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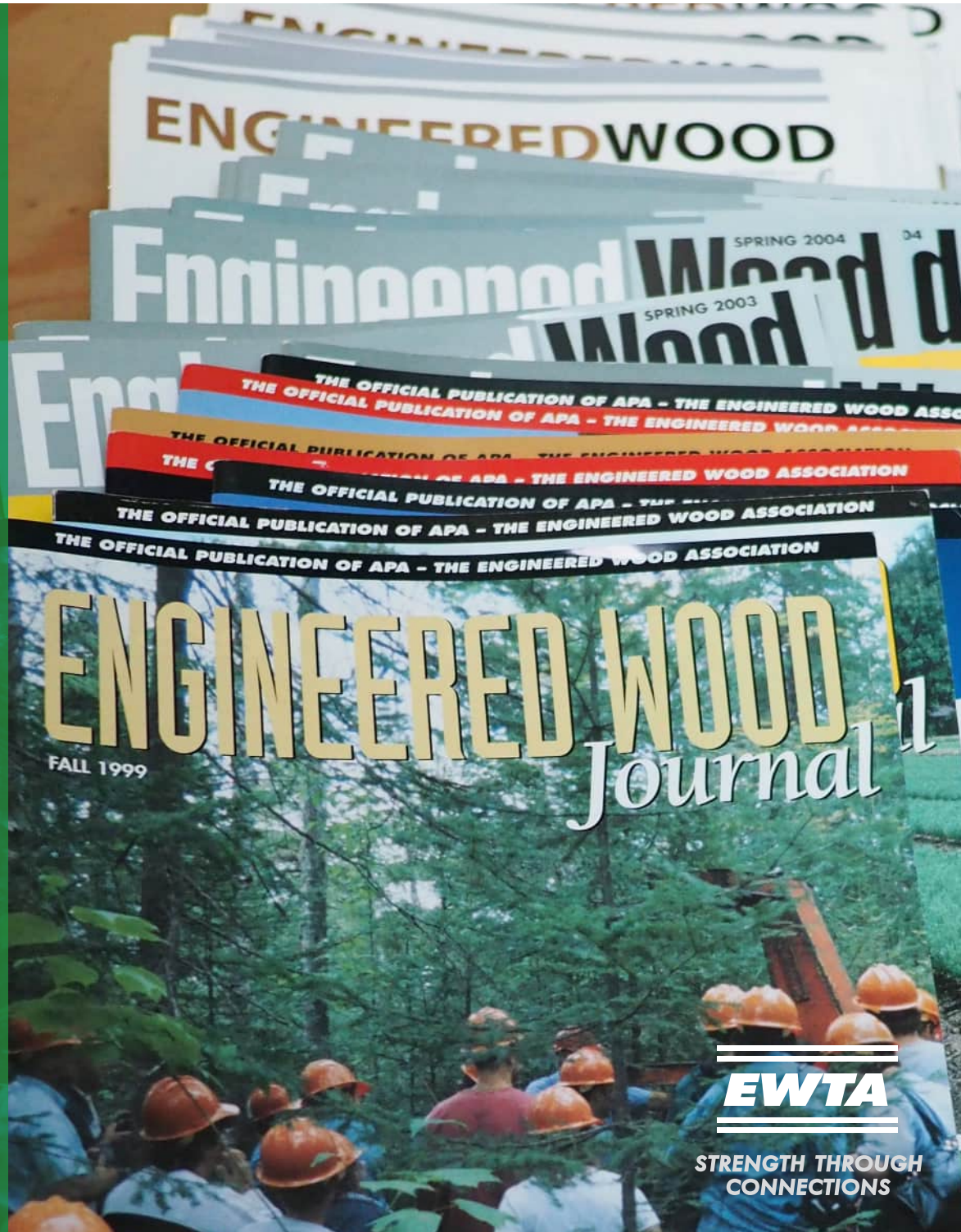
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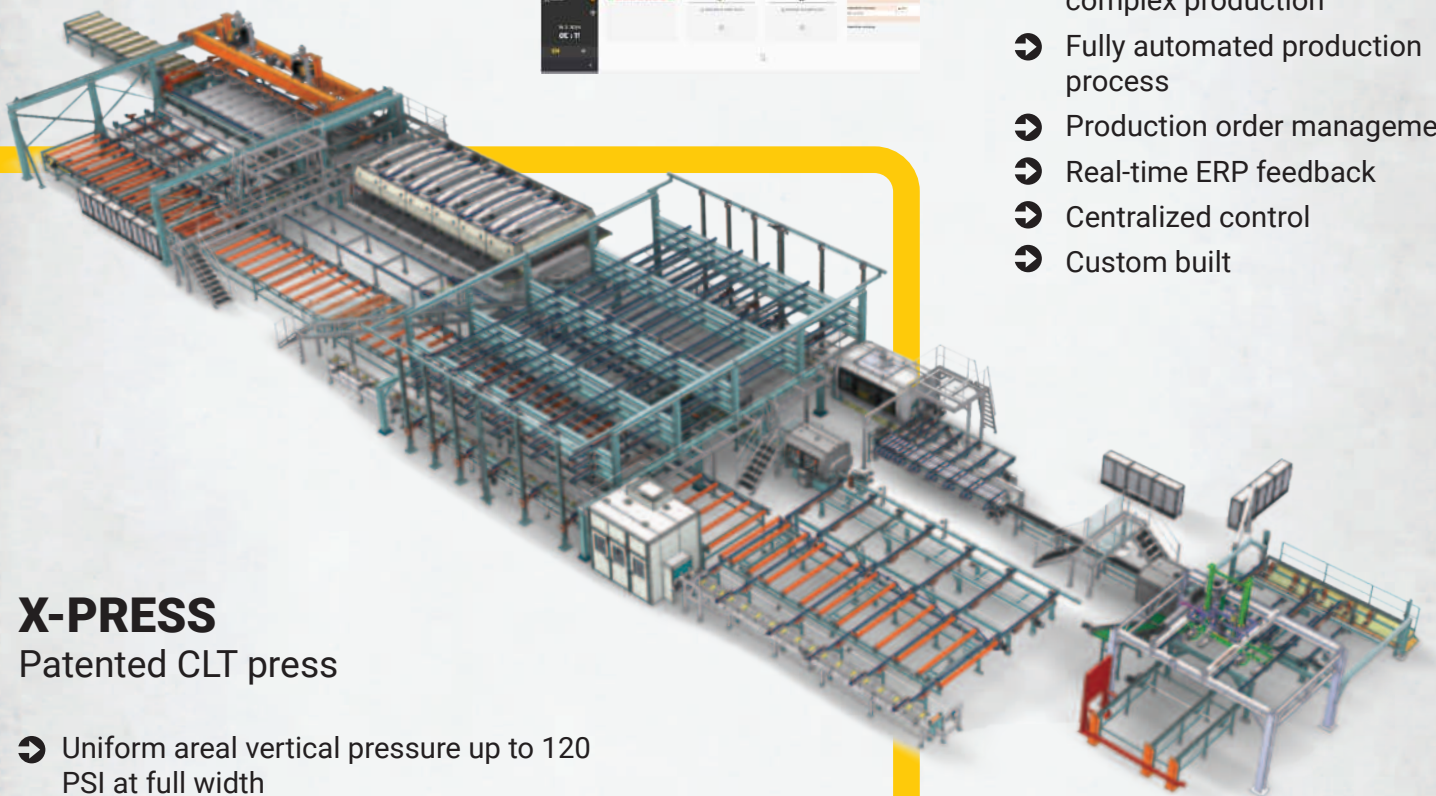
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IN THIS ISSUE . . .

Welcome to the final edition of the *Engineered Wood Journal*. In this issue, we reflect on 26 years of shared industry news and the magazine's rich history, featuring insights from Jack Merry, the first editor of the *Engineered Wood Journal* and retired APA industry communications director. Flip to page 10 for a retrospective look at the magazine's journey, covering issues from 1998 through 2024.

Mark your calendars! The APA Annual Meeting and EWTA Info Fair is happening earlier this year, from September 28 to October 1, 2024, at the JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa. This year, APA and EWTA members will gather in San Antonio, Texas, for four days filled with networking, industry meetings, and exciting sporting events—including a golf tournament, the return of the clay pigeon shoot, and the debut of a pickleball tournament. For a preview of the planned events and a list of Info Fair sponsors and exhibitors, turn to page 18. Full details are also available on the APA and EWTA events website at www.apa-ewta-events.org.

In addition to industry, association, and member news featured in the following pages, be sure to explore the following:

Turn to page 32 for APA Market Research Director Joe Elling's projections on the 2025 Market Outlook. Then, head to page 38 to discover how urethane structural adhesive systems are advancing mass timber and engineered wood products.

For 16 years, the Safety and Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) has been at the forefront of revitalizing safety efforts. By promoting and recognizing operational excellence, SHAC has significantly contributed to reducing injury and illness rates across our industry. Turn to page 42 to discover more about the program and find out which 20 facilities from eight APA companies have been honored with awards in various categories. Then, continue to page 46, where a safety manager from an APA member company reveals one key habit that can transform leadership skills.

Speaking of awards, each fall APA members are invited to select the winners of the annual EWTA Supplier of the Year and Innovation of the Year awards. For 2024, the Innovation of the Year will be chosen from seven entries submitted by EWTA members, showcasing their latest technology, products, or services. Turn to page 48 to learn more about these innovations. If you're an APA member, don't forget to cast your vote!

Need contact information for industry suppliers? Check out the updated EWTA member directory starting on page 45. It includes company details and contact information for all EWTA members and highlights the sponsors for the upcoming Info Fair.

In closing, I want to extend a special thank you to those who have been with us from the beginning through to the end—namely, Jack Merry, Terry Kerwood, Melinda Lilley, Sheila Cain, Mike Martin, and Kim Sivertsen. I also want to express my gratitude to all the advertisers, APA and EWTA members, staff, writers, artists, and subscribers of the *Engineered Wood Journal* over the past 26 years. We couldn't have achieved this success without each of you.

It's been a pleasure to be part of this magazine, and while I'm sad to see it come to an end, I'm proud of all that we've accomplished together.



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SMALL BUILDING, BIG EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Engineering Students Wow at Wood Design Competition

Some designed playhouses. One team created a “barndominium.” And at least one erected a tiny pub. Those are just three entry examples from the 2024 Timber-Strong Design BuildSM competition, which took place nationwide at college campuses this spring. Since 2019, the contest has given engineering students the opportunity to gain hands-on experience with wood design and construction. It also teaches teamwork and planning and demonstrates the value of prefabrication. What began as a giant Jenga contest more than seven years ago now attracts hundreds of

participating students and over a thousand spectators. This year’s competition included 464 students from 46 schools.

