

An Introduction to VERSA-LAM® Products



When you specify VERSA-LAM® laminated veneer headers/beams, you are building quality into your design. They are excellent as floor and roof framing supports or as headers for doors, windows and garage doors and columns.

Because they have no camber, VERSA-LAM® LVL products provide flatter, quieter floors, and consequently, the builder can expect happier customers with significantly fewer call backs.

VERSA-LAM® Beam Architectural Specifications

Scope: This work includes the complete furnishing and installation of all VERSA-LAM® beams as shown on the drawings, herein specified and necessary to complete the work.

Materials: Southern Pine or Douglas fir veneers, laminated in a press with all grain parallel with the length of the member. Glues used in lamination are phenol formaldehyde and isocyanate exterior-type adhesives which comply with ASTM D2559.

Design: VERSA-LAM® beams shall be sized and detailed to fit the dimensions and loads indicated on the plans. All designs shall be in accordance with allowable values developed in accordance with ASTM D5456 and listed in the governing

code evaluation service's report and section properties based upon standard engineering principles. Verification of design of the VERSA-LAM® beams by complete calculations shall be available upon request.

Drawings: Additional drawings showing layout and detail necessary for determining fit and placement in the buildings are (are not) to be provided by the supplier.

Fabrication: VERSA-LAM® beams shall be manufactured in a plant evaluated for fabrication by the governing code evaluation service and under the supervision of a third-party inspection agency listed by the corresponding evaluation service.

Storage and Installation: VERSA-LAM® beams, if stored prior to erection, shall be stored on stickers spaced a maximum of 15 ft. apart. Beams shall be stored on a dry, level surface and protected from the weather. They shall be handled with care so they are not damaged.

VERSA-LAM® beams are to be installed in accordance with the plans and Boise EWP's Installation Guide. Temporary construction loads which cause stresses beyond design limits are not permitted. Erection bracing shall be provided to assure adequate lateral support for the individual beams and the entire system until the sheathing material has been applied.

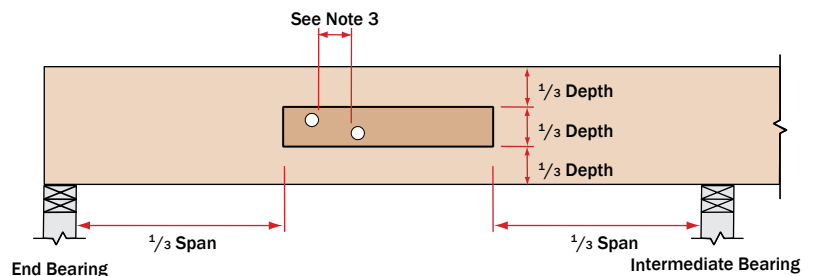
Codes: VERSA-LAM® beams shall be evaluated by a model code evaluation service.

Allowable Holes in VERSA-LAM® Beams

Notes

1. Square and rectangular holes are not permitted.
2. Round holes may be drilled or cut with a hole saw anywhere within the shaded area of the beam.
3. The horizontal distance between adjacent holes must be at least two times the size of the larger hole.
4. Do not drill more than three access holes in any four foot long section of beam.
5. The maximum round hole diameter permitted is:

Beam Depth	Max. Hole Diameter
5 1/2"	3/4"
7 1/4"	1"
9 1/4" and greater	2"



6. These limitations apply to holes drilled for plumbing or wiring access only. The size and location of holes drilled for fasteners are governed by the provisions of the *National Design Specification® for Wood Construction*.
7. Beams deflect under load. Size holes to provide clearance where required.
8. This hole chart is valid for beams supporting uniform load only. For beams supporting concentrated loads or for beams with larger holes, contact Boise EWP Engineering.

Bearing at concrete/masonry walls

Provide moisture barrier at support and lateral restraint.

1/2" air space required between concrete and wood.

B01

Bearing for door or window header

Strap per code if top plate is not continuous over header.

Trimmers

B02

Beam to beam connector

Verify hanger capacity with hanger literature

B03

Bearing at column

VERSA-LAM® column

Note: Drilling permitted for standard connectors.

B04

Slope seat cut

Sloped seat cut. Not to exceed inside face of bearing.

Provide adequate lateral support

B06

Bevel cut

DO NOT bevel cut VERSA-LAM® beyond inside face of wall without approval from Boise EWP Engineering or BC CALC® software analysis.

