is sustained (long-term).

DATASET: 1 -2-	
Wood Species	COAST SITKA SPRUCE
Wood Grade	No. 2
Span A	19 FT
Span B	16 FT
Dead Load	19 PSF
Live Load	55 PSF
Wood density, D	30 PCF
actual section width, b	13.5 IN

#	Question	Your Response
1	Tabulated Allow. Bending Stress, $F_b$	<input type="text"/> PSI
2	Tabulated Allow. Shear Stress, $F_v$	<input type="text"/> PSI
3	Tabulated E modulus, E	<input type="text"/> PSI
4	Tabulated Emin modulus, Emin	<input type="text"/> PSI
5	Total point load (D+L)	<input type="text"/> LBS
6	Max total point load moment	<input type="text"/> FT-LBS
7	Final actual section depth, $d$	<input type="text"/> IN
8	Max selfweight moment (using final d)	<input type="text"/> FT-LBS
9	Final Section Modulus, $S_x$	<input type="text"/> IN <sup>3</sup>
10	Size factor, CF	<input type="text"/>
11	Effective length, $l_e$	<input type="text"/> IN
12	Slenderness Ratio, RB	<input type="text"/>
13	Euler stress, $F_{bE}$	<input type="text"/> PSI
14	Factored bending, $F^*$	<input type="text"/> PSI
15	Beam stability factor, $C_L$	<input type="text"/>
16	Factored Allow. Bending Stress, $F_b$	<input type="text"/> PSI
17	Factored Allow. Shear Stress, $F_v$	<input type="text"/> PSI
18	Total maximum moment, $M_{max}$	<input type="text"/> FT-LBS
19	Total maximum shear force, $V_{max}$	<input type="text"/> LBS
20	Actual bending stress, $f_b$	<input type="text"/> PSI
21	Actual shear stress, $f_v$	<input type="text"/> PSI
22	Deflection from floor DL, $P_{DL}$	<input type="text"/> IN
23	Deflection from total floor LL, $P_{LL}$	<input type="text"/> IN
24	Deflection from beam selfweight, $w_{self}$	<input type="text"/> IN
25	Long-Term deflection x $K_{cr}$	<input type="text"/> IN
26	Short-Term deflection	<input type="text"/> IN
27	Total deflection (short + long term w/ creep)	<input type="text"/> IN

# Box Beams

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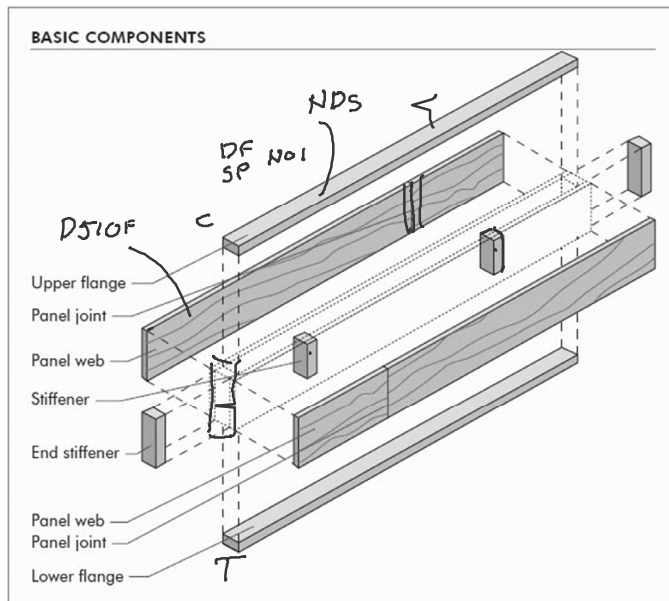
Box beams are built-up beams using dimensioned lumber (2x4 or 2x6) and panels (generally plywood)

The box is framed with the lumber and the sides are skinned with the panels.

The horizontal top and bottom flanges are continuous members as are the vertical ends and internal web stiffeners.

The flanges carry the tension and compression couple (the flexural moment) and the panels carry the shear force.

The internal vertical members brace and stiffen the panels.