APA – The Engineered Wood Association, the American Wood Council and Simpson Strong-Tie partner with the American Society of Civil Engineers to carry out the competition.

This year’s winners included teams from Michigan, Indiana, Florida, Colorado, Utah, Texas, California and Puerto Rico.



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Participating students were tasked with drafting and building an attractive, sustainable and durable two-story wood-frame structure. Among its requirements:

- Maximum height of 12 feet.
- Openings for at least three windows (one per wall) on the first floor.
- A windowless first-floor wall must have a door.
- The second level must have a floor opening.
- The second floor must be cantilevered 12 inches in one direction.
- The second level must have framed openings for four windows (one per wall).

Teams prepare project budgets and adhere to Occupational Safety and Health Administration safety guidelines and the model building code. Each structure is required to show a continuous load path for both gravity and wind loads. Mirroring real-world conditions, each team had to navigate the submittal, requests-for-information and change order processes.

John Wilkinson, head judge for the Eastern Great Lakes region, said the contest allowed students to collaborate and use their skills in structural calculations, building information modeling and physical construction. And it was good practice for their future careers, he added.

“This competition is a great example of how the interactions between designers and instructors in the field (go),” Wilkinson said.

Aidan Zydiak was a captain for the University of Florida’s design team. Zydiak said the competition gave him the chance to learn about BIM software for the first time.

“I feel that using the software was the most applicable part of the project to my career in the future,” he said. “I also enjoyed cutting the wood and building the structure. Bringing the design to physical reality was satisfying.”

The competition’s time constraints were also important. Aleeta Dene, an Engineered Wood

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THIS YEAR’S WINNERS WERE:

Eastern Great Lakes Symposium Winners

First place: Michigan Technological University

Second place: Cleveland State University

BIM category: Cleveland State University

Indiana-Kentucky Symposium Winners

First place: Purdue University-West Lafayette

BIM category: Purdue University-West Lafayette

Southeast Symposium Winners

First place: Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University-Florida State University

Second place: University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez

Third place: Florida International University

BIM category: University of North Florida

Region 6 Symposium Winners

First place: LeTourneau University

Second place: University of Texas-Arlington

Third place: University of Texas-Tyler

BIM category: LeTourneau University

Rocky Mountain Symposium Winners

First place: Colorado School of Mines

Second place: South Dakota School of Mines and Technology

BIM category: South Dakota School of Mines and Technology

Intermountain Southwest Symposium Winners

First place: Utah State University

Second place: Northern Arizona University

Third place: Boise State University

BIM category: Brigham Young University-Idaho

Pacific Southwest Symposium Winners

First place: California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo

Second place: University of California-Irvine

Third place: University of California-Los Angeles

BIM category: California State University-Long Beach

For more information on the Timber-Strong Design Build competition, visit:

• Timber-Strong Design Build Competitions - APA – The Engineered Wood Association

• Timber-Strong Design Build Competition | ASCE



Student-led teams have 90 minutes to erect attractive, durable, engineered wood structures.

Specialist in APA's Field Services Division, said that although teams had 90 minutes to build their structures, finishing first wasn't necessarily a goal.

"The most successful teams take it apart and put it together multiple times" to ensure the structure was built right, she said.

COMING IN 2025

In the summer of 2025, California Polytechnic State University – San Luis Obispo will be the first American Society of Civil Engineers National Competition host to welcome Timber-Strong Design Build competitors nationwide. This event will mark the first time the event will include concrete, steel and wood. The national event will consist of Concrete Canoe, Steel Bridge and Timber-Strong Design Build. APA will continue to be a co-sponsor of the Timber-Strong Design Build Competition.



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CCMC Offers Product Listing Based on APA Product Reports

The Canadian Construction Materials Centre (CCMC), part of the National Research Council Canada, evaluates construction materials for use in Canada. CCMC recently announced a new product listing option for recognizing products manufactured to the Canadian national product standards, such as structural glued laminated timber (glulam) under

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CSA O122, cross-laminated timber under ANSI/ APA PRG 320 (U.S. and Canada binational standard), and wood structural panels under CSA O325, O121, O151 or O153. This new option enables the use of a third-party certification, such as an APA Product Report. This new program can significantly reduce the time required to obtain a CCMC listing for commodity products.

Detailed information about this new option is available on their website. At this point, this option is not available for proprietary products that do not have a Canadian national product standard, such as prefabricated wood I-joists and structural composite lumber.

APA Achieves ISO/IEC 17020 and 17025 Accreditation from ANAB

On June 13, 2024, APA received ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB) accreditation for standards ISO/IEC 17020-2012—Conformity Assessment – Requirements for the Operation of Various Types of Bodies Performing Inspection (ANAB AI-3950) and ISO/IEC 17025-2017—General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories (ANAB AT-3949).

RETIREMENTS

Dr. Borjen Yeh, P.E., PhD,
APA Director,
Technical Services

Dr. Yeh has been with APA for more than 34 years, serving as director of the Technical Services Division since 2003. He is currently the chair of the ASTM D07.02

Subcommittee on Lumber and Engineered Wood Products and a member of several technical committees and professional societies in the U.S., Canada and International Standards Organization. He is the secretariat for ANSI/APA Standards Committees on Structural Glued Laminated Timber, Structural Insulated Panels, Engineered Wood Siding, Engineered Wood Rim Boards and Cross Laminated Timber. He was the recipient of the L.J. Markwardt Award of ASTM in 2006 and the ASTM International's Award of Merit in 2013. Dr. Yeh earned his M.S. at Iowa State University and Ph.D. at University of California, Berkeley. He is also a registered professional engineer in the state of



Dr. Borjen Yeh, P.E., PhD

Washington. Thank you, BJ, for your contributions and dedication to APA, its members and the engineered wood industry. Congratulations on your retirement.

Brian Delbrueck, Arxada

Brian Delbrueck, Associate Director Sales, Canada, Western U.S., & Wood Specialties for Arxada, recently retired after nearly 40 years in the industry. Brian started his career at Rentokil in 1987



Brian Delbrueck

and continued with CSI when they bought Rentokil. Brian dedicated his career to the advancement and promotion of wood protection products. He was active within the industry, serving on the Supplier Technology Committee for WDMA, on the Board of Directors for WWPI for more than 10 years, on the WPC Technical Committee, on the EWTA Advisory Committee and on the Composites Committee for AWPA. Thank you, Brian, for your service to the industry, and congratulations on your retirement.

IN MEMORIAM

Engineered Wood Journal

1998-2024

by Jack Merry



Receiving word recently that this would be the last issue of the *Engineered Wood Journal* was a bit like unexpectedly coming across the obituary of an old friend from a bygone era.

I haven't been associated with the *Journal* for more than a decade now, but I was there at its birth, in 1998, and for several years thereafter as editor while it matured and evolved. When Engineered Wood Technology Association (EWTA) Program Manager LaDauna Wilson invited me to share a few thoughts on the life and times of the magazine, I was honored to oblige.

The idea for this magazine was actually second in line to another publication that APA – The Engineered Wood Association staff considered but then rejected. The first was for a publication targeted at construction market users and specifiers as a means to increase demand for APA member products. It would have fit nicely into APA's strategic marketing plan. However, after review of the human resource requirements, the publishing competition at the time, the

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financial risks and benefits, and other factors, the idea for such a venture was abandoned.

As chance would have it, a company called Naylor Publications, which specialized in publishing magazines for nonprofit organizations, contacted APA at just about that same time. It was a fortuitous introduction because there had been another idea at APA for a magazine that would be aimed not at the market, but at the APA membership, supported by advertising purchased by the industry's product, equipment and service providers. Naylor had clients with similar publications, and the company was deemed a promising publishing partner.

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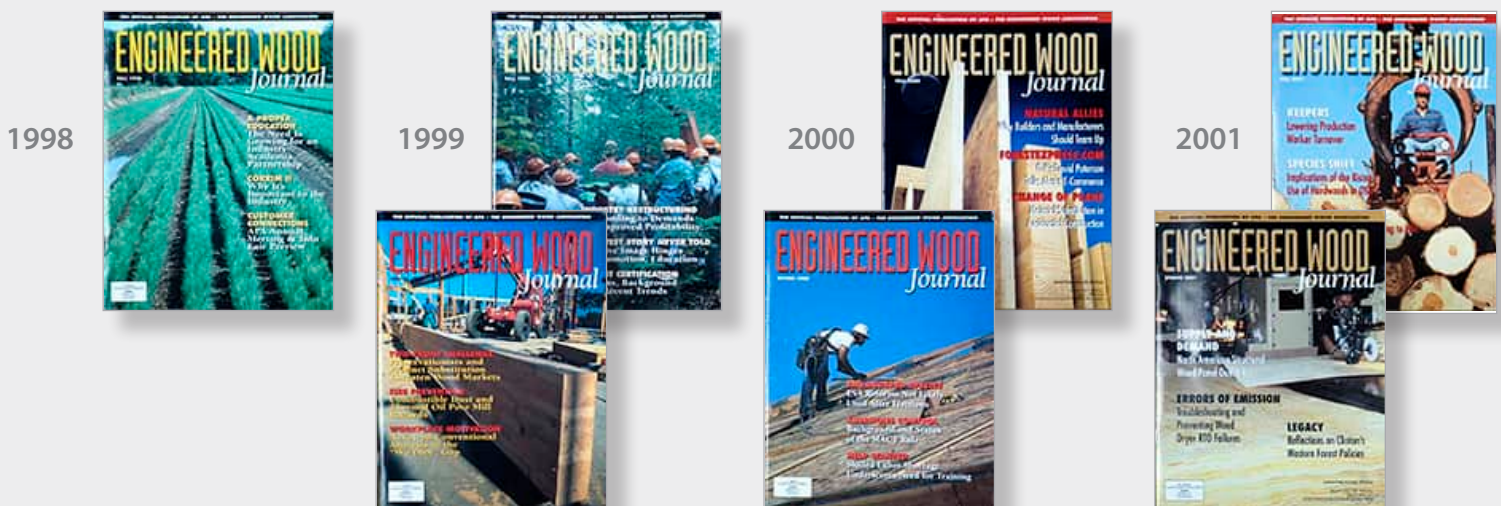
as the leading voice of the industry. As noted in the Volume I, Number I issue of the magazine's PrimeLines column, the *Journal* would strive to be “a unique and valuable tool for exchanging information and improving communication among engineered wood product manufacturers; product, equipment and service suppliers; and others with a stake or interest in the engineered wood products industry, such as academia, consultants, analysts and trade media.”