B07

Beam to concrete/masonry walls

Wood top plate must be flush with inside of wall

Hanger

Moisture barrier between concrete and wood

B08

Bearing framing into wall

Strap per code if top plate is not continuous

B09

VERSA-LAM® Installation Notes

- Minimum of 1/2" air space between beam and wall pocket or adequate barrier must be provided between beam and concrete/masonry.
- Adequate bearing shall be provided. If not shown on plans, please refer to load tables in your region's Specifier Guide.
- VERSA-LAM® beams are intended for interior applications only and should be kept as dry as possible during construction.
- Continuous lateral support of top of beam shall be provided (side or top bearing framing).

Multiple Member Connectors

Side-Loaded Applications

Number of Members	Maximum Uniform Side Load [plf]							
	Nailed		1/2" Dia. Through Bolt ⁽¹⁾			3/4" Dia. Through Bolt ⁽¹⁾		
	2 rows 16d Sinks @ 12" o.c.	3 rows 16d Sinks @ 12" o.c.	2 rows @ 24" o.c. staggered	2 rows @ 12" o.c. staggered	2 rows @ 6" o.c. staggered	2 rows @ 24" o.c. staggered	2 rows @ 12" o.c. staggered	2 rows @ 6" o.c. staggered
1 1/4" VERSA-LAM® (Depths of 18" and less)								
2	470	705	505	1010	2020	560	1120	2245
3 ⁽²⁾	350	525	375	755	1515	420	840	1685
4 ⁽³⁾	use bolt schedule		335	670	1345	370	745	1495
3/2" VERSA-LAM®								
2 ⁽³⁾	use bolt schedule		855	1715	N/A	1125	2250	N/A
1 1/4" VERSA-LAM® (Depths of 24")								
Number of Members	Nailed		1/2" Dia. Through Bolt ⁽¹⁾			3/4" Dia. Through Bolt ⁽¹⁾		
	3 rows 16d Sinks @ 12" o.c.	4 rows 16d Sinks @ 12" o.c.	3 rows @ 24" o.c. 8" staggered	3 rows @ 18" o.c. 6" staggered	3 rows @ 12" o.c. 4" staggered	3 rows @ 24" o.c. 8" staggered	3 rows @ 18" o.c. 6" staggered	3 rows @ 12" o.c. 4" staggered
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	705	940	755	1010	1515	840	1120	1685
3 ⁽²⁾	525	705	565	755	1135	630	840	1260
4 ⁽³⁾	use bolt schedule		505	670	1010	560	745	1120

1. Design values apply to common bolts that conform to ANSI/ASME standard B18.21-1981 (ASTM A307 Grades A&B, SAE J429 Grades 1 or 2, or higher). A washer not less than a standard cut washer shall be between the wood and the bolt head and between the wood and the nut. The distance from the edge of the beam to the bolt holes must be at least 2" for 1/2" bolts and 2 1/2" for 3/4" bolts. Bolt holes shall be the same diameter as the bolt.
2. The nail schedules shown apply to both sides of a 3-member beam.
3. 7" wide beams must be top-loaded or loaded from both sides (lesser side shall be no less than 25% of opposite side).

Top-Loaded Applications

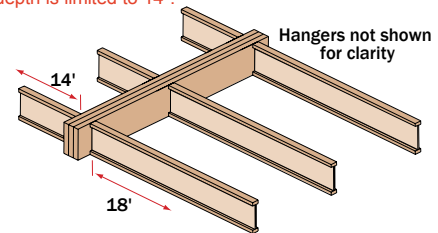
For top-loaded beams and beams with side loads with less than those shown:			
Plies	Depth	Nailing	Maximum Uniform Load From One Side
(2) 1 1/4" plies	Depths 11 1/8" & less	2 rows 16d box/sinker nails @ 12" o.c.	400 plf
	Depths 14" - 18"	3 rows 16d box/sinker nails @ 12" o.c.	600 plf
	Depth = 24"	4 rows 16d box/sinker nails @ 12" o.c.	800 plf
(3) 1 1/4" plies ⁽²⁾	Depths 11 1/8" & less	2 rows 16d box/sinker nails @ 12" o.c.	300 plf
	Depths 14" - 18"	3 rows 16d box/sinker nails @ 12" o.c.	450 plf
	Depth = 24"	4 rows 16d box/sinker nails @ 12" o.c.	600 plf
(4) 1 1/4" plies	Depths 18" & less	2 rows 1/2" bolts @ 24" o.c., staggered	335 plf
	Depth = 24"	3 rows 1/2" bolts @ 24" o.c., staggered every 8"	505 plf
	Depths 18" & less	2 rows 1/2" bolts @ 24" o.c., staggered	855 plf
(2) 3/2" plies	Depth 20" - 24"	3 rows 1/2" bolts @ 24" o.c., staggered every 8"	1285 plf

