

SPF - Finger Joined Studs



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Canfor manufactures finger joined studs at a select number of our primary mills and remanufacturing facilities. In addition, Canfor also markets the Parallel 55 brand of studs produced by East Fraser Fibre. Depending on requirements, our studs are stamped either No2 or Stud grade.

To meet the requirements of our customers across North America Canfor markets two quality grades of studs. A visual override is applied to the NLGA rules and our products are sorted and valued accordingly.

Quality

Premium FJ Stud
Natural FJ Stud

Source

Parallel 55, Uneeda, Clear Lake
Clear Lake, Bellingham, Uneeda, Kyahwood, Parallel 55

Finger joined studs are the product of choice for many contractors. The product advantages of finger joined studs are the main driver behind their usage as builders look for more cost effective and efficient materials for the job site.

Benefits of Canfor Finger Joined Studs

All lumber starts its life as a straight piece of wood. However, if not correctly dried or if there are inherent features and defects in the wood there can be a tendency for some pieces to warp over time. This generally happens along the length of the piece. When small pieces of lumber are joined together in a finger joined stud this tendency is removed, as the stresses in each individual piece are not strong enough to move the entire stud. This results in straight and more stable lumber than solid studs.

Finger Joined Studs are accepted by North American Building Code authorities under the following regulations:-

- ICC 2006 International Building Code, section- 2303.1.1.
 - AF&PA 2005 National Design Specification®, s.4.1.6
 - NRC 2005 National Building Code of Canada, sentence- A-9.23.10.4 (1).
 - ICBO 1997 Uniform Building Code, section- 2304.2.
 - BOCA 1999 National Building Code, section- 2303.3.
 - SBCCI 1999 Standard Building Code, section- 2301.6.
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- Finger joined studs should be handled, stored and used in exactly the same way as solid studs.
 - Finger joined studs should be utilized according to local building codes and regulations.



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- Canfor finger joined studs are interchangeable with solid studs of the same species and visual grades, including stud and #2.
- Design values (bending, tension, compression, stiffness, nail holding) for finger joined studs and #2 studs are the same as for solid lumber of the same species and grade - the limitation is only short duration loads (such as seismic and wind) for bending and tension.
- As specified on the grade stamp - vertical use only. The finger joined studs cannot be used in horizontal applications such as floor joists or rafters.
- Canfor finger joined studs are manufactured in Washington State under Western Wood Products Association standards and in Canada under National Lumber Grades Association standards - both these standards and third party grading agencies are approved and regulated by the American Lumber Standards Committee.
- Quality control programs include regular sampling and testing for bending strength and durability to ensure the joint is not the weakest part of the stud - when tested to failure the sample is inspected to ensure the break occurred in the wood, not in the glue line.
- Quality control tests measure and track the minimum and 5th percentile bending strengths - if any sample or set of samples does not meet targeted strength levels, a detailed testing program must be initiated to ensure it was an anomaly and not indicative of overall product quality.
- Canfor finger joined studs and #2 stud are manufactured with glue that is intended for interior or dry use conditions. This does not mean the joint will degrade when wetted during construction, but it is not intended to withstand long term exposure to moist conditions.
- Maximum length is not to exceed 12 feet.