That mission in practice, the column continued, would translate into articles on “processing trends and

innovations, research and development issues, marketing challenges and opportunities, technical developments, quality assurance, certification and regulatory developments, industry safety programs,” and more. By bringing manufacturers and suppliers closer together, it was believed the magazine might also aid efforts to more clearly define and strengthen the relationship between APA and its related nonprofit supplier organization, the Engineered Wood Research Foundation (EWRP), which was EWTA's predecessor.

The first issue, published in the fall of 1998, underscored the stated goals with articles on the

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need for industry-academia wood science program partnerships, the purpose and importance of CORRIM (Consortium for Research on Renewable Industrial Materials), APA's newly introduced Quality Management System, the transformation of Georgia-Pacific Corporation's mill safety program, and the history and purpose of the Engineered Wood Research Foundation, among others.

The publishing agreement with Naylor had both benefits and drawbacks. On the benefits side, APA maintained complete editorial control while Naylor was responsible for graphic design, production, printing, advertising sales, and both hard copy mailing and online posting. That arrangement thus helped to conserve scarce APA human and financial resources. In addition, Naylor assumed all financial liability and APA even stood to earn modest revenue-

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sharing income provided certain advertising thresholds were met.

The chief downside was that space for articles was limited under an advertising-to-editorial content formula. The revenue earned by APA also was indeed very modest based on the advertising that was able to be sold. However, since the primary motivation for the project was information exchange, not income, that limitation was not considered crucial.

Given that the *Journal* was one among many assignments within the APA industry communications function,

it was decided to start with just two issues per year, then reexamine the feasibility of increasing frequency based on industry reception, available human resources, and other APA priorities. As it happened, the spring and fall publication schedule was never revised.

Launching was no small task. A mailing list had to be developed from various sources. A design had to be crafted and approved. Story ideas had to be created and contributing writers secured. A media kit had to be developed. And

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advertising, editorial, printing and distribution schedules had to be established. But it all came together, and in the fall of 1998 the first issue of the magazine arrived at the offices of industry CEOs and senior executives, mill managers, superintendents, technical directors, quality control supervisors, and sales and marketing managers, as well as key supplier industry professionals and other industry stakeholders.

That premier issue of the magazine, as is typical with highly celebrated first issues, had a higher page count, 64, than would prove to be the average over the next 10 years. Most issues ran between 32 and 44 pages, with the fall issue always including an APA annual meeting preview that increased the page count.

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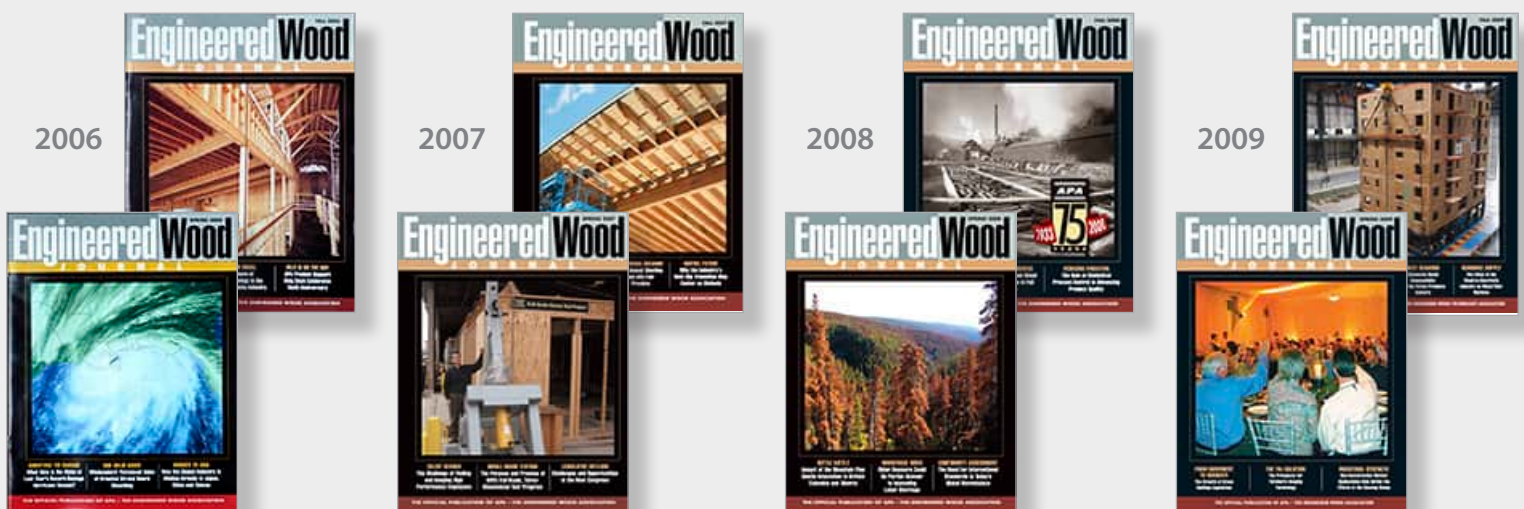
The *Journal* often spotlighted major trends and developments, such as this Fall 1999 issue article on industry mergers, acquisitions, consolidation and restructuring.

for example, were process efficiency methodologies, such as lean manufacturing, wood product certification, e-commerce, corporate social responsibility, electronic learning and training, green building, employee retention, market threats and product performance. Submissions from industry suppliers on manufacturing technologies, solutions and

innovations also were regularly recruited and published.

The magazine from time to time would follow human interest storylines as well, such as the Spring 2003 profile of longtime industry executive Paul Ehinger, the Spring 2005 feature on the genesis of the Thunderbird plywood sailboat design, and the Spring 2010 article on artist Ken Brauner, whose timber

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industry paintings have hung for decades in offices, conference rooms, universities and museums around the country.

In 2008, the fall issue of the magazine included a 36-page supplement commemorating the 75th anniversary of APA, which was founded in 1933 as the Douglas Fir Plywood Association. The special anniversary edition featured numerous synopses of association and industry milestones, including, for example, registration of industrywide trademarks in 1938, the birth of the Southern pine plywood industry in the early 1960s, the opening of APA's new research laboratory in 1969, celebration of APA's 50th anniversary in 1983, and creation in 1991 of American Wood Systems, a related APA nonprofit organization charged with providing services to non-panel structural engineered wood product manufacturers.



A special APA anniversary edition of the *Journal* was published in 2008 to commemorate the Association's 75-year history.

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This Spring 2005 feature story covered a 1950s Association-sponsored plywood sailboat design competition as part of the magazine's 100-year industry anniversary celebration.

A major milestone in the history of the *Journal* was its near-death experience in 2009. The housing market crash and subsequent Great Recession forced APA, as with the entire economy, to downsize, consolidate and reorganize. Among the many casualties at APA was the industry communications function, under which the magazine fell.

Rather than let the *Journal* die, however, a plan was devised to

transfer publication responsibility from APA to EWTA. The supplier organization would contract with this author (who was then no longer with APA) for continued editorial services, and Naylor would continue in its existing capacity. APA President Dennis Hardman liked and blessed the idea, and EWTA Managing Director Terry Kerwood likewise endorsed it.

The spring 2009 issue was the last to be published under the auspices of APA (until the spring of 2020), and its page count, just 28, reflected the significant contraction of the economy and the industry. Conditions gradually improved, however, and the magazine before long was regaining advertisers and increasing its page count.

In 2011, a financial analysis was conducted to determine the feasibility of bringing all aspects of the publication venture, including advertising sales, printing and distribution, under EWTA in-house control rather than renewing the contract with Naylor. The pro forma numbers looked promising, and a proposal to go forward with the idea was approved by the EWTA Advisory Committee. The first issue under the new regime grew by 16 pages, and both advertising sales and project net revenue continued to climb over the next several

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years, contributing significantly to EWTA non-dues income.

The next chapter in the life of the *Journal*, and a personal milestone for me, began with my retiring as editor after 14 years at the helm. My last issue, published in the fall of 2012, announced Sheila Cain as my successor, who would remain in the position for the next seven years.

Publication of the *Journal*, together with all other functions of the Engineered Wood Technology Association, was transferred back to APA in 2019. Soon thereafter, as the entire world remembers, the COVID-19 pandemic struck. The lockdown of society and shutdown of the economy would have deep and long-lasting financial impacts

on everything and everyone, including, now, the *Engineered Wood Journal*. This Fall 2024 issue will be the last—yet another casualty, it seems, of the pandemic.

No telling of the *Journal's* quarter-century life story would be complete without citing the contributions of numerous individuals associated with the venture over the years. Among these must be counted former APA Presidents Dave Rogoway and Dennis Hardman, who in the first instance greenlighted the project at its inception and in the second gave it new life when it might otherwise have perished during the Great Recession. Former EWTA Managing Director Terry Kerwood welcomed the magazine under the EWTA flag when APA had to cut it loose. Melinda Lilley was absolutely tireless selling advertising in her role as EWTA member services director (and



University wood science education programs were the topic of this Fall 2019 feature. The *Journal* had a long association with academia, which frequently contributed articles on a variety of education, processing technology and business management topics.

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as overall industry cheerleader). Mike Martin, longtime APA art director (and designer of this final issue) provided expert graphic arts support during many of the years that EWTA produced the magazine in-house. Maria Tomal (Johnsen) and Kim Sivertsen were, in succession, incredibly helpful editorial assistants who in too many ways to count came to my rescue. Sheila Cain, a clear thinker, lively writer and quick study, proved in my view to be my ideal successor as editor. And although we did not work together on the *Journal* (but were colleagues at APA previously), obvious credit is due LaDauna Wilson, who in her capacity as EWTA program manager and de facto *Journal* editor successfully navigated the project through the impossibly challenging pandemic-era times.


Special mention also must be made of the dozens of EWTA member company suppliers who

for 26 years made the magazine possible through the purchase of advertising. Many also contributed highly valued articles on manufacturing topics over the life of the publication.

Some might argue that communication vehicles like the *Journal* provide a value proposition worthy of some level of subsidy—not unlike, for example, newsletters, annual reports, or other customer, client and stakeholder communications. Priorities are many, of course, and resources limited, so hard choices are always difficult and inevitable.

Be that as it may, the greatest value of the *Journal*—now that its publication life is ending—may well be its legacy. As a quarter-century chronicle of the industry, the magazine as a digitized archive can now and forever provide a fascinating and unique perspective on the challenges, trends, priorities and achievements of the industry

during the period it covered, as well as a history of industry leaders, events and company milestones. It might also, one hopes, help preserve a sense of institutional memory and industry pride in an era where such qualities seem to be of declining currency.

In the final analysis and as a final commentary, I think it can be said of the *Engineered Wood Journal*: it had a good life. 



Jack Merry (jfmerrycomm@gmail.com) retired as APA industry communications director in 2009 and was editor of the Engineered Wood Journal from its inception in 1998 until 2012.