1. Beams wider than 7" must be designed by the engineer of record.
2. All values in these tables may be increased by 15% for snow-load roofs and by 25% for non-snow load roofs where the building code allows.
3. Use allowable load tables or BC CALC® software to size beams.
4. An equivalent specific gravity of 0.5 may be used when designing specific connections with VERSA-LAM®.
5. Connection values are based upon the 2005 NDS.
6. **FastenMaster TrussLok, Simpson Strong-Tie SDS, and USP WS screws may also be used to connect multiple member VERSA-LAM® beams, contact Boise EWP Engineering for further information.**

Designing Connections for Multiple VERSA-LAM® Members

When using multiple ply VERSA-LAM® beams to create a wider member, the connection of the plies is as critical as determining the beam size. When side loaded beams are not connected properly, the inside plies do not support their share of the load and thus the load-carrying capacity of the full member decreases significantly. The following is an example of how to size and connect a multiple-ply VERSA-LAM® floor beam.

Given: Beam shown below is supporting residential floor load (40 psf live load, 10 psf dead load) and is spanning 16'-0". Beam depth is limited to 14".



Find: A multiple 1 1/4" ply VERSA-LAM® that is adequate to support the design loads and the member's proper connection schedule.

1. Calculate the tributary width that beam is supporting:
 $14' / 2 + 18' / 2 = 16'$
2. Use PLF tables on page 25-27 of ASG or BC CALC® to size beam.
A Triple VERSA-LAM® 2.0 3100 1 1/4" x 14" is found to adequately support the design loads
3. Calculate the maximum plf load from one side (the right side in this case).
Max. Side Load = $(18' / 2) \times (40 + 10 \text{ psf}) = 450 \text{ plf}$
4. Go to the Multiple Member Connection Table, Side-Loaded Applications, 1 1/4" VERSA-LAM®, 3 members
5. The proper connection schedule must have a capacity greater than the max. side load:

Nailed: 3 rows 16d sinks @ 12" o.c.
525 plf is greater than 450 plf **OK**

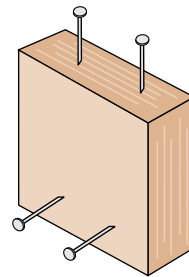
Bolts: 1/2" diameter 2 rows @ 12" staggered:
755 plf is greater than 450 plf **OK**

Closest Allowable Nail Spacing

VERSA-LAM® & VERSA-RIM® Products

Nail Size	Nailing Parallel to Glue Lines (Narrow Face) ⁽¹⁾								Nailing Perpendicular to Glue Lines (Wide Face)	
	VERSA-RIM® 1 1/16"		VERSA-LAM® 1.4 1800 Rimboard 1 5/16"		VERSA-LAM® 1 3/4"		VERSA-LAM® 3 1/2" & Wider		All Products	
	O.C. [inches]	End [inches]	O.C. [inches]	End [inches]	O.C. [inches]	End [inches]	O.C. [inches]	End [inches]	O.C. [inches]	End [inches]
8d Box	3	1 1/2	3	1 1/2	2	1	2	1 1/2	2	1 1/2
8d Common	4	3	3	2	3	2	2	1	2	1
10d & 12d Box	4	3	3	2	3	2	2	1	2	1
16d Box	4	3	3	2	3	2	2	1	2	1
10d & 12d Common	6	4	4	3	4	3	2	2	2	2
16d Sinker	6	4	4	3	4	3	2	2	2	2
16d Common	6	4	6	4	6	3	2	2	2	2

Nailing Parallel to Glue Lines (Narrow Face)



Nailing Perpendicular to Glue Lines (Wide Face)

Nailing Notes

1) For 1 3/4" thickness and greater, 2 rows of nails (such as for a metal strap) are allowed (use 1/2" minimum offset between rows and stagger nails).

