

News Release



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Parallam® PSL - The Beam of Choice for Heavy Duty Applications

To meet the demands of today's homebuyers for larger, more open living spaces, builders require increasingly specialized materials – structural components that can span large distances and reduce the need for columns placed in the middle of rooms. iLevel® Trus Joist® Parallam® parallel strand lumber (PSL) provides the solution, offering engineered wood framing materials with the length and strength required for modern homes. (www.iLevel.com)

iLevel's technology delivers Parallam PSL beams and columns that are strong, straight and long – up to 60 feet. Thick section beams and headers eliminate field assembly and allow connections using common hardware – making installation quick and easy. The consistency and predictability of Parallam PSL give builders and specifiers peace of mind because they know the beam or column is structurally sound. Parallam PSL is designed to fit together and work efficiently with the entire iLevel family of structural framing products, helping reduce construction time, labor and callbacks.

Parallam PSL is used in floor, wall and roof structural systems. While it is most often used behind finished walls, it is also available in an architectural grade, which can be sanded, stained and finished for exposed beams, providing a unique architectural look and feel.

For exterior residential applications, Parallam PSL can be treated to resist decay and insect damage.

Made from long, thin strands of wood bonded together in a microwave process, Parallam PSL is consistently strong and straight. The manufacturing process uses nearly the entire log for high-grade structural lumber, making efficient use of the raw material.

Parallam PSL is available in widths up to 7”, depths up to 18”, and lengths up to 60 feet. It is one part of a complete and integrated package of framing materials – from foundation to rooftop – which include other trusted products and brands such as Trus Joist TimberStrand® laminated strand lumber (LSL), TJI® joists, Structurwood® panels and iLevel Premium Joists™. To learn more about the complete iLevel line of residential framing products, design software tools, technical support, and extensive distribution network throughout North America, visit www.iLevel.com or call 1-888-iLevel8 to locate a dealer near you.

About iLevel® by Weyerhaeuser

iLevel is Weyerhaeuser’s integrated residential framing business resulting in a seamless, unified solution for residential builders through dealers – offering a coordinated network of support for all structural framing materials. By combining Weyerhaeuser’s high-quality products and services from well-known brands like Trus Joist and Structurwood, with its distribution and technology capabilities, iLevel efficiently supplies customers with all the necessary components for building the residential structural frame, and solving builder and customer needs around that frame.

About Weyerhaeuser

Weyerhaeuser Company, one of the world's largest forest products companies, was incorporated in 1900. In 2007, sales were \$16.3 billion. It has offices or operations in 13 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, development and related activities. Additional information about Weyerhaeuser's businesses, products and practices is available at <http://www.weyerhaeuser.com>.