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APA ANNUAL MEETING AND EWTA INFO FAIR PREVIEW

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This year's APA Annual Meeting and EWTA Info Fair is scheduled for Sept. 28 – Oct. 1 at the JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa. The resort is nestled amidst 600 acres of oak-covered hills near San Antonio, Texas.

The annual event gathers APA and EWTA members from across the engineered wood industry to exchange ideas and insights, reflect on the industry's accomplishments and challenges, and explore future opportunities. The three-day event includes presentations, discussions, networking opportunities and sporting events.

Several advisory, marketing and subcommittee meetings will initiate the event on Saturday. The day concludes with a welcome reception for APA and EWTA members and meeting attendees.

Sunday is packed with recreation and networking opportunities:

- **Mike St. John Memorial Golf Tournament:** Held at JW Marriott's Canyons Course, the tournament offers dramatic elevation changes and a course woven within the unique topography of the surrounding Texas Hill Country.
- **Ole Sorensen Memorial Pickleball Tournament:** Reflecting the latest trend of swapping tennis rackets for pickleball paddles, this informal tournament will take place at the JW Marriott Courts.
- **Cripple Coot Shoot Sporting Clays Tournament:** This popular event returns after a 2-year hiatus and will be held at the Joshua Creek Ranch, a premier hunting lodge and Texas Hill Country Sporting Resort.
- **2024 Info Fair Supplier Exhibit and EWTA-Hosted Reception:** Opening at 4:30 p.m., this event features 76 EWTA exhibitors and sponsors, inviting members and guests to gather and reconnect with industry colleagues and friends.

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Monday's General Session will include a panel of three A.I. experts who will discuss the benefits of using artificial intelligence in the wood products industry. This panel includes:



Martin Fleming



Penelope Brown



Juho Einovaara

- **Martin Fleming**, a Massachusetts Institute of Technology research scientist and artificial intelligence expert.
- **Penelope Brown** of the National Association of Manufacturers. Brown is the managing editor of Manufacturing Leadership Journal.
- **Juho Einovaara**, an AFRY management consultant who specializes in the wood products industry.

The session will also feature the “State of the Association/Industry address by APA Board of Trustees Chair Doug Asano, along with the presentation of the Bronson J. Lewis Award. After the General Session, attendees will have the opportunity to meet with the panelists in a more informal setting for further discussion and Q&A.



Doug Asano

Following the General Session, a Safety & Health Workshop features a keynote address by Eric Giguere,

who relays his focus on safety through the topic “The Buried Truth Uncovered.” Additional safety and best practices presentations will be provided by APA and EWTA industry leaders.

Dan Semsak, the Marketing Advisory Committee chair, will start the afternoon meetings with a brief MAC update, followed by APA's Market Research Director Joe Elling's five-year market outlook. The meeting will conclude with Matt Brown, APA's director of energy policy and code, reporting on APA's newly developed energy and resiliency policies. His presentation will cover the current impact of these policies on member products and outline APA's strategic course of action moving forward.

Info Fair will resume from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Monday, and again from 5-6:45 p.m. with a reception that will kick off the evening's 7:00 p.m. Chairman's Dinner and APA Safety Awards Recognition. APA members who have made significant advancements in mill safety will be honored, along with winners of EWTA's Supplier of the Year and Innovation Award program.

See the schedule of events on the right for the complete meeting agenda.

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SATURDAY, SEPT. 28

8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Registration desk open
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	International Market Subcommittee (APA members only)
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	EWTA Advisory Committee
1:00 – 1:30 p.m.	Glulam/CLT Management Committee (APA members only)
1:45 – 2:30 p.m.	Joint Glulam/CLT and I-Joist/SCL Management Committee (APA members only)
2:30 – 3:00 p.m.	I-Joist/SCL Management Committee (APA members only)
4 – 5:00 p.m.	Industrial Market Subcommittee (APA members only)
5:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Welcome Reception

SUNDAY, SEPT. 29

7:15 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Cripple Coot Shoot, Joshua Creek Ranch
8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Mike St. John Memorial Golf Tournament, JW Marriott Canyons Course
9 a.m. – Noon	Ole Sorensen Memorial Pickleball Tournament, JW Marriott Courts
11 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Registration desk open
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.	Nonresidential Market Subcommittee (APA members only)
4:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Info Fair Welcome and Reception

MONDAY, SEPT. 30

7 – 8:30 a.m.	Buffet Breakfast
8:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Registration desk open
8:30 – 10:15 a.m.	General Session
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Roundtable – Follow-up to General Session
10:30 a.m. – Noon	Residential Market Subcommittee (APA members only)
10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Safety & Health Workshop
Noon – 1:30 p.m.	Info Fair and Lunch
1 – 3 p.m.	Marketing Advisory Committee
5:00 – 6:45 p.m.	Info Fair and Reception
7 – 9 p.m.	Chairman's Dinner & Safety Awards Recognition

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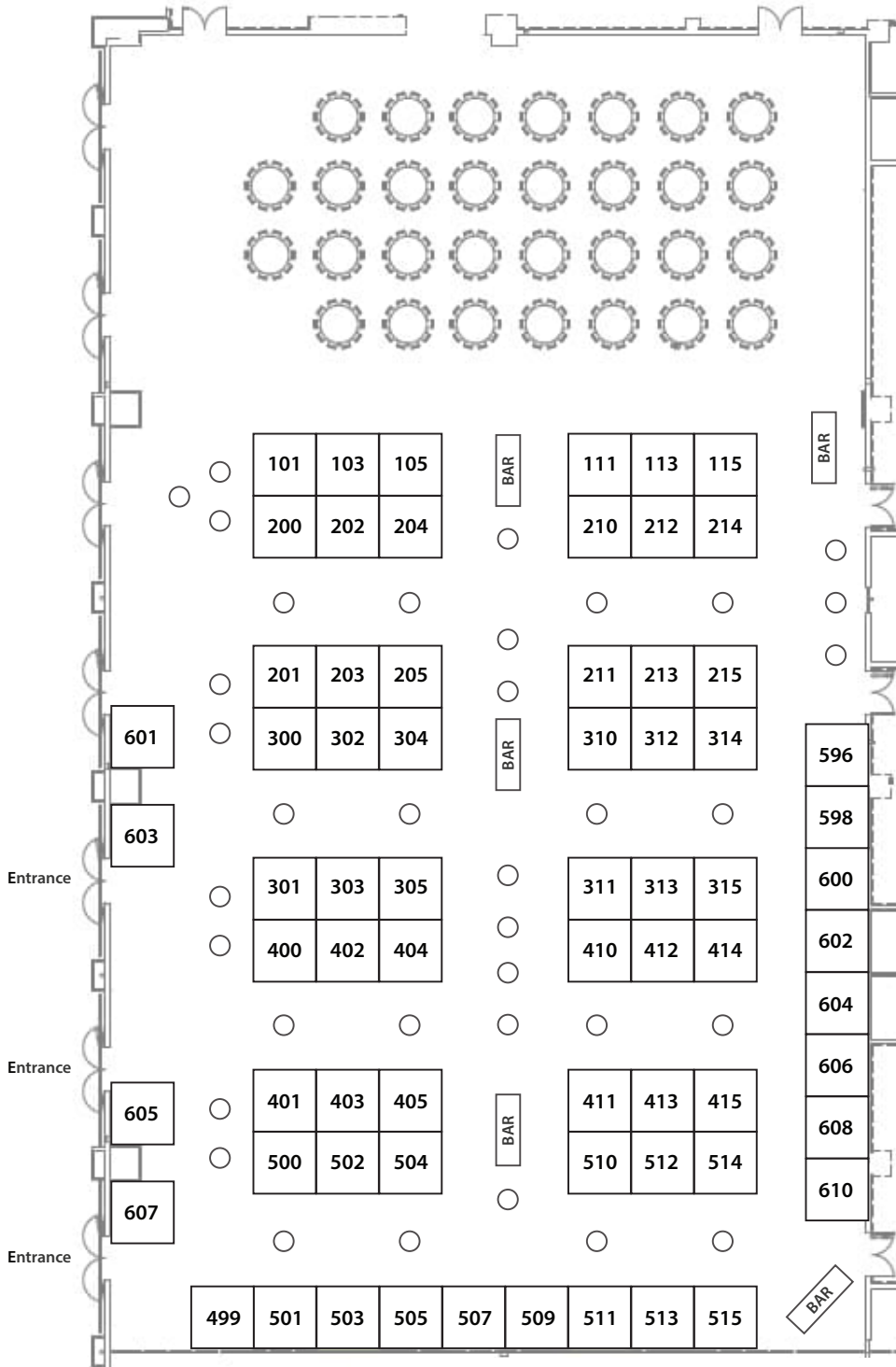
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MARKET OUTLOOK

More of the Same in 2025?

By Joe K. Elling



In the Spring 2024 *Engineered Wood Journal*, the key message provided little reason to be optimistic about the prospects for 2024. That message is still intact.

Let's look at multifamily starts first.

Through the first half of this year, multifamily starts have averaged a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 343,000, down 35% from the first half of 2023. (See Figure 1.) Although the number of multifamily units under construction at the end of June was down 115,000 from June 2023, there were still 895,000 units under construction. This extraordinarily large number of units under construction is going to be an anchor on multifamily starts through the next 12 months, if not longer.

In contrast, single-family starts through the first half of 2024 were up compared to the first half of 2023. Single-family starts averaged a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.04 million units, up 17% from the first half of 2023. As shown though in Figure 2, single-family starts in the second half of 2023 averaged a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.02 million. There are several factors in place suggesting that single-family starts could run below the 1 million rate in the second half

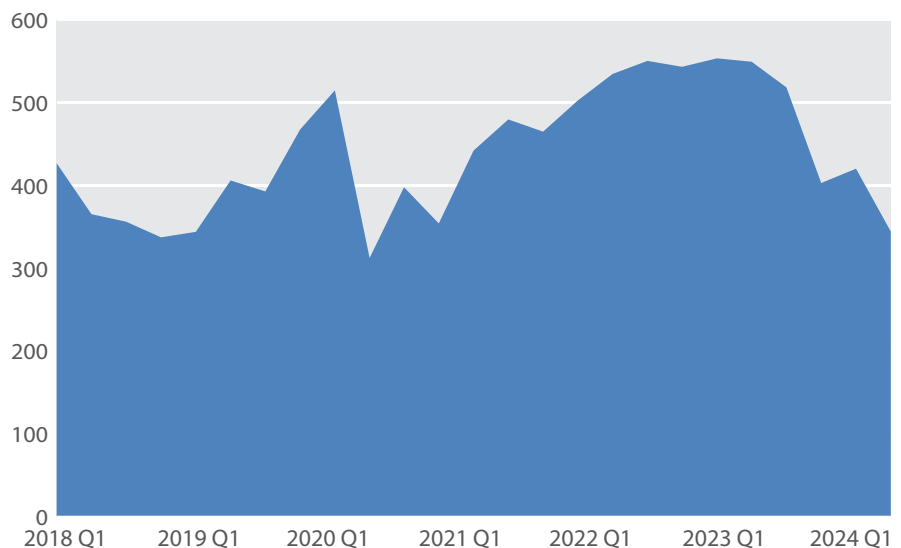
of this year, annualized. These include the following:

- Affordability challenge driven by the 6.75% rate on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage
- Deterioration in home builder sentiment
- Inventory of new homes over nine months supply basis

It appears single-family starts could average 950,000, annualized rate in the second half, leaving starts totaling nearly 1 million units, still up 5% for the year.

