



THIRD-PARTY OSB PRODUCT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FACT SHEET

Since its founding over 40 years ago, the NAHB Research Center has realized that quality building products are the first step to high quality housing. The Research Center's third-party testing and quality assurance capabilities provide the industry with solutions that optimize performance, reduce product failures, and improve quality and customer satisfaction. The launch of a new third-party Oriented Strand Board (OSB) Product Certification program is another step toward fulfilling the company's mission to improve the quality and affordability of homes and home building products. Certified products are tested to meet nationally recognized standards, and the Research Center's certification mark represents the benchmark of quality and code compliance that builders, code officials, and consumers recognize and trust. Our mark matters, look for it!

What is this new product certification program?

- Program to satisfy building code and product standards for a third-party inspection and testing agency to provide oversight of the OSB manufacturer's product quality; includes formal Quality Management System (QMS) auditing to ISO 9001 standard as well as product selection and testing

What does the 'NAHB Research Center Certified' mark mean?

- Recipient has developed and implemented a QMS based on ISO 9001, which has been audited by the Research Center; QMS must include appropriate processes and procedures to ensure product bearing the Research Center's certification mark meets or exceeds recognized industry standards and applicable customer requirements; essential that processes are continually improved to enhance customer satisfaction
- Certified manufacturers undergo periodic audits of their quality system and records; products randomly selected from manufacturer's production and extensively tested in Research Center's full-service materials and structural systems testing laboratory (accredited by the International Accreditation Service) to ensure compliance with applicable standards
- Program is open to all OSB manufacturers that meet program requirements; Research Center does not provide product endorsements, and certification mark does not provide guarantee of product's performance; the mark does represent symbol of quality, and a company's ongoing commitment to continual process improvement and customer satisfaction

What are the criteria?

- A QMS based on ISO 9001-2000
- Product that is compliant to "Voluntary Product Standard PS2-04 Performance Standard for Wood-Based Structural-Use Panels" published by NIST

Why the NAHB Research Center?

- Independent subsidiary of NAHB with unique relationship to the housing industry; unparalleled breadth of in-house technical expertise; unrivaled depth of understanding of the home building industry
- Research Center provides advantage of in-house, full-time, expert professional staff with wood science, engineering, and quality specialties that develop and maintain close working relationship with all clients
- Program provides better value to clients; integration of QMS fosters consistency and provides greater efficiencies, creating less disruption in the plant
- Participating manufacturers gain benefit of partnering with nationally recognized and trusted industry name

How Do I Become a Certified Product Manufacturer?

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