- Offset and stagger nail rows from floor sheathing and wall sole plate.
- Simpson Strong-Tie A35 and LPT4 connectors may be attached to the side VERSA-LAM®/VERSA-RIM®. Use nails as specified by Simpson Strong-Tie.

VERSA-LAM® Design Values

Grade	Width [in]	Depth [in]	Weight [lb/ft]	Allowable Shear [lb]	Allowable Moment [ft-lb]	Moment of Inertia [in ⁴]	Grade	Width [in]	Depth [in]	Weight [lb/ft]	Allowable Shear [lb]	Allowable Moment [ft-lb]	Moment of Inertia [in ⁴]
VERSA-STUD® 1.7 2650	1 1/2	3 1/2	1.5	998	776	5.4	VERSA-LAM® 2.0 3100	5 1/4	5 1/4	8.0	5237	6830	63.3
		5 1/2	2.4	1568	1821	20.8			5 1/2	8.4	5486	7457	72.8
		7 1/4	3.2	2066	3069	47.6			7 1/4	11.0	7232	12566	166.7
VERSA-LAM® 2.0 3100	1 3/4	3 1/2	1.8	1164	1058	6.3			9 1/2	14.5	9476	20937	375.1
		5 1/2	2.8	1829	2486	24.3			11 1/4	17.1	11222	28814	622.9
		7 1/4	3.7	2411	4189	55.6			11 5/8	18.1	11845	31913	732.6
		9 1/4	4.7	3076	6636	115.4			14	21.3	13965	43552	1200.5
		9 1/2	4.8	3159	6979	125.0			16	24.4	15960	56046	1792.0
		11 1/4	5.7	3741	9605	207.6			18	27.4	17955	70011	2551.5
		11 5/8	6.0	3948	10638	244.2			20	30.4	19950	85428	3500.0
		14	7.1	4655	14517	400.2			24	36.5	23940	120549	6048.0
		16	8.1	5320	18682	597.3			7	9 1/4	16.6	12303	26544
		18	9.1	5985	23337	850.5		9 1/2		17.1	12635	27916	500.1
		24	12.2	7980	40183	2016.0		11 1/4		20.2	14963	38419	830.6
VERSA-LAM® 2.0 3100	3 1/2	5 1/2	5.6	3658	4971	48.5		11 5/8		21.4	15794	42550	976.8
		7 1/4	7.4	4821	8377	111.1		14		25.2	18620	58069	1600.7
		9 1/4	9.4	6151	13272	230.8		16		28.8	21280	74728	2389.3
		9 1/2	9.6	6318	13958	250.1		18		32.4	23940	93348	3402.0
		11 1/4	11.4	7481	19210	415.3		20		36.0	26600	113904	4666.7
		11 5/8	12.1	7897	21275	488.4		24	43.2	31920	160732	8064.0	
		14	14.2	9310	29035	800.3							
		16	16.2	10640	37364	1194.7							
18	18.3	11970	46674	1701.0									
20	20.3	13300	56952	2333.3									

Design Property	Grade	Modulus of Elasticity	Bending	Horizontal Shear	Tension Parallel to Grain	Compression Parallel to Grain	Compression Perpendicular to Grain	Equivalent Specific Gravity for Fastener Design (SG)
		E (x 10 ⁶ psi) ⁽¹⁾	F _b (psi) ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	F _v (psi) ⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾	F _t (psi) ⁽²⁾⁽⁵⁾	F _c (psi) ⁽²⁾	F _{c⊥} (psi) ⁽¹⁾⁽⁶⁾	
VERSA-LAM® Beams	2.0 3100	2.0	3100	285	2150	3000	750	0.5
VERSA-LAM® Columns & Studs	1.7 2650	1.7	2650	285	1650	3000	750	0.5

1. This value cannot be adjusted for load duration.
 2. This value is based upon a load duration of 100% and may be adjusted for other load durations.
 3. Fiber stress bending value shall be multiplied by the depth factor, (12/d)^{1/3} where d = member depth [in].
 4. Stress applied perpendicular to the glue lines.
 5. Tension value shall be multiplied by a length factor, (4/L)^{1/8} where L = member length [ft]. Use L = 4 for members less than four feet long.
 6. Stress applied parallel to the glue lines.
- * Design properties are limited to dry conditions of use where the maximum moisture content of the material will not exceed 16%.

The same properties that make VERSA-LAM® beams great, also make them highly suitable for wood columns. In VERSA-LAM® columns, you'll find none of the deep checks, cracks or twists that can plague solid wood columns.