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Figure 1
Multifamily Starts
(Seasonally adjusted annual rate, 1,000s)



Source: Census Bureau

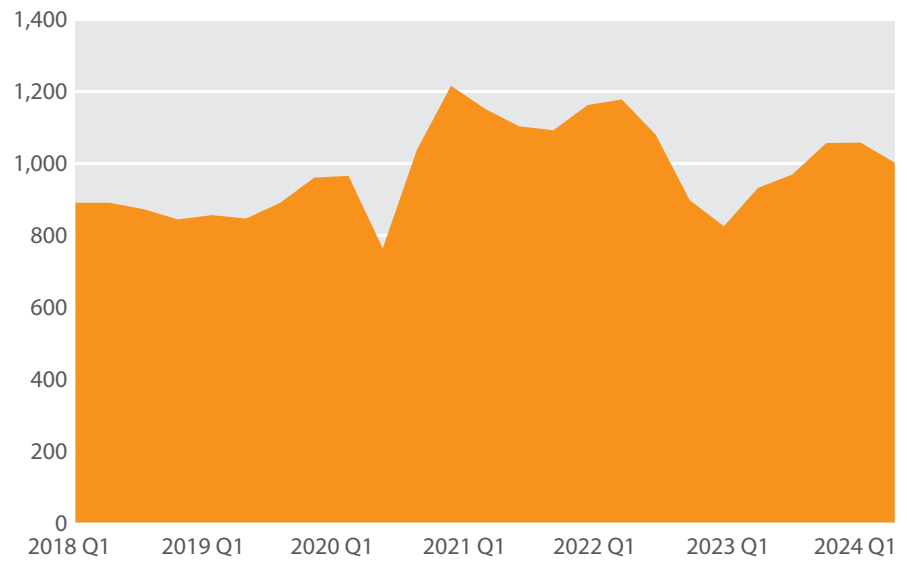
Too Much Attention on Federal Reserve?

The business media seems obsessed by speculating the week before meetings of the Federal Market Open Committee: “Will policymakers at the Federal Reserve cut the federal funds rate 25 basis points?” Even if the Federal Reserve cuts the federal funds rate by 25 basis points in September and again in December, there is no guarantee that long-term interest rates will follow suit. The Federal Reserve has the means to target the federal funds rate — the overnight rate that banks charge one another. However, this is not true for long-term interest rates, which are set by the interactions of buyers and sellers of long-term financial securities.

Typically, the yield on long-term financial securities, such as 10-year Treasury bonds, exceeds short-term yields because of the risk of longer-term loans. Since the first quarter of 2023, the opposite has been true, driven by the tightening of monetary policy by the Federal Reserve. (See Figure 3.)

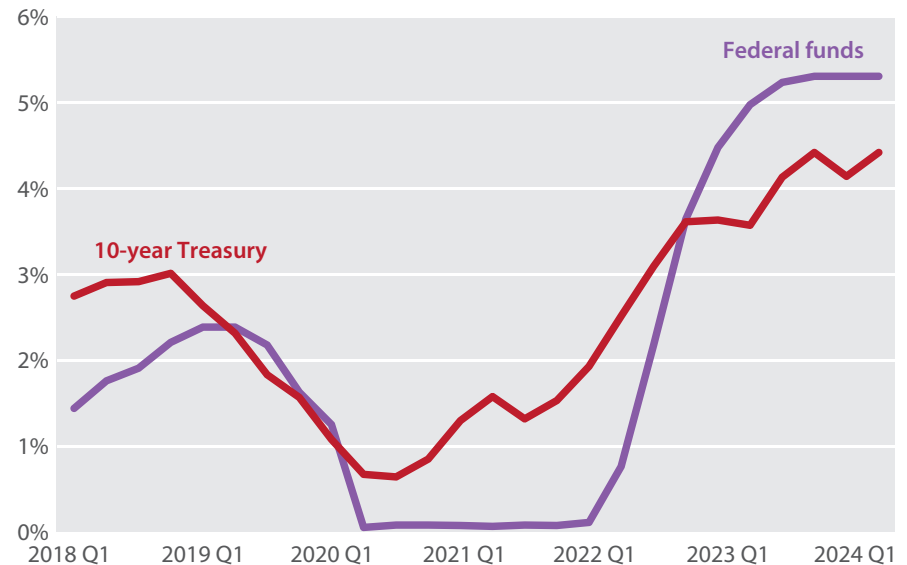
One factor that will influence long-term interest rates is the federal government’s borrowing needs to cover its spending excesses relative to tax revenues. As we move toward the November presidential election, the leaders of the major parties are not

Figure 2
Single-family Starts
(Seasonally adjusted annual rate, 1,000s)



Source: Census Bureau

Figure 3
Interest Rates, U.S.
(Seasonally adjusted annual rate, 1,000s)



Source: Federal Reserve

talking about fiscal discipline, meaning budget deficits will run in the \$2 trillion range. At the same time, the Federal Reserve will continue to be a net-seller of long-term financial securities as it reduces the bank’s holdings

of U.S. Treasuries and mortgage-backed securities. Since June 2022, Federal Reserve holdings of U.S. Treasuries and mortgage-backed securities have declined by \$1.34 trillion and \$400 billion,

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respectively. (See Figure 4.) Therefore, we should expect little move, if any, in long-term interest rates, as the Federal Reserve eases at the short end of the market.

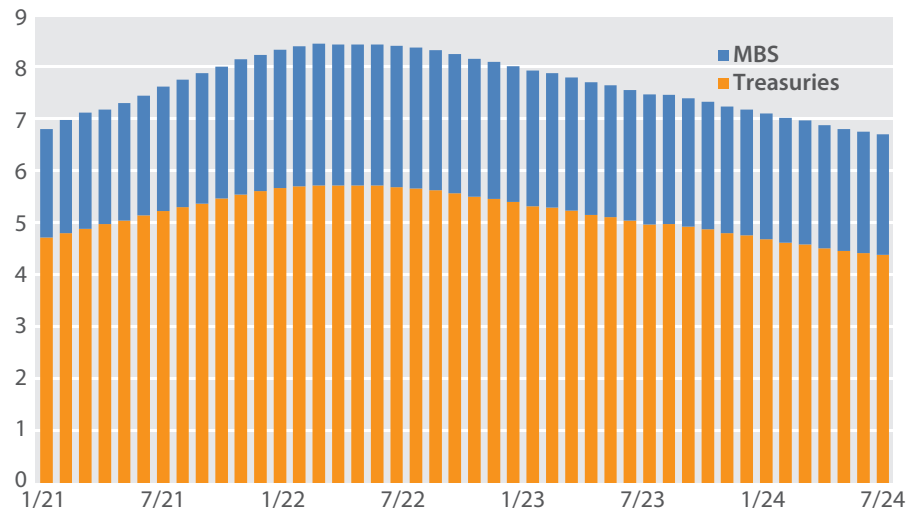
Marginal Improvement in Starts in 2025

There is little reason to expect housing starts in 2025 to be much different than in 2024. On the single-family side, a slight change in the average level of mortgage rates in 2025 from 2024 means existing homeowners will remain reluctant to trade up because for many it would entail giving up their 3-4% mortgage. The reluctance to move will be seen in the historically small number of existing homes for sale and contribute to the upward pressure on home prices, which has been the case for the last two years. Therefore, single-family starts are projected at 1.05 million units in 2025, marginally higher than 1.0 million units in 2024.

Multifamily starts are expected to total 350,000 units in 2025, up from 340,000 units this year. It is going to take 12-18 months to absorb the oncoming supply, implying minimal upward pressure on rents in several markets. There will be no relief on financing costs, given the interest rate outlook.

In total, housing starts are projected at 1.40 million units in 2025, up 60,000 units, or 4%,

Figure 4
Federal Reserve Holdings of U.S. Treasury Securities and Mortgage-Backed Securities
(Trillion \$, End of Month)



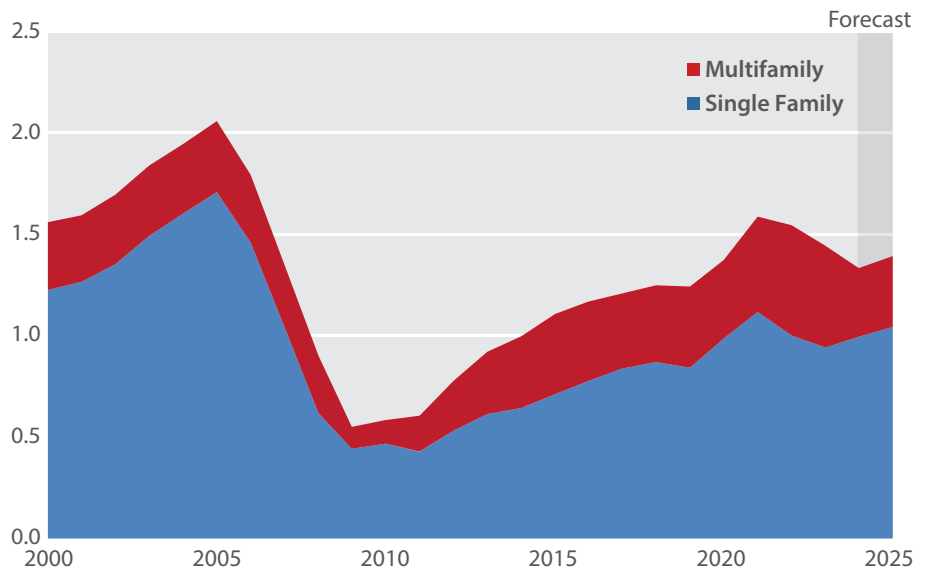
Source: Federal Reserve

from 2024. (See Figure 5.) This level of construction is insufficient to keep up with growth in the number of households, replacement of units destroyed by disaster and demolition of non-economic units. It is clear that there is an insufficient supply

of housing units. Estimates of the shortage range from 2 to 5 million. To make any meaningful dent in the shortage and meet the trend demand for new housing units, starts need to run in the 1.8-2.0 million range for several years.

