

GP LAM[®] Laminated Veneer Lumber PR-L266
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Product: GP Lam[®] 1.5-ES, 2.0-ES and 2.0E-3000F_b LVL

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1. Basis of the product report:
 - 2006 International Building Code (IBC): Sections 104.11 Alternative Materials and 2303.1.9 Structural composite lumber
 - 2006 International Residential Code (IRC): Section R104.11 Alternative Materials
 - ASTM D 5456-03 recognized by the 2006 IBC
 - APA Reports T97P-26, T98P-10, T2000P-24, T2002P-12, T2002P-15, T2003P-81A, T2004P-09, T2004P-25, T2004P-26, T2004P-48, T2005P-25, T2007P-08, T2007P-09, T2007P-10, T2007P-59, and other qualification data
2. Product description:

GP Lam[®] LVL is made with veneer sheets of various species and grades in accordance with the in-plant manufacturing standard approved by APA. GP Lam[®] LVL is available in thicknesses from 3/4 inch to 3-1/2 inches, except for 2.0E-3000F_b which is available only at 1-1/2 inches, widths of 3-1/2 inches to 48 inches and lengths up to 80 feet.
3. Design properties:

Table 1 lists the design properties; Table 2 lists the equivalent specific gravities for connection design for GP Lam[®] LVL; and Table 3 lists the allowable fastener spacing. The allowable loads for GP Lam[®] LVL shall be in accordance with the recommendations provided by the manufacturer (www.gp.com/build/PageViewer.aspx?repository=bp&elementid=3928).
4. Product installation:

GP Lam[®] LVL shall be installed in accordance with the recommendations provided by the manufacturer. Permissible details and allowable hole sizes shall be in accordance with the recommendations provided by the manufacturer.
5. Fire-rated assemblies:

Fire-rated assemblies shall be constructed in accordance with the recommendations provided by APA Design/Construction Guide: *Fire-Rated Systems*, Form W305 (www.apawood.org/publications), and the manufacturer.
6. Limitations:
 - a) GP Lam[®] LVL shall be designed in accordance with the code using the design properties specified in this report.
 - b) GP Lam[®] LVL is limited to dry service conditions where the average moisture content of sawn lumber is less than 16 percent.
 - c) GP Lam[®] LVL is produced at the Georgia-Pacific Wood Products South LLC, Thorsby, Alabama facilities under a quality assurance program audited by APA.
 - d) This report is subject to re-examination in one year.

7. Identification:

The GP Lam® LVL described in this report is identified by a label bearing the manufacturer's name (Georgia-Pacific Wood Products South LLC) and/or trademark, the APA assigned plant number (1086), the LVL grade, the APA-EWS logo, the report number PR-L266, and a means of identifying the date of manufacture.

Table 1. Design Properties (Allowable Stress Design) for GP Lam® LVL (a,b,c)

Property		Design Stress (psi)		
		1.5-ES	2.0-ES	2.0E-3000F _b ^(h)
Bending (F _b) ^(d,e)	Joist	2,250	2,900	3,000
Tension parallel to grain (F _t) ^(f)		1,400	1,825	1,825
Longitudinal shear (F _v)	Joist	285	295	295
Compression parallel (F _c)		2,200	2,600	2,600
Compression perpendicular (F _{c⊥})	Joist	750	845	845
Modulus of Elasticity, E ^(g)		1.5 x 10 ⁶	2.0 x 10 ⁶	2.0 x 10 ⁶

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 foot = 304.8 mm, 1 lbf = 4.448 N, 1 psi = 6.9 kPa.

- (a) The tabulated values are design values for normal duration of load. All values, except for E and F_{c⊥}, are permitted to be adjusted for other load durations as permitted by the code. The design stresses are limited to conditions in which the maximum moisture content is less than 16 percent.
- (b) Joist = load parallel to glueline.
- (c) ES = eastern species (any combination of southern pine, sweet gum and/or yellow poplar)
- (d) Tabulated flexural stress (F_b) may be increased by 4 percent when the member qualifies as a repetitive member as defined in the NDS.
- (e) The tabulated values are based on a reference depth of 12 inches. For other depths, when loaded edgewise, the allowable bending stress (F_b) shall be modified by (12/d)^{1/9} for 2.0-ES LVL and (12/d)^{1/6.5} for 1.5-ES LVL, as shown in the following table. For depths less than 3-1/2 inches, the factor for the 3-1/2-inch depth shall be used.

GP Lam® LVL	Depth (in.)	3-1/2	5-1/2	7-1/4	9-1/4	11-1/4	12	16	18	20	24
2.0-ES	Multiply by	1.15	1.09	1.06	1.03	1.01	1.0	0.97	0.96	0.94	0.93
1.5-ES		1.21	1.13	1.08	1.04	1.01	1.0	0.96	0.94	0.92	0.90

- (f) The tabulated values are based on a reference length of 4 feet. For other lengths, the allowable tensile stress shall be modified by (4/ℓ)^{1/10}, where ℓ = length in feet. For lengths less than 4 feet, use the allowable tension stresses in Table 1 unadjusted.
- (g) For uniformly loaded simple-span beams, deflection is calculated as follows:

$$\delta = \frac{270 w L^4}{E b h^3} + \frac{28.8 w L^2}{E b h}$$

Where: δ = Estimated deflection, inches w = uniform load, plf
 L = span, feet E = tabulated modulus of elasticity, psi
 b = beam width, inches h = beam depth, inches

- (h) The 2.0E-3000F_b grade is only available in a 1-1/2 inch thickness.

Table 2. Fastener Design for GP Lam® LVL

LVL Grade	Equivalent Specific Gravity (S.G.)					
	Nails				Bolts	
	Withdrawal Load		Lateral Load		Lateral Load	
	Installed in Edge	Installed in Face	Installed in Edge	Installed in Face	Installed in Face	
				Parallel to Grain	Perpendicular to Grain	
1.5-ES	Hemlock/fir (0.43)	Hemlock/fir (0.43)	Hemlock/fir (0.43)	Western hemlock (0.47)	Hemlock/fir (0.43)	Hemlock/fir (0.43)
2.0-ES	Hemlock/fir (0.43)	Douglas-fir/larch (0.50)	Douglas-fir/larch (0.50)	Douglas-fir/larch (0.50)	Douglas-fir/larch (0.50)	Douglas-fir/larch (0.50)

Table 3. Allowable Fastener Spacing for GP Lam® LVL ^(a)

Minimum Member Size (in.)	Connector Size	Nails Installed in the Narrow Face
		On-Center Spacing (in.)
3/4 x 3-1/2	10d box and common nails	6
	16d sinker and 12d common nails	6
	14 gage staples	6
1-3/4 x 5-1/2	10d box and common nails	4
	16d sinker and 12d common nails	4
	14 gage staples	4
	16d common nails	8

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^(a) The minimum on-center spacing permitted for nails installed in the wide face of GP Lam® LVL is the same as that permitted by the applicable code for solid-sawn lumber.

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