

# HT MARKS

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## HT [LUMBER] MARK DESCRIPTION

The Heat Treated (HT) lumber marks indicate that individual solid wood raw material has met the minimum core temperature of 56° C (133° F) for 30 minutes.



**USE:** Identifies individual pieces of lumber or lumber components as being heat-treated.  
**APPLICATION:** Mark must be applied legibly a minimum of one time per individual piece. 100% of the merchantable unit should be marked (a special provision is made for "small" pieces).  
**TYPICAL USERS:** Lumber manufacturers, lumber re-manufacturers.

The mark serves in establishing a chain of custody between the site that treated the raw materials and the site that will certify finished wood packaging material (WPM) as being in compliance with ISPM 15 guidelines.

This mark is **NOT** recognized in place of ISPM 15 certification marks (see below).

## ISPM 15 [IPPC] HT MARK DESCRIPTIONS (UPDATED FORMATS)

ISPM 15 certification marks indicate that items contain debarked solid wood material that has been recognized as meeting minimum core temperatures of 56° C for 30 minutes.

### ISPM 15 FINISHED PRODUCT MARK:

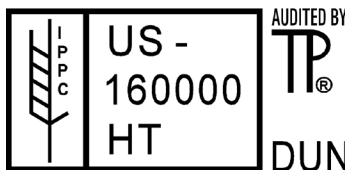


**USE:** Identifies assembled WPM (pallets, boxes, crates, etc.) as being heat-treated and debarked in compliance with ISPM 15.  
**APPLICATION:** Mark shall be visible when the wood packaging is in use and applied legibly a minimum of two times on opposite faces.  
**TYPICAL USERS:** Wood packaging manufacturers.

Where various components are integrated into a unit of wood packaging material, the resultant composite unit should be considered as a single unit for marking purposes. On a composite unit of wood packaging material made of both treated wood and processed wood material (where the processed component does not require treatment), it may be appropriate for the mark to appear on the processed wood material components to ensure that the mark is in a visible location and is of a sufficient size.

### ISPM 15 DUNNAGE MARK:

Dunnage is defined as WPM used to secure or support a commodity but which does not remain associated with the commodity.



**USE:** Identifies wood dunnage (blocking, bracing, chocking, etc.) as being heat-treated and debarked in compliance with ISPM 15.  
**APPLICATION:** Generally, the mark should be applied legibly every 24 inches for material being supplied to another facility. Material cut to final length only requires one legible mark per piece.  
**TYPICAL USERS:** Wood packaging manufacturers, shippers, freight consolidators.

Marking the dunnage every 24 inches may be necessary since treated wood for use as dunnage may not be cut to final length until loading of a conveyance takes place. It is important that shippers ensure that all dunnage used to secure or support commodities is treated and displays the mark, and that the marks are clear and legible. Small pieces of wood that do not include all the required elements of the mark should not be used for dunnage.



As of July 1, 2014 the use of this mark will be considered non-conforming.

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