Understanding The End Tag on ProWood Lumber

Each piece of ProWood® Professional Grade lumber carries an end tag which has essential information for any builder or do-it-yourselfer, including:

- The preservative used
- The appropriate end use (i.e., Above Ground or Ground Contact)
- The quality standards it meets
- Safe handling information

For professional grade treatment, look for the ProWood end tag.

1. Description of use.
2. Warranty statement.
3. Code report for treatment.
4. Code for use/exposure category (see Description of Use).
5. Treatment authority.
6. Third party quality inspection (assures product has passed retention and penetration test).

It shows ProWood meets the highest quality standards.

ProWood's end tag shows which ProWood products are treated in accordance with ESR or AWPA standards and is in compliance with model building code requirements.

The International Code Council (ICC), which develops model building codes for use nationwide, requires wood product manufacturers to not only conduct in-house quality control measures but also subscribe to an independent inspection agency that verifies the wood has been treated in accordance with applicable standards. That's why the ProWood end tag refers to both the standard (e.g., ESR 2240 (pdf - 309 KB), ESR 1980 (pdf - 257 KB) and ESR 1721 (pdf - 107 KB)) and the third-party inspection (e.g., "Monitored by Timber Products Inspection").

The ICC-ES has deemed ProWood to be code-compliant with the details listed under ESR 2240 (pdf - 309 KB), ESR 1980 or ESR 1721 (pdf - 107 KB) reports.

For an independent viewpoint on determining whether any treated wood is properly treated, see the USDA's Forest Products Laboratory TechLine on new wood treatments.

End Uses for ProWood.

ProWood meets or exceeds the highest standards in both aboveground and ground-contact applications. The table below gives examples of end uses for ProWood treated lumber and products.

End Use as Stated on End Tag	Examples
Above Ground Use Only	Decking, railing, fence boards, playgrounds, trellises, gazebos, sill plates, porches, green houses, flooring, siding, shakes, shingles, trim and fascia
Ground and Freshwater Contact	Deck support posts, deck joists, framing, fence posts, docks and step stringers

Use Category System

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Specifications for Treated Wood

OLD USE CATEGORY	NEW USE CATEGORY	SERVICE CONDITION
.15	UC3B Deck	Above ground "*Decking Use Only* " - ICC-ES Products
.25	UC3B	Above ground, exterior contruction, prolonged wetting - AWPA or ICC-ES
.40	UC4A	Ground contact or fresh water "Non- Critical Structures", normal exposure - AWPA or ICC-ES
.60	UC4B	Ground contact or fresh water "*Critical Structures* " all weather cycles - AWPA or ICC-ES
		high decay, includes salt water splash
AG	AG	Above ground "*UFP Standards Products"*
GC	GC	Ground contact "*UFP Standards Products"*
2.5	UC5	Marine "*Salt Water* " continuous marine exposure, salt water - AWPA Products
.17 (Borate)	UC2	Above Ground, Interior, Non-Formosan AWPA Products
.25 (Borate)	UC2	Above Ground, Interior, Non-Formosan AWPA Products
.28 (Borate)	UC2Formosan	Above Ground, Interior, Formosan AWPA Products
.42 (Borate)	UC2Formosan	Above Ground, Interior, Formosan AWPA Products