

Prescriptive Rim Board Checklist

Prescriptive rim application allows the use of thin 1", 1- $\frac{1}{8}$ ", and 1- $\frac{1}{4}$ " rim for lightly loaded structures that do not have to be justified with calculations and fit within the prescriptive limitations of the International Residential Code (IRC). There are many requirements that the structure must meet to use these thin rims correctly. If you do not meet all items, the loads on the structure may exceed the capacity of these thin rims. When an item below is outside the scope of prescriptive applications, it typically will require thicker rim boards or a closer nailing pattern that can be accommodated with a 1- $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide or greater SCL rim and may require a professional designer's involvement.

Use of thin rims must meet all the following:

(For all requirements, refer to the 2024 IRC. Specific references noted in brackets)

- Detached one and two-family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) not more than three stories tall. [a]
- Ultimate 3-second gust wind speed of 130 mph or less. [b]
- Ground snow load of 70 psf or less. [c]
- Max roof truss span, including overhangs is 40'. [d]
- Minimum roof pitch of 3/12 and maximum of 12/12. [e]
- Max roof joist, floor joist and stud spacing is 24" on center. [f]
- Maximum load bearing wall stud height is 10'. [g]
- Maximum story height shall not exceed 11'-7". [h]
- Maximum floor load of 40 psf and maximum dead load of 20 psf. [i]
- $\frac{3}{4}$ " floor sheathing attached to rim using (2.5" x 0.131") nail at 6" on center. [j]
- Wall plate attachment to rim using (3" x 0.131") nails at 12" on center for walls. Nailing quantity changes to (4) nails every 16" at braced wall lines. [j]
 - Closer on center spacing cannot be accommodated by 1" and 1- $\frac{1}{8}$ " rim boards.

Limits shown are largely based on the IRC; however, where provisions of the code are unclear or incomplete, other resources, such as engineering mechanics, analysis, and the 2024 ANSI: A Wood Frame Construction Manual (WFCM) for One and Two-Family Dwelling may be used.

For more information on conventional construction, please see Weyerhaeuser [Technical Resource Sheet #1502](#) on www.Weyerhaeuser.com.

[a] IRC R301.2.2.7 [b] IRC Figure R301.2.1.1 [c] IRC R301.2.3 [d] IRC R802.10.2.1 & R804.3.2.1.1 [e] IRC Table R802.5.2(1) [f] IRC Table R802.4.1(1), R802.4(2), R802.5.1(1)-R802.5.1(5) [g] IRC Table R602.3(5) [h] IRC R301.3, [i] IRC Tables R502.3.1(1), R502.3(2) [j] Table R602.3(1)