

COMMODITY SPECIFICATIONS

The Commodity Specifications identify all AWPAs specifications for treated wood products. It is organized into a series of major commodity classifications and provides information on the preservative systems and species/species groupings that can be treated under AWPAs Standards for each Use Category (use exposure condition). Use category descriptions are given in Section 2. If a user/specifier is unsure where to look up a specific commodity and end-use within these tables, they should consult Section 3 of this standard for specific commodity references. In all cases, treated material should be clean of preservative deposits and suitable for its intended end use. Material treated with creosote, creosote solutions, or oil-borne preservatives in Use Categories UC1 through UC5 shall be supplied reasonably free of exudate and surface deposits. Material treated with waterborne preservatives shall be supplied free of visible surface deposits. Drying after treatment of material treated with waterborne preservatives is sometimes required or desirable for dimensional stability and should be specified. When drying after treatment is required, the moisture content in each piece of lumber shall not exceed 19% or that allowed by National Grading Rules for the species and size specified to be dried. The moisture content in each piece of plywood shall not exceed 18%.

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- A. Sawn Products
- B. Posts
- C. Crossties and Switchties
- D. Poles
- E. Round Timber Piling
- F. Pressure-Treated Wood Composites
- G. Marine (Salt Water) Applications
- H. Fire Retardants
- I. Nonpressure Applications
- J. Non-Pressure Treated Wood Composites
- K. Barrier Protection Systems

Location of Some Specialized Commodities, not otherwise obvious

Playground Material

Lumber, rounds (Posts/poles): Commodity Specification B, Section 4.3

Round Building Poles and Posts

Both poles and posts: Commodity Specification B, Section 4.4

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