

Reasons to back stamp sheathing products

PS1-09 does not state that a grade stamp must be applied to the back of the panel, but it is virtually required for typical wall, roof and floor sheathing applications,

Here is why. Building code officials in the U.S. and Canada inspect the construction site to verify that the house is being built correctly. Part of this inspection includes looking at the products, usually after they have been installed, to make sure the correct ones are in place. The grade stamp on the back of the panels provides an easy way for the inspector to verify that the correct plywood product has been installed.

If the grade stamp is on the edge of the panels, the inspector will have no way of knowing what product has been installed. He or she will then require the builder to stop work until the grade of the product can be confirmed. This may take a considerable amount of time and may also require a letter from the manufacturer. This will result in construction delays and, ultimately hesitation to use your product.