VERSA-LAM® 1.7 2650 Columns

Column Length [ft]	Allowable Axial Load (lb)																	
	3½" x 3½"			3½" x 5¼"			3½" x 7"			5¼" x 5¼"			5¼" x 7"			7" x 7"		
	100%	115%	125%	100%	115%	125%	100%	115%	125%	100%	115%	125%	100%	115%	125%	100%	115%	125%
4	14,700	16,090	16,930	22,070	24,165	25,430	29,450	32,240	33,920									
5	12,270	13,150	13,660	18,425	19,740	20,515	24,580	26,330	27,365									
6	10,080	10,650	10,980	15,140	15,995	16,495	20,195	21,335	22,000	33,070	36,220	38,110						
7	8,310	8,705	8,930	12,480	13,075	13,415	16,650	17,435	17,890	29,420	31,730	33,085						
8	6,930	7,205	7,370	10,405	10,825	11,070	13,880	14,440	14,760	25,875	27,570	28,565	34,525	36,790	38,115			
9	5,840	6,050	6,160	8,770	9,080	9,260	11,700	12,115	12,350	22,690	23,970	24,715	30,275	31,985	32,980			
10	4,980	5,135	5,225	7,480	7,715	7,850	9,975	10,290	10,470	19,930	20,920	21,495	26,600	27,920	28,685			
11	4,290	4,410	4,480	6,445	6,625	6,730	8,595	8,835	8,975	17,585	18,375	18,820	23,465	24,510	25,125			
12	3,730	3,825	3,880	5,600	5,745	5,830	7,475	7,665	7,775	15,590	16,220	16,585	20,805	21,650	22,130			
13	3,270	3,350	3,390	4,915	5,030	5,095	6,555	6,710	6,795	13,895	14,410	14,700	18,545	19,225	19,620			
14	2,890	2,950	2,990	4,340	4,435	4,490	5,790	5,915	5,990	12,450	12,870	13,115	16,615	17,180	17,500	33,260	34,825	35,740
15										11,210	11,560	11,760	14,960	15,425	15,695	30,325	31,645	32,395
16										10,135	10,430	10,600	13,525	13,920	14,150	27,720	28,835	29,490
17										9,205	9,455	9,600	12,285	12,620	12,810	25,415	26,375	26,920
18										8,395	8,610	8,735	11,205	11,495	11,655	23,370	24,195	24,665
19										7,685	7,870	7,975	10,260	10,505	10,645	21,550	22,270	22,670
20										7,060	7,220	7,310	9,420	9,635	9,760	19,925	20,550	20,910
21										6,505	6,645	6,725	8,680	8,870	8,980	18,475	19,020	19,330
22																17,165	17,650	17,925
23																15,990	16,420	16,660
24																14,930	15,310	15,525

Allowable Design Stresses		Notes
Modulus of Elasticity: $E = 1.7 \times 10^6$ psi		
Bending:	Parallel to Gluelines (Beam): $F_b = 2650 \cdot (12/d)^{1/3}$ psi	
	Perp to Gluelines (Plank): $F_b = 2400 \cdot (12/d)^{1/3}$ psi	
Compression Parallel to Grain: $F_{c } = 3000$ psi		
Compression Perpendicular to Grain:		
	Parallel to Gluelines (Beam): $F_{c\perp} = 750$ psi	
	Perp to Gluelines (Plank): $F_{c\perp} = 450$ psi	
Tension Parallel to Grain: $F_t = 1650$ psi		

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Allowable Design Values

Product	Bending F_b [psi]	Compression Parallel to Grain F_c [psi]	Modulus of Elasticity E [psi]	Horizontal Shear F_v [psi]
VERSA-STUD® 1.7 2650	2650	3000	1,700,000	285
Spruce Pine Fir (North) # 1 / 2 Grade	875	1150	1,400,000	135
Hem-Fir # 2 Grade	850	1300	1,300,000	150
Western Woods # 2 Grade	675	900	1,000,000	135

Notes:

- Design values are for loads applied to the narrow face of the studs.
- Dimension lumber values taken from 2005 Edition, *NDS Design Values for Wood Construction* (per 2006 IBC/IRC).
- Repetitive member and size factors have not been applied.
- For further design information, please see VERSA-STUD 1.7 2650 Eastern Tall Wall Guide.