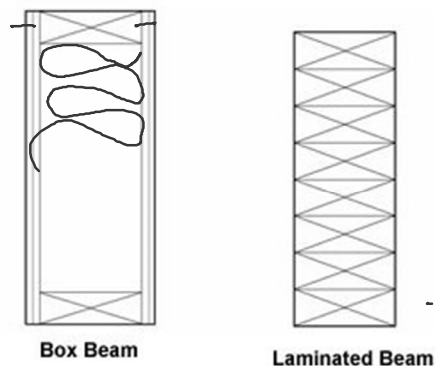
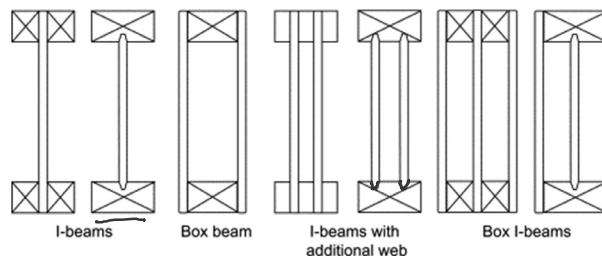


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# Box Beams

## Advantages

- low cost – economic alternative to steel or glulam
- good stiffness and strength
- light weight
- minimal shrinkage, warping or twisting
- ease of fabrication -
- material availability -
- speed of installation -
- can be insulated if desired

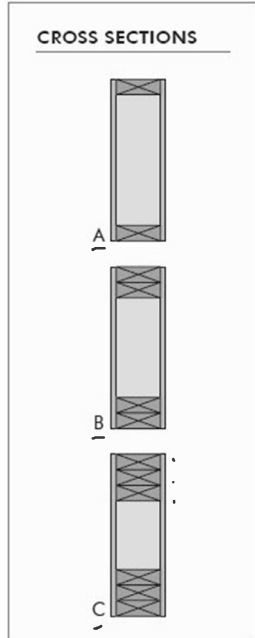


# Box Beams

Z416T  
2009

APA design with tables

- choose span
- run down column to find passing capacity
- find cross section A, B or C
- find Panel Specifications: thickness in x/32" and rating (rafter o.c. / joist o.c.)



ALLOWABLE LOADS<sup>(a)</sup> FOR 12-INCH DEEP ROOF BEAMS OR HEADER (lb/ft)

Panel Specification	Cross Section	Approx. Wt. per ft (lb)		Span (ft)							
		2 x 4	2 x 6	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
15/32" 32/16"	A	6	8	238*	198*	170*	147	116	94	78	64
15/32" 32/16"	B	9	12	339*	283*	242*	212	176	143	118	91
23/32" 48/24"	B	11	14	408*	340	291	223	176	143	118	95
23/32" 48/24"	C	13	17	374*	312*	267*	234	198	160	133	105

ALLOWABLE LOADS<sup>(a)</sup> FOR 16-INCH DEEP ROOF BEAMS OR HEADER (lb/ft)

Panel Specification	Cross Section	Approx. Wt. per ft (lb)		Span (ft)							
		2 x 4	2 x 6	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
15/32" 32/16"	A	8	10	336*	280*	240*	210	166	134	111	93
15/32" 32/16"	B	10	13	475*	396*	340*	297	264	219	181	152
23/32" 48/24"	B	13	16	569*	474*	406	342	270	219	181	152
23/32" 48/24"	C	15	19	531*	443*	380*	332*	295	266	219	184

ALLOWABLE LOADS<sup>(a)</sup> FOR 20-INCH DEEP ROOF BEAMS OR HEADER (lb/ft)

Panel Specification	Cross Section	Approx. Wt. per ft (lb)		Span (ft)							
		2 x 4	2 x 6	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
15/32" 32/16"	A	9	11	440*	367*	315*	273	216	175	144	121
15/32" 32/16"	B	12	15	610*	509*	436*	381*	339	297	246	207
23/32" 48/24"	B	15	18	728*	607*	520	455	367	297	246	207
23/32" 48/24"	C	17	22	693*	577*	495*	433*	385*	346	312	262

ALLOWABLE LOADS<sup>(a)</sup> FOR 24-INCH DEEP ROOF BEAMS OR HEADER (lb/ft)

