



Letter of Equivalency for Timber Product Inspection Panels' Division

In order to certify panels according to various product standards and the requirements of the model building codes, Timber Products Inspection, Inc. (TP) maintains accreditations through the **ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB)**

Panels stamped with the TP grade mark are recognized for quality and accepted for use in construction throughout the United States. Panels certified to PS1-22 by TP and other accredited agencies are interchangeable provided that the grade, thickness, and span rating are the same for all panels in a given application.

When structural panels, such as plywood, are used for structural purposes, both the International Building Code (IBC) and the International Residential Code (IRC) require that the product conform to the U.S. Department of Commerce Voluntary Product Standard (PS1- Structural Plywood, DOC PS1). Additionally, the product is identified with the mark of an approved testing and grading agency; architects, engineers, and designers are advised to specify panels by grade or span rating in accordance with DOC PS1.

When building with plywood in the United States, the panels shall meet the requirements of the building codes(s) enforced in your jurisdiction. For the United States, the IRC is adopted at the state or local level in 49 states in addition to Washington D.C. and the U.S. Virgin Islands, while the IBC is adopted at the state or local level in all 50 states in addition to Washington, D.C.

Panels that are marked with TP's grade mark are certified under the TP Certification Program for Plywood produced to the National Institute of Standard and Technology (NIST) "Voluntary Products Standard PS1-22 for Structural Plywood").

All third party certification agencies in the United States must certify to the same standards, PS1 for Plywood and PS2-18 for wood based structural-use panels. Panels certified by TP are equivalent to those certified by other accredited agencies.

Please note that the TP mark is one of the most recognized agency marks in the forest products industry. Last year alone, over 12 billion bf of wood products were marked with the TP logo. Samples of our marks are listed below. For more information, please our website at www.tpinspection.com