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Figure 5
Housing Starts, U.S.
(Millions)




Source: Census Bureau, APA Forecast

Other Factors Affecting Wood Products Use in New Home Construction

Two other factors that will continue to chip away at the use of wood products in new home construction are home size and foundation type. The average size of new homes started in 2023 was 2,409 square feet, down 76 square feet, or 3.1% from 2022. In the first quarter of this year, the average size of single-family homes started was 2,343 square feet. The downward trend in average size since 2015 reflects home builders adjusting their products to partially offset the affordability challenge. Part of that adjustment is the increase in the share of single-family units started that are townhomes or row houses. In 2015, 12.6% of single-family starts were townhomes or row houses. In 2023, the share was 16.7%. As shown in Figure 6, the average size of new homes started is expected to fall in 2024 and again in 2025.

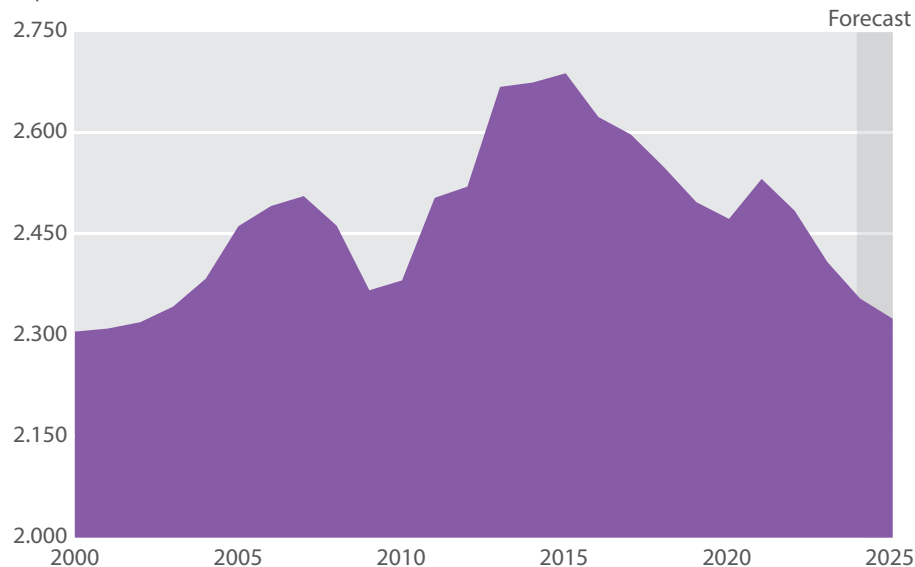
In 2023, the share of homes built with a basement or crawl space was 28.4%. That is only about half of what the share was in 2000. (See Figure 7.) The decline in share has been driven by an increase in the share of homes built in the South and Southwest where concrete on slab is the dominant foundation type. The second driver has been home builders throughout the nation

are building on concrete slab to reduce construction costs. For example, in the Northeast, the share of homes built with a basement or crawl space was 90% and in 2023, that share was down to 75%. In the Midwest, the share of homes built with a basement or crawl space has fallen from 87%

to 61%. This trend has subtracted from the use of structural panels, I-joists and lumber. We do not expect a reversal of this trend in the near term. 

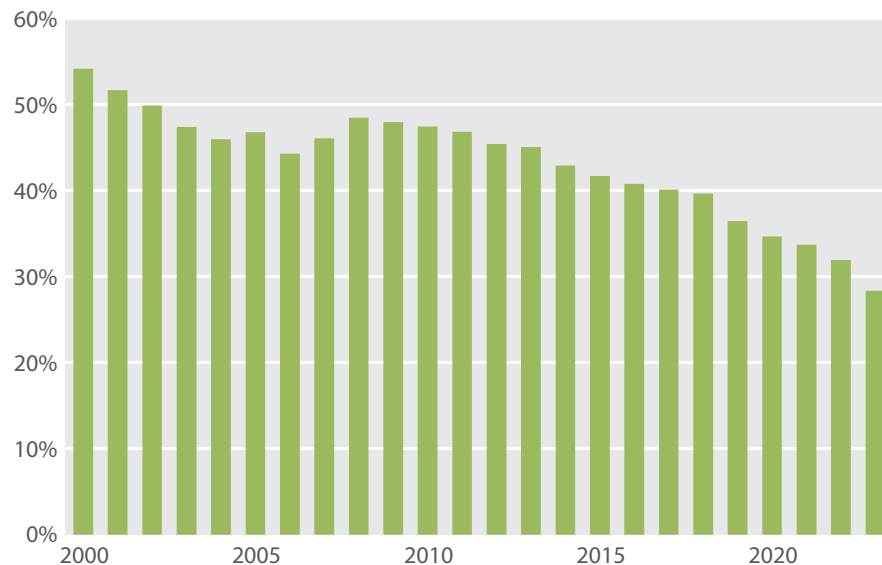
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Figure 6
Average Size of New Homes Started
(Square Feet)



Source: Census Bureau, APA Forecast

Figure 7
Share of Homes Built With Basement or Crawl Space



Source: Census Bureau, APA Forecast

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Structural Urethane Adhesives to Enhance Engineered Wood & Mass Timber Products

By Tom Stewart



As mass timber and engineered wood manufacturers know, there are several adhesive technologies that can work for their assembly applications. However, when urethane structural adhesives are used, manufacturers can meet industry standards while also reducing environmental impact and costs overall compared to traditional building materials.

How Urethane Structural Adhesive Systems Help Mass Timber and Engineered Wood Products

MEET INDUSTRY STANDARDS

In the building and construction market, it's required to use materials that meet or exceed building codes to help ensure occupant safety. Because the codes are stringent and ever evolving, especially for fire ratings, it can be challenging to always use products that meet them. Certain urethane structural adhesive systems are certified to pass PRG-320 standards for strength, durability, fire and creep testing. This helps mass timber and engineered wood product manufacturers offer excellent thermal stability to withstand high temperatures, such as those during a fire, and maintain structural integrity.

Also, urethane structural adhesives form strong chemical bonds that enable mass timber and engineered wood products to extend application longevity. Their high strength stems from key formulation elements, such as flexibility, wet out and chemical crosslinking, yielding optimal performance properties. Because urethane structural adhesives possess a high level of flexibility once cured, they're able to absorb and distribute stress loads effectively. This, coupled with the ability to bond substrates with imperfect surfaces, enhances strength and reduces the likelihood of product failure over time. With fast strength build and curing formulations, urethane structural adhesives can also be used for finger joining applications. Finger jointing allows the joining of smaller wood pieces to make larger, usable elements. Further, their resistance to environmental extremes, such as temperature and moisture changes,

helps to maintain bond integrity and prevent swelling, warping and delamination even when exposed to harsh environments.

How Urethane Structural Adhesive Systems Help Mass Timber and Engineered Wood Products

REDUCE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Mass timber and engineered wood are also more sustainable than traditional building materials. During manufacturing processes, they inherently require less energy-intensive processing, which yields fewer greenhouse gas emissions and pollutants compared to steel and concrete. They also are lighter weight and yield fewer carbon emissions during transit. When manufactured with urethane structural adhesives, the production carbon footprint is further lowered. Urethane structural adhesives possess ambient application and curing properties. In addition to reducing energy consumption and costs associated with heating equipment, this capability helps streamline production efficiencies. Urethane structural adhesives also have low odor and produce low VOCs, which improve worker safety. Further, they offer adhesion across mass timber and engineered wood applications, which helps reduce SKU volume and product waste potential.

How Urethane Structural Adhesive Systems Help Mass Timber and Engineered Wood Products

REDUCE MANUFACTURING COSTS OVERALL

While sustainable materials are often considered expensive due to the additional processing needed to create them, this is not the case when comparing mass timber and engineered wood to traditional building materials. They require less energy to produce, which decreases overall manufacturing costs.

Further, urethane structural adhesives offer excellent processing and coverage rates, which helps minimize adhesive waste and material usage. Additionally,

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these adhesives have fast curing times. This reduces the need for clamping and can allow for labor to be used more effectively. Their strength and durability can also contribute to decreased maintenance and repair needs in the future.

Urethane structural adhesives also can be custom formulated to maximize productivity and associated costs. For example, their open time can be altered to be specific for a given application, allowing manufacturers to get the quickest reactivity for processing needs.

For more information about how urethane structural adhesives enable mass timber and engineered wood manufacturers to compete against traditional building materials, contact a Bostik adhesives expert.

Tom Stewart, Bostik's Durable Goods - Building Components regional business director, has over 20 years of adhesive industry experience with a focus on structural adhesives and engineered wood products for the



Tom Stewart

building and construction market. Since joining Bostik, the adhesive solutions segment of Arkema, he has used this expertise to drive strategic growth within the engineered wood/mass timber areas, identifying how the company's products can address customers' production and end-use performance goals while reducing the overall environmental impact. Tom is also active in the industry, serving on the APA-EWTA Advisory Committee and advocating for inherently sustainable products. Contact Tom today at tom.stewart@bostik.com to learn more about his efforts and how Bostik's structural adhesives can meet your engineered wood and mass timber product needs. 

ANSI / APA PRG 320

American National Standard for Performance-Rated Cross-Laminated Timber

This standard provides requirements and test methods for qualification and quality assurance for performance-rated cross-laminated timber (CLT), which is manufactured from solid-sawn lumber or structural composite lumber (SCL) intended for use in construction applications. Product performance classes are also specified.

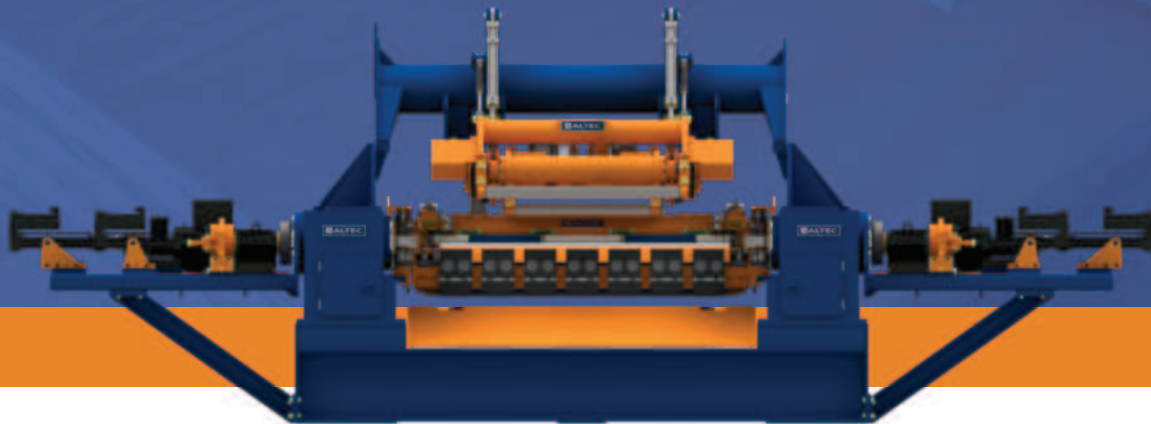
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MANUFACTURERS RECOGNIZED FOR DEDICATION TO WORKPLACE SAFETY

APA – The Engineered Wood Association has announced the winners of its 2023 Safety and Health Awards — the premier safety award program for North America’s engineered wood products industry. The program promotes and recognizes operational excellence with the goal of reducing injury and illness rates.