Panel Specification	Cross Section	Approx. Wt. per ft (lb)		Span (ft)							
		2 x 4	2 x 6	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
15/32" 32/16"	A	11	13	550*	458*	393*	336	266	215	178	149
15/32" 32/16"	B	13	16	744*	620*	531*	465*	413	372	312	262
23/32" 48/24"	B	16	20	885*	738*	632*	553	465	377	312	262
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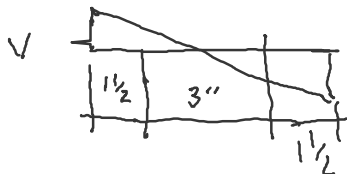
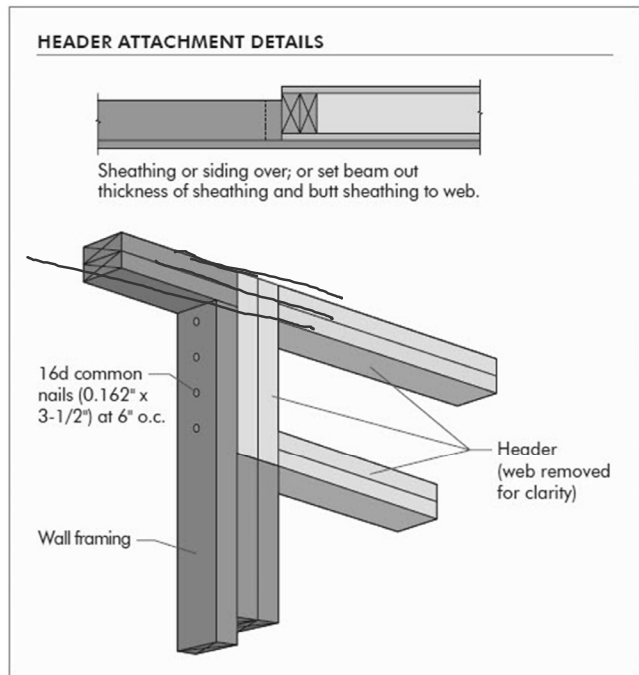
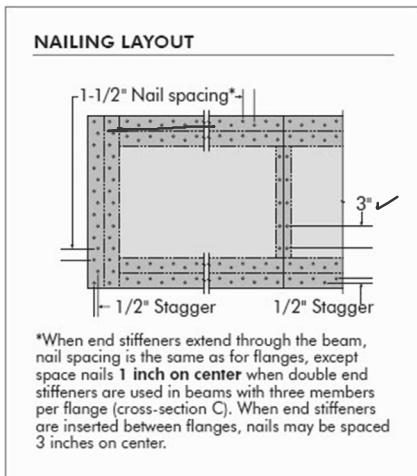
(a) Includes 15% snow loading increase.

\*Lumber may be No. 2 Douglas-fir or No. 2 southern pine without reduction of tabulated capacity.

## Box Beams APA design with tables (Z416T 2009)

Table assumptions:

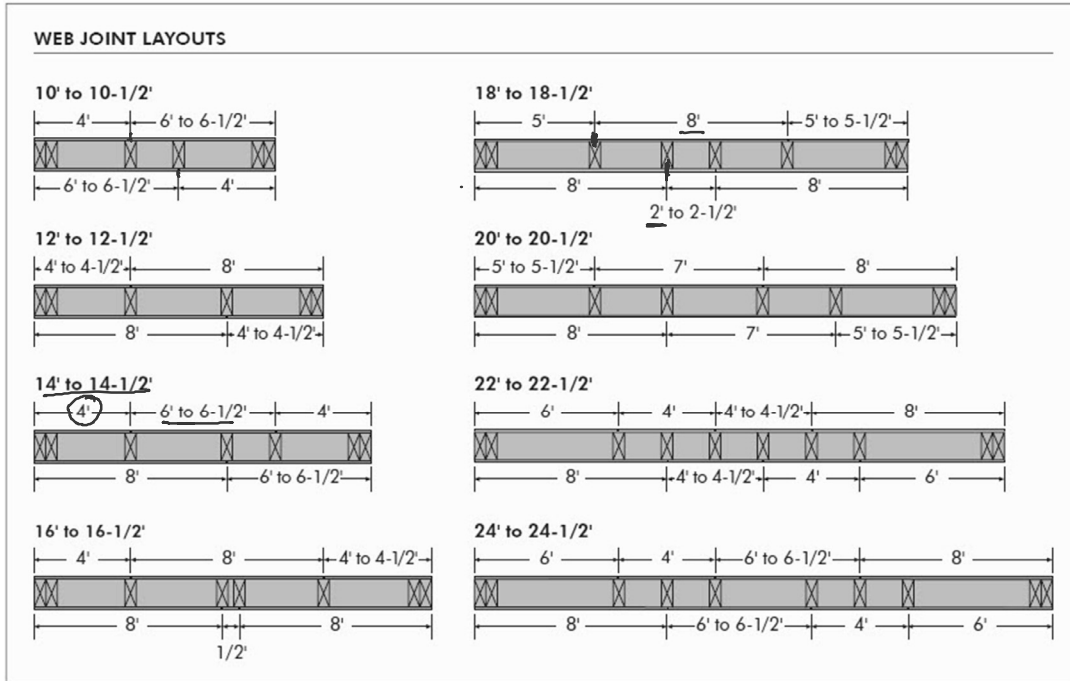
- DF - No1 or SP - No1
- panels: APA – expos. 1 4- or 5-ply or OSB
- deflection less than  $L/240$  (total load)
- nail size – 8d common
- nail spacing:
  - flanges  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " o.c.
  - may be doubled in middle half of span
  - end stiffeners  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " o.c.
  - mid stiffeners 3" o.c.



