

News Release



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iLevel® Forte™ Software Helps Building Professionals Size Joists, Beams & Headers

Federal Way, Wash., - October 7, 2009 – iLevel® Forte™ single-member sizing software provides residential and light commercial construction building professionals with a fast and simple tool to size individual framing members in floors, roofs and walls. It enables users to quickly evaluate alternatives for joists, flush and drop beams, sloped roof members, and wall headers to optimize materials and reduce costs. iLevel offers the software free of charge at www.iLevel.com/Forte.

Designers can use iLevel Forte software to perform load calculations and identify framing solutions for their specific building conditions and geometry. It enables sizing of members for a given spacing or member depth, or for the best overall fit, all from an intuitive, customizable interface. A flexible Job Tree allows users to organize multiple member calculations in a single file.

For floors, side-by-side display of comparison values and iLevel TJ-Pro™ Ratings help users balance floor structural system performance with customer expectations.

Forte software provides framing solutions that are compliant with the 2006 International Building Code (IBC) and National Building Code of Canada Building Codes (NBCC 2005).

“Architects, engineers, builders and dealers are looking for ways to optimize framing materials and structural performance,” says Ross Theilen, General Manager of Structural Frame Software for iLevel by Weyerhaeuser. “Forte is the next generation of our popular TJ-Beam® software and builds in a number of time-saving features users have requested. For example, Forte’s display allows for quick comparison of alternative framing member sizes and properties and easy identification of the best overall solution.”

Forte sizing software is part of iLevel’s Modus™ suite of software, which includes Javelin® structural frame design software and Stellar® fabrication software. These tools help builders and building material dealers to quickly implement high-quality structural framing solutions, optimize materials use, and reduce construction cycle time, cost and waste.

About iLevel by Weyerhaeuser

iLevel is Weyerhaeuser’s integrated residential, multi-family and light commercial construction framing business providing seamless, unified building solutions. By offering the most comprehensive and innovative collection of proven structural framing materials, technical support and software in the building industry, and the means to distribute them efficiently, iLevel is leading the structural frame market and helping builders and dealers succeed in today’s challenging business environment. www.ilevel.com

About Weyerhaeuser

Weyerhaeuser Company, one of the world’s largest forest products companies, was incorporated in 1900. In 2008, sales were \$8 billion. It has offices or operations in 10 countries, with customers worldwide. Weyerhaeuser is principally engaged in the growing and harvesting of timber; the manufacture, distribution and sale of forest products; and real estate construction and development. Additional information about Weyerhaeuser’s businesses, products and practices is available at www.weyerhaeuser.com.

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