



WEST COAST LUMBER INSPECTION BUREAU

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DRY TIMBER SIZES

On January 21, 2005 the Standing Committee of the American Lumber Standard Committee approved a revision to DOC Product Standard PS20, The American Softwood Lumber Standard which establishes standard sizes for lumber in timber sizes (WCLIB Standard Grading Rules No. 17, paragraph 131 - Posts & Timbers, and paragraph 130 - Beams & Stringers) surfaced at 19% or less moisture content (Dry). The approval process following DOC standards procedures was completed on June 20, 2005. The new sizes will appear in the 2005 edition of PS20. Timbers surfaced to the new standard sizes do not need to include the surfaced dimensions in the grade mark. Green surfaced sizes for timbers remain unchanged from previous editions of PS20.

For convenience, these new timber sizes are provided in the table below:

**PS20-2005
STANDARD SURFACED TIMBER SIZES**

Nominal Size (Inch)	Thickness Minimum Dressed Size				Widths Minimum Dressed Size			
	Dry		Green		Dry		Green	
	mm	inch	mm	inch	mm	inch	mm	inch
5	114	4-1/2	114	4-1/2	114	4-1/2	114	4-1/2
6	140	5-1/2	140	5-1/2	140	5-1/2	140	5-1/2
8	184	7-1/4	190	7-1/2	184	7-1/4	190	7-1/2
10	235	9-1/4	241	9-1/2	235	9-1/4	241	9-1/2
12	286	11-1/4	292	11-1/2	286	11-1/4	292	11-1/2
14	337	13-1/4	343	13-1/2	337	13-1/4	343	13-1/2
15	356	14	368	14-1/2	356	14	368	14-1/2
16	381	15	394	15-1/2	381	15	394	15-1/2
Larger	25 off	1" off nominal	13 off	½" off nominal	25 off	1" off nominal	13 off	½" off nominal