# Box Beams

APA design with tables

web panel joint and stiffer layout  
flange members are continuous



# Box Beams

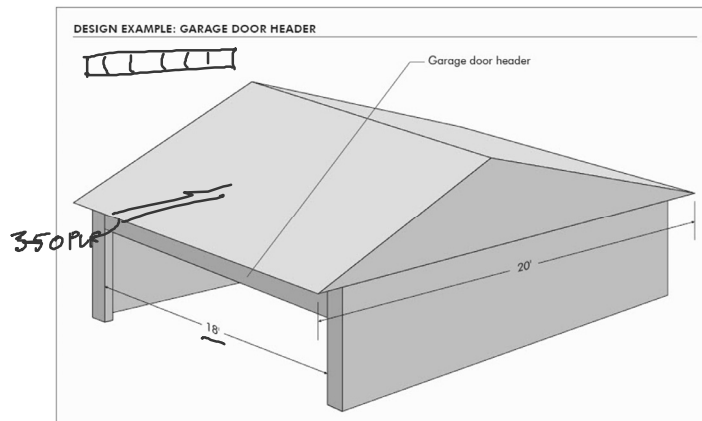
Example:

APA Z416T design with tables

garage door header using 2x4s  
span = 18 ft  
factored projected roof load = 35 psf  
(DL 10 psf + SL 25 psf)

↳ PROJECTED  
Load on beam:

$$35 \text{ psf} \times 20 \text{ ft} / 2 = \underline{350 \text{ plf}}$$



# Box Beams

APA design with tables  
Example:

Load on beam:

$$35 \text{ psf} \times 20 \text{ ft} / 2 = 350 \text{ plf} + \text{SELF } 15$$

Choose beam:

follow the 18 ft span column  
no 12" or 16" deep sections work  
20" with  $367 > 350 + 15$  plf works  
or  
24" with  $413 > 350 + 13$  plf works  
both options use section "B"

20" deep:

23/32" 48/24 panel and DF No1  
or

24" deep:

15/32" 32/16 panel and DF No1

In this case the 24" section uses a thinner and lower rated panel and so would be less costly. If the additional depth were a concern the 20" beam could be used.

ALLOWABLE LOADS<sup>(a)</sup> FOR 20-INCH DEEP ROOF BEAMS OR HEADER (lb/ft)

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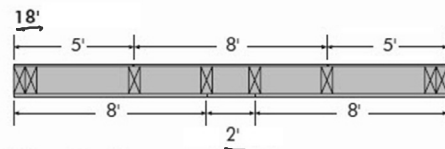
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Lumber may be No. 2 Douglas-fir or No. 2 southern pine without reduction of tabulated capacity.



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# Box Beams

NDS analysis

Based on the previous example  
find the maximum load capacity.