Seventy-three APA member engineered wood product facilities participated in the 2023 program. Twenty facilities representing eight APA member companies earned awards in various competition categories. Some mills were multiple award winners. “We take pride in our members’ hard work and dedication to improving worker safety each year,” said APA President Mark Tibbetts. “It’s crucial that as an industry, we advance and adopt best practices to ensure our workplaces remain as safe as possible.”

The Safest Company Award went to two members. Canfor won in the category of three or fewer mills, while West Fraser took the title for companies with four or more mills. There were also two winners in the coveted Innovation in Safety Award category. PotlatchDeltic’s St. Maries, Idaho, mill won the Equipment-Based Innovation Award with its “Automatic Hot Press Panel Feeders.” RoyOMartin’s Alexandria, Louisiana, mill won the Jeff Wagner Process-Based Innovation Award for its “The IBIZ Now Safety Show.”

APA is proud of industry progress to develop and implement systems and processes that continue to decrease incidents and improve worker safety. More information on the APA Safety and Health Awards Program can be found on the Association’s website at www.apawood.org.

Congratulations to the following winners:

EQUIPMENT-BASED INNOVATION IN SAFETY AWARD WINNER

PotlatchDeltic — St. Maries, Idaho
Automatic Hot Press Panel Feeders

PotlatchDeltic's plywood facility in St. Maries, Idaho, was evaluating opportunities to increase safety while remaining focused on providing high-quality results for specialty panel markets. Veneer sheets move through the layup line with applied glue, and pre-pressed pieces are then fed into the vertical hot press one at a time to bond the plywood panels through the use of heat, time and pressure. Panels were historically fed into the hot presses manually by team members hand feeding them one by one into the press. This process created shoulder and hand ergonomic issues, as well as sliver risks. In addition, panels were occasionally damaged as they were pushed into the press resulting in issues like edge delamination.



Team members were tasked with finding a way to automate the process to reduce safety issues and improve quality. The first mill panel feeder was built by Larry Fors, Maintenance Supervisor at the time. Over time, several versions have been made to perfect the idea and enable it to handle the product in ranges from 3/8" to 1.5" panel thicknesses produced in the mill. Approximately 2.8 million panels that were fed manually are now fed automatically into the hot presses each year. The automated feeding system is a pneumatic feeder on a rail system. Air cylinders on rails extend out and use rollers across the top of the panel to adjust the width and then pull the panel into the press platen with an adjustable backstop to avoid feeding double panels. The press panel feeder designs worked so well that an adapted version of the press feeder systems was then installed on three of the core composers where core veneer is made,

eliminating the need for team members to lockout and manually place bottom boards.

What started as press feeder automation for ergonomic safety has now resulted in multiple solutions for safety and quality with five of these automated panel feeders incorporated into production at the St. Maries plywood mill. Others in the industry have since adapted to the approach on both presses and composers.

JEFF WAGNER PROCESS-BASED INNOVATION WINNER

RoyOMartin — Alexandria, Louisiana
The IBIZ Now Safety Show

Safety is a serious subject, but that doesn't mean it can't be personal.

RoyOMartin's new corporate safety program, "I Believe in Zero Now"



(aka, IBIZ Now), aims to make safety training personal, engaging and relevant. The company's communications team replaced the existing Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) PowerPoint training materials with informative and engaging videos.

Working in collaboration with RoyOMartin's safety department, the communications team produced one video every month during 2023. These videos are informative but also fun and inspirational, showcasing the best of RoyOMartin's people and facilities. The team also drafted a branded multiple-choice safety quiz for workers to accompany each video.

The videos were a success. Attention in training sessions and participation on safety committees increased, and employees were enthusiastic to participate in future videos.

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SAFEST COMPANY AWARD

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Division 1 – Plywood
1st Place
Boise Cascade Company
Chapman, Alabama

2nd Place
Boise Cascade Company
Rogue Valley, White City, Oregon

Division II – OSB
1st Place
LP
Hayward, Wisconsin

2nd Place
LP
Clarke County, Thomasville, Alabama

Division III – Glulam, CLT, I-Joist, LVL and SCL
1st Place
Boise Cascade Company
Homedale, Idaho

2nd Place
Resolute Engineered Wood
St. Prime, Quebec

3-YEAR SAFETY AWARD

Division 1 – Plywood
RoyOMartin
Chopin, Louisiana

Division II – OSB
LP
Dawson Creek, British Columbia

Division III – Glulam, CLT, I-Joist, LVL and SCL
Resolute Engineered Wood
St. Prime, Quebec

SAFETY IMPROVEMENT AWARD (2021 - 2023)

Division 1 – Plywood
Roseburg Forest Products Company
Riddle, Oregon
64.69% Improvement

Division II – OSB
LP
Hayward, Wisconsin
100% Improvement

Division III – Glulam, CLT, I-Joist, LVL and SCL
Boise Cascade Company
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80.69% Improvement

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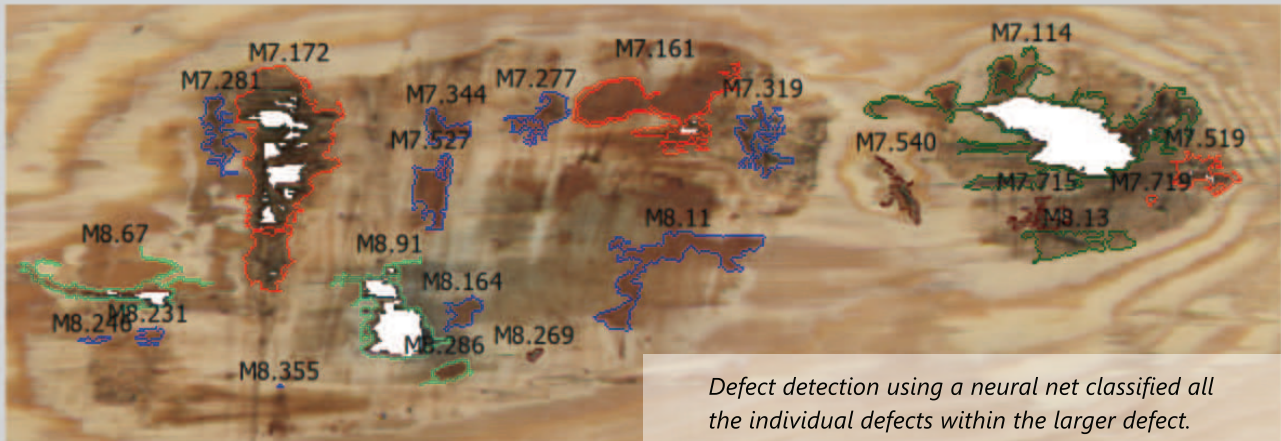
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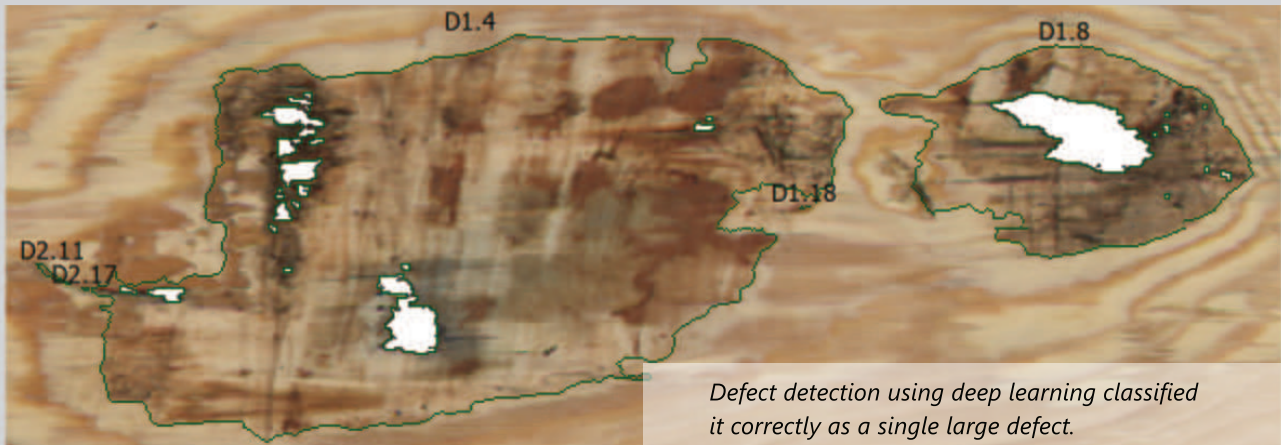
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One Habit That Will Transform Your Leadership Skills

By Steve McKenney



I like reading articles and books about becoming a better leader. These resources usually suggest a list of seven or more things to do to improve your leadership skills. I do not know about you, but I cannot remember to do seven things, but I can usually remember to do one thing. Sticking with what has served me well, I suggest there is one thing that can support your desire to become a more effective leader. That one thing is engaging in intentional conversations with the people you support.

Another obstacle for me is committing to doing something every day. My days are so irregular that it

is hard for me to get to everything I want to do every day. What I can do though, is commit to regular conversations that are frequent enough to maintain a connection. The frequency can be based on the team's needs and my awareness of ongoing situations as they reveal themselves during these conversations.


Intentional conversations are a highly effective platform for you as a leader to share crucial information and allow your team members to voice their concerns, ideas, and feedback. This two-way communication is essential for building a healthy team environment.

