

FASTENMASTER TECHNICAL BULLETIN

MULTIPLE MEMBER ENGINEERED WOOD BEAMS CONNECTION DETAILS

The FlatLOK Structural Wood Fastener has been designed specifically for use in joining multiple-ply structural wood beams. Using an impact driver, standard corded or cordless 1/2" low speed/high torque drill, install screws into the side of the outermost ply. As the thread fully engages the final ply, allow the underside of the washer head to pull the plies firmly together. Refer to the information in this bulletin for proper fastener size selection and fastening pattern.



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FASTENING PATTERN

Top Loaded Beams

Where all floor joists sit on the beam, fasteners should be spaced two every 24" on center in a staggered pattern as shown.



For beam depths of 18" or more, this pattern should be increased to three fasteners every 24" on center.



Side Loaded Beams

Where floor joists are joined to the side of the beam (typically using a joist hanger), this load chart must be used to establish the proper pattern based on the design load as determined by the engineer and noted on the plans.

- Allowable loads in this table were calculated using design values determined through individual and system testing to ICC-ES AC-233 in engineered wood having a specific gravity of 0.50 or greater.
- The uniform loads in this table relate only to the capacity of the fastener to transfer shear loads between plies. The capacity of the EW beam may be less and should be checked against the manufacturer's literature.
- Values listed reflect 100% stress level (C_D=1.0). The designer may apply adjustment factors to increase or decrease these loads according to the most current National Design Specification for Wood Construction (NDS) based on conditions for each assembly.
- To minimize rotation, 7" wide beams shall be side loaded only when loads are applied to both sides of the beam with the lesser loaded side bearing at least 25% of the overall design load.
- Assumes that fasteners may be installed in the weakest condition, where greatest loads are applied to pointed side of the fastener.

Assembly Type



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FLATLOK			Α	В	С	D	E	F
31⁄2"	2	24"	660				/	
	2	19.2	830					
	2	16	990					
	3	24"	990					
	3	19.2	1240					
	3	16	1490					
5"	2	24"		490	490		/	
	2	19.2		620	620			
	2	16		740	740			
	3	24"		740	740			
	3	19.2		920	920			
	3	16		1110	1110			
6 ¾"	2	24"	/			440	660	440
	2	19.2				550	830	550
	2	16				660	990	660
	3	24"				660	990	660
	3	19.2				830	1240	830
	3	16		/		990	1490	990

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