Load on beam:

$$D+S = 35 \text{ psf} \times 20 \text{ ft} / 2 = 350 \text{ plf}$$

$$C_D = 1.15$$

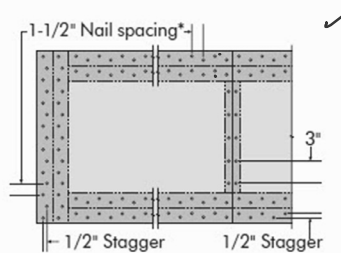
Box Beam Section:

- Douglas Fir No1
- $G = 0.5$

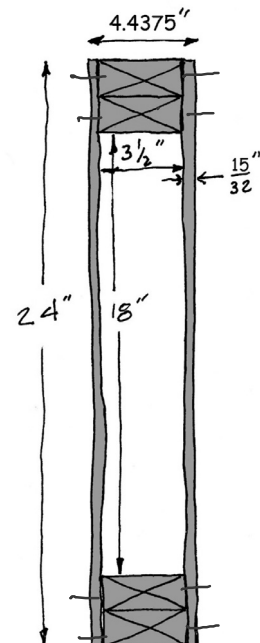
Nails:

- 8d common
- spacing,  $s = 1 \frac{1}{2}$ " o.c. flange and ends, 3" o.c. web stiffeners
- rows of nails,  $R = 2$  per web per flange (8 total top and bottom)
- allowable load per nail,  $F_n = 74$  lb/nail
- number of webs,  $N_{web} = 2$

NAILING LAYOUT



\*When end stiffeners extend through the beam, nail spacing is the same as for flanges, except space nails 1 inch on center when double end stiffeners are used in beams with three members per flange (cross-section C). When end stiffeners are inserted between flanges, nails may be spaced 3 inches on center.



# Box Beams

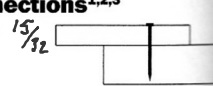
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NAILS

**Table 12Q COMMON, BOX, SINKER, or ROOF SHEATHING RING SHANK (RSRS) STEEL WIRE NAILS: Reference Lateral Design Values, Z, for Single Shear (two member) Connections<sup>1,2,3</sup>**

for sawn lumber or SCL with wood structural panel side members with an effective  $G=0.50$  (tabulated lateral design values are calculated based on an assumed length of nail penetration, p, into the main member equal to 10D)



Side Member Thickness <i>t</i> in.	Nail Diameter <i>D</i> in.	Pennyweight	RSRS (Dash No.)	Species										
				G=0.67 Red Oak	G=0.55 Mixed Maple Southern Pine	G=0.5 Douglas Fir-Larch	G=0.49 Douglas Fir-Larch (N)	G=0.46 Douglas Fir(S) Hem-Fir(N)	G=0.43 Hem-Fir	G=0.42 Spruce-Pine-Fir	G=0.37 Redwood	G=0.36 Eastern Softwoods Spruce-Pine-Fir(S) Western Cedars Western Woods	G=0.35 Northern Species	
3/8	0.099	6d 7d	01	47	45	43	43	42	40	40	38	37	37	
	0.113	6d 8d 8d	01	60	56	54	54	52	51	50	47	47	46	
	0.120	10d	02	67	62	60	60	58	56	56	52	52	51	
	0.128	10d	02	75	70	68	67	65	63	63	59	58	57	
	0.131	8d	03	78	73	71	70	68	66	65	61	61	60	
	0.135	16d 12d		83	78	75	74	72	70	69	65	64	63	
	0.148	10d 20d 16d		94	86	85	84	82	79	78	73	72	71	
7/16	0.099	6d 7d	01	50	47	45	45	44	43	42	40	40	39	
	0.113	6d 8d 8d	01	62	58	56	56	55	53	52	49	49	48	
	0.120	10d	02	69	65	63	62	60	59	58	55	54	53	
	0.128	10d	02	77	72	70	69	68	66	65	61	60	59	
	0.131	8d	03	80	75	73	72	70	68	67	63	63	62	
	0.135	16d 12d		85	80	77	76	74	72	71	67	66	65	
	0.148	10d 20d 16d		96	90	87	86	84	81	80	76	75	73	
	0.162	16d 40d		114	106	102	101	99	96	95	89	88	86	
15/32	0.099	6d 7d	01	51	48	47	46	45	44	44	41	41	40	
	0.113	6d 8d 8d	01	64	60	58	57	56	54	54	51	50	49	
	0.120	10d	02	70	66	64	63	62	60	59	56	55	54	
	0.128	10d	02	78	74	71	71	69	67	66	62	62	61	
	0.131	8d	03	82	77	74	73	72	70	69	65	64	63	
	0.135	16d 12d		86	81	78	77	76	73	72	68	67	66	
	0.148	10d 20d 16d		97	91	88	87	85	83	82	77	76	75	
	0.162	16d 40d		115	108	104	103	100	97	96	90	89	88	

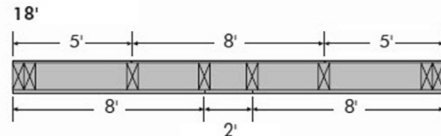
# Box Beams

NDS analysis

Based on the previous example find the maximum load capacity.



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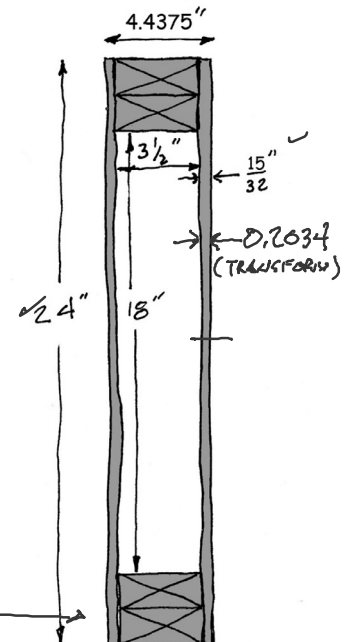
Box Beam Section:

Webs:

- depth of section,  $h = 24 \text{ in}$
- thickness  $15/32 = 0.46875 \text{ in}$
- grade and rating: APA Rated Sheathing 32/16 4-ply Exp. 1
- number of webs,  $N_{web} = 2$
- axial Stiffness,  $EA = 4,150,000 \text{ lbs/ft width}$  (Panel Design D510)
- bending thickness,  $t_{par} = EA/(E(12)) = 4150/(1700 \cdot 12) = 0.2034 \text{ in}$   
based on transformed area normalizing E for flange and web.
- shear capacity  $F_v t_v = 81 \text{ lb/in}$  each web

Flanges:

- 2x4 Douglas Fir – Larch No. 1 NDS
- continuous, no butt joints. 2 pcs per flange
- depth of flange,  $d = 3''$
- width of flange,  $b = 3.5''$
- allowable tension stress,  $F_t = 675 (1.5) = 1012.5 \text{ psi}$
- Stiffness,  $E = 1700000 \text{ psi}$



# Box Beams

Douglas Fir – Larch No.1 E = 1700000 psi (NDS Supplement 2018)

15/32" 32/16 panel EA = 4,150,000 lbf/ft width (APA D510) 2020

Species and commercial grade	Size classification	Design values in pounds per square inch (psi)						
		Bending $F_b$	Tension parallel to grain $F_t$	Shear parallel to grain $F_v$	Compression perpendicular to grain $F_{c\perp}$	Compression parallel to grain $F_c$	Modulus of Elasticity	
							$E$	$E_{min}$
<b>DOUGLAS FIR-LARCH</b>								
Select Structural		1,500	1,000	180	625	1,700	1,900,000	690,000
No. 1 & Btr		1,200	800	180	625	1,550	1,800,000	660,000
No. 1	2" & wider	1,000	675	180	625	1,500	1,700,000	620,000
No. 2		900	575	180	625	1,350	1,600,000	580,000
No. 3		525	325	180	625	775	1,400,000	510,000

TABLE 8 (Continued)

## RATED PANELS DESIGN CAPACITIES

Span Rating	Stress Parallel to Strength Axis				Stress Perpendicular to Strength Axis			
	Plywood				Plywood			
	3-ply	4-ply	5-ply	OSB	3-ply	4-ply	5-ply	OSB
<b>PANEL AXIAL STIFFNESS, EA (lbf/ft of panel width)</b>								
24/0	3,350,000	3,350,000	3,350,000	3,350,000	2,900,000	2,900,000	2,900,000	2,500,000 <sup>(c)</sup>
24/16	3,800,000	3,800,000	3,800,000	3,800,000	2,900,000	2,900,000	2,900,000	2,700,000 <sup>(c)</sup>
32/16	4,150,000	4,150,000	4,150,000	4,150,000	3,600,000	3,600,000	3,600,000	2,700,000
40/20	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	4,500,000	4,500,000	4,500,000	2,900,000 <sup>(b)</sup>
48/24	NA	5,850,000	5,850,000	5,850,000	NA	5,000,000	5,000,000	3,300,000 <sup>(b)</sup>
16 oc	4,500,000	4,500,000	4,500,000	4,500,000	4,200,000	4,200,000	4,200,000	2,700,000
20 oc	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	4,500,000	4,500,000	4,500,000	2,900,000 <sup>(b)</sup>
24 oc	NA	5,850,000	5,850,000	5,850,000	NA	5,000,000	5,000,000	3,300,000 <sup>(b)</sup>
32 oc	NA	NA	7,500,000	7,500,000	NA	NA	7,300,000	4,200,000
48 oc	NA	NA	8,200,000	8,200,000	NA	NA	7,300,000	4,600,000

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# Box Beams

15/32" 32/16 rated panel, 4-ply  $F_v t_v$  lbs/in width (APA D510)

$F_v t_v = 81$  lbs/in

TABLE 8 (Continued)

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Span Rating	Stress Parallel to Strength Axis				Stress Perpendicular to Strength Axis			
	Plywood				Plywood			
	3-ply	4-ply	5-ply	OSB	3-ply	4-ply	5-ply	OSB
<b>PANEL SHEAR THROUGH THE THICKNESS, <math>F_v t_v</math> (lbf/in. of shear-resisting panel length)</b>								
24/0	53	69	80	155	53	69	80	155
24/16	57	74	86	165	57	74	86	165
32/16	62	81	93	180	62	81	93	180
40/20	68	88	100	195	68	88	100	195
48/24	NA	98	115	220	NA	98	115	220
16 oc	58	75	87	170	58	75	87	170
20 oc	67	87	100	195	67	87	100	195
24 oc	NA	96	110	215	NA	96	110	215
32 oc	NA	NA	120	230	NA	NA	120	230
48 oc	NA	NA	160	305	NA	NA	160	305

$$F = \frac{P}{A}$$

$$P = FA$$

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# Box Beams

equations from APA-H815:

Section Properties:

Moment of Inertia,  $I \xrightarrow{Mc}$

$$I_f = 3.5 (24^3 - (24 - 6)^3) / 12$$

$$I_f = 2331 \text{ in}^4$$

$$I_w = 2(0.2034 \cdot 24^3) / 12$$

$$I_w = 468.6 \text{ in}^4$$

$$I_{total} = 2331 + 468.6 = 2800 \text{ in}^4$$

Statical Moment of Area,  $Q \xrightarrow{VQ}$

$$Q_f = 3.5 \cdot 3 \cdot (24 - 3) / 2$$

$$Q_f = 110.25 \text{ in}^3$$

$$Q_w = 2(0.2034 \cdot 24^2) / 8$$

$$Q_w = 29.29 \text{ in}^3$$

$$Q_{total} = 110.25 + 29.29 = 139.5 \text{ in}^3$$

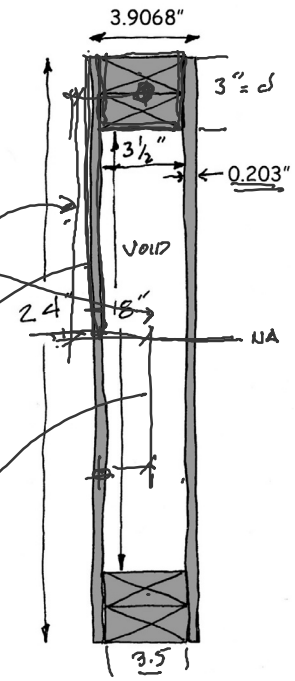
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$$I_{f(\text{flanges})} = \frac{t_{bf} [h_w^3 - (h_w - 2d)^3]}{12}$$

$$I_{w(\text{web})} = \frac{\sum t_{bw} h_w^3}{12}$$

$$Q_{f(\text{flange})} = t_{bf} d \frac{(h_w - d)}{2}$$

$$Q_{w(\text{web})} = \sum t_{bw} \frac{h_w}{2} \frac{h_w}{4} = \frac{\sum t_{bw} h_w^2}{8}$$



Transformed Section

# Box Beams

Section Capacities:

Max. Moment

$$F = Mc/I$$

$$M = F_t \cdot I_f / (h/2)$$

$$M = 1012.5 \text{ lb/in}^2 (2331 \text{ in}^4) / ((24 \text{ in} / 2) (12 \text{ in/ft}))$$

$$M = 16390 \text{ ft-lb}$$

Max Web Shear

$$F_v = V_h Q / I_b$$

$$V_h = (F_v t_w) I_t (N_{webs}) / Q_t$$

$$V_h = (81 \text{ lb/in}) 2800 \text{ in}^4 (2) / 139.5 \text{ in}^3$$

$$V_h = 3252 \text{ lbs}$$

Max Nail Shear

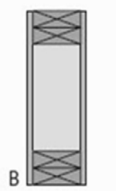
$$V_n = F_n I_t (N_{webs}) (\text{Rows}) / (\text{spacing } Q_f)$$

$$V_n = 74 \text{ lb/nail} 2800 \text{ in}^4 2 \cdot 2 / (1.5 \text{ in/nail } 110.25 \text{ in}^3)$$

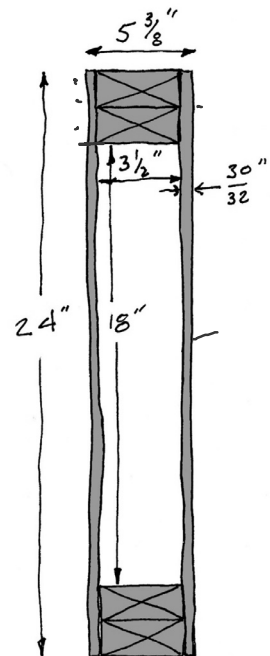
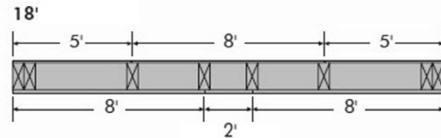
$$V_n = 5011 \text{ lbs}$$

Stiffness

$$EI = E I_t = 1700000 \cdot 2800 = 4,760,000,000$$



WEB JOINT LAYOUTS





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Allowable Uniform Load (D+S)

Bending

$$M = w_b L^2 / 8$$

$$\bar{w}_b = M (C_D) 8 / L^2$$

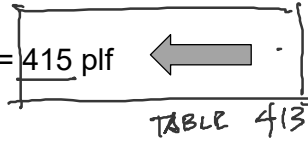
$$\bar{w}_b = 16390 \text{ ft-lb } (1.15) 8 / (18 \text{ ft})^2 = \underline{465 \text{ plf}}$$

Web Shear

$$V_b = w_v L / 2$$

$$\bar{w}_v = V_b (C_D) 2 / L$$

$$\bar{w}_v = 3252 \text{ lbs } (1.15) 2 / 18 \text{ ft} = \underline{415 \text{ plf}}$$



Nail Shear

$$V_n = w_n L / 2$$

$$\bar{w}_n = V_n (C_D) 2 / L$$

$$\bar{w}_n = 5011 \text{ lbs } (1.15) 2 / 18 \text{ ft} = \underline{640 \text{ plf}}$$

Deflection

$$\Delta = 5 K w L^4 / (384 E I)$$

$$\Delta = 5 (1.5) (415) (18)^4 (1728) / (384 \cdot 4,760,000,000) = \underline{0.31 \text{ \"}}$$

$$L/360 = 18(12)/360 = \underline{0.6 \text{ \"}}$$

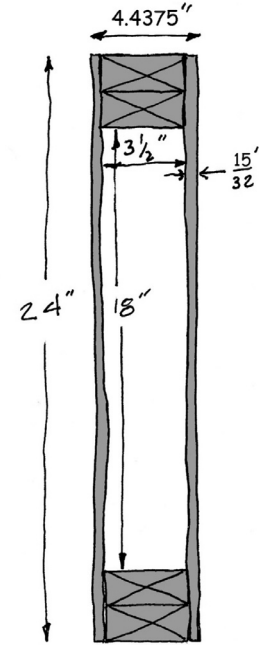
K factor for deflection in composite panel section (from APA testing)

for  $L < 14 \text{ ft}$   $K = 2.0$ , else  $K = \underline{1.5}$

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span: 8 ft depth: 12"  
flanges: 2x4 S-P-F No2  
webs: 1/4" 3-ply plywood  
nails: 8d common at 3" o.c.



Capacity:

4000 lbs first cracking

8000 ft-lbs

5000 lbs ultimate

10000 ft lbs

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Initial failure: web shear  
further failure: nail pull out and head  
pull through  
ultimate failure: tension flange