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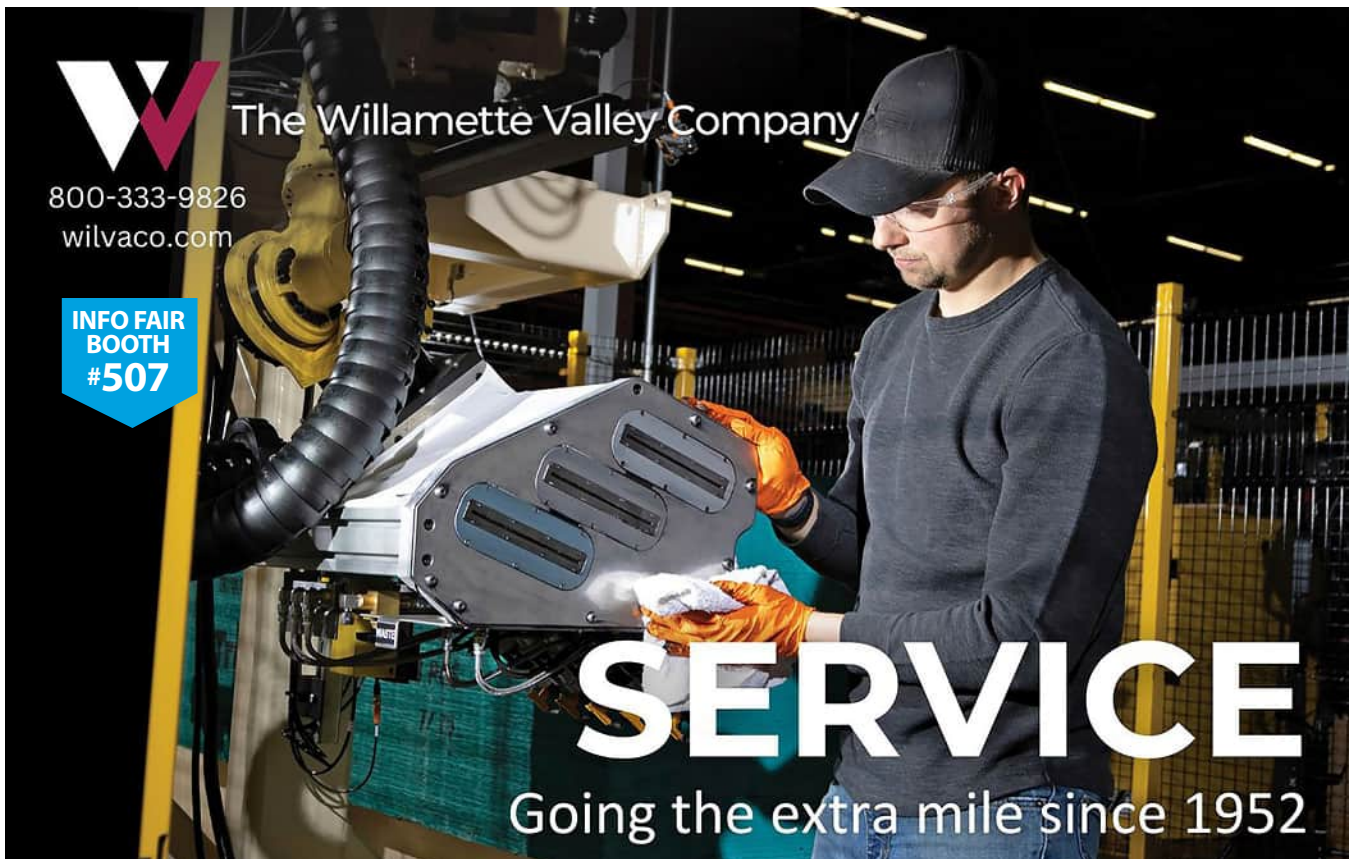
Intentional conversations also are an opportunity to provide a platform for inclusive communication for your team members. Not all team members are comfortable speaking up in group settings. Individual intentional conversations ensure everyone has a voice, fostering a more inclusive and collaborative environment. Routine, intentional conversations help build trust. When team members feel heard and valued, they are more likely to trust you as a leader, which will foster their engagement in the workplace, which will result in improved engagement and productivity.


There are also challenges when it comes to engaging in intentional conversations. It is easy to talk to team members you have a good relationship with. However, intentional conversations with challenging team members may not be as easy or enjoyable. However, over time these difficult conversations can lead to significant breakthroughs in understanding and collaboration. It has been my observation that

having intentional conversations with challenging team members results in the most productive gains. By investing the time in having intentional conversations, you will demonstrate that you value your team members' input, reinforcing the message that each person's contribution is important. These conversations will help you as a leader to stay aware of your team's evolving needs and allow you to adjust your approach accordingly, ensuring the team remains aligned and motivated.

Intentional conversations are a vital leadership tool for building trust, fostering communication and confirming the value of each team member. These conversations allow you to stay connected, informed, and adaptable to your team's needs. 

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2024 SUPPLIER AWARDS

Annual Recognition for 2024 Innovation and Excellence to be Announced September 30

EWTA members are recognized annually for innovative practices and excellence in service by APA members who are invited to select the award winners via an electronic ballot. Votes for the Supplier of the Year Awards are cast based on quality, service and delivery. The Supplier Awards, which include three Supplier of the Year Awards and one Innovation of the Year Award, will be presented on Sept. 30 during the APA Annual Meeting Awards Dinner in San Antonio, Texas.

Following are seven Innovation of the Year entries (in alphabetical order, by company) and a list of the Supplier of the Year candidates sorted by category. Additional information on the entries and awards program is available on EWTA's Supplier Awards webpage at www.engineeredwood.org/awards.

2023 SUPPLIER AWARD WINNERS

Supplier of the Year:

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Consulting and Services:

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Innovation of the Year:

**The Willamette Valley Company:
Engineered Wax Emulsion for
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Innovation of the Year Entries

The Innovation of the Year Award recognizes a company providing a new technology, product or service that has demonstrably reduced production costs, increased productivity, improved product quality or in some other way provided a bottom-line benefit to APA members.

The information for each entry is as claimed by the applicant. EWTA and APA make no claims as to the veracity of the information, nor do they endorse any entry.

ENTRY A: ARGUS Smart-Connected Technologies
KADANT CARMANAH

ENTRY B: Nicholson MLX (3D printed) Debarking Tips
NICHOLSON MANUFACTURING

ENTRY C: Compact Lay-up Line
RAUTE

ENTRY D: A water-based MDI suspension
SMARTECH MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGIES

ENTRY E: Green Veneer Squeezer Press
SPARTEK INDUSTRIES

ENTRY F: KP-14 Vapor Permeable Barrier Coat
THE SANSIN CORPORATION

ENTRY G: Stainable Patch: A bio-inspired polymeric wood repair solution
THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY COMPANY

INNOVATION OF THE YEAR ENTRY A

ARGUS Smart-Connected Technologies

Entered By: Kadant Carmanah

Date of First Use: May 2023

Benefit 1: Prevents unscheduled downtime at the strander with condition monitoring and analysis in real-time.

Benefit 2: Monitors strand quality, improves throughput and reduces strand deviation in real-time.

Measurable results from case studies:

1. Within the first three months of the first pilot installation, the ARGUS Condition Monitoring & Intelligence (CMI) system prevented eight hours of unscheduled downtime by identifying a failing bearing related to excessive drive belt tension. The mill was able to replace the bearing on a scheduled down day and correct the belt tension to prevent further failures.
2. At our second pilot installation, the ARGUS Fines Measurement System (FMS) was installed at the strander outfeed, green screen discharge and blender infeed. The mill can track strand degradation throughout the entire process and now has the ability to fine-tune resin and wax application to match the fines percentage in real time.

Description: ARGUS Smart-Connected Technologies combines and analyzes data from our proprietary vision systems, an array of condition-monitoring sensors and existing PLC tags to provide OSB producers with data-driven insights about how their strander is operating in real time. Live dashboards and reporting delivers accurate trending for Overall Equipment Effectiveness (OEE), with the ability to benchmark strander performance across multiple operators, shifts and/or lines.



INNOVATION OF THE YEAR ENTRY B

Nicholson MLX (3D printed) Debarking Tips

Entered By: Nicholson Manufacturing

Date of First Use: August 2023

Benefit 1: Increased impact and wear resistance.

Benefit 2: Reduced maintenance and downtime.

Results: Old tips, which would be destroyed in a week or less from rocks, etc., now last 6-11 weeks.

Description: Additive manufactured (3D printed) self-sharpening debarker knife tips replace sintered carbide tips. Nicholson developed a proprietary formula, providing up to 25% increased wear life and up to 10x increased impact resistance. Less maintenance, more uptime, lower cost to run. Results vary depending on the application.



INNOVATION OF THE YEAR ENTRY C

Compact Lay-up Line

Entered By: Raute

Date of First Use: March 2024

Benefit 1: Partial automation benefits without the space and cost of a new automated lay-up line.

Benefit 2: Reduction of labor: The client was continuously burdened with labor shortages. The new line allowed them to reduce spreader labor by six people while maintaining production levels.

Results: In just three months, the customer has realized a 9.4% reduction in labor costs (in the spreader department) with output remaining the same = increase in productivity per man-hour. The customer has already put in another order after three months of results.

Description: The compact lay-up line is approximately 50'x40', while traditional lines are 100'+. This line was developed for those customers who still use roll coaters as opposed to curtain/extruder or spray booth lay-up systems. This is a labor-intensive process, and these mills do not have space for typical automated lay-up lines of 100' or longer. This solution allows mills to take advantage of their existing roller spreader while adding automation to part of the lay-up process.



INNOVATION OF THE YEAR ENTRY D

A water-based MDI suspension for reduced MDI resin consumption in the wood-based panel sector

Entered By: SMARTECH Manufacturing Technologies

Date of First Use: February 2024

Benefit 1: Reducing wood-based panel production costs while increasing panel quality properties.

Benefit 2: Greener product: Lowering the airborne concentration of MDI during production.

Results: 15% reduction in MDI use while maintaining panel performance.

Description: The novel SMARTMDI System delivers a water-based methylene diphenyl diisocyanate (MDI) suspension for the wood-based panel industry. The System generates an oil-in-water suspension of MDI as a substitute for neat MDI, known as the best-performing formaldehyde-free wood binder. The technology overcomes the premature and unwanted reaction between water and MDI with an additive and specific process conditions.



INNOVATION OF THE YEAR ENTRY E

Green Veneer Squeezer Press

Entered By: SparTek Industries

Date of First Use: July 29, 2013 (prototype machine)

Benefit 1: Improves usability of veneer; reduces waste in dry end operations.

Benefit 2: Reduces dryer time; enables increased production capacity.

Results: A 15% (conservative) throughput capacity increase of dry veneer through the dryers.

Description: Uses pressure and position control to migrate water out of saturated pockets located in green veneer and distributes the moisture evenly across each sheet. Average moisture is then a better indicator of moisture content across the full area as opposed to an average to reduce the amount of re-dry wood creating more waste and brittle veneer. By reducing water pockets, the overall moisture content of a veneer sheet can be increased while not increasing re-dry, resulting in a higher quality product.



INNOVATION OF THE YEAR ENTRY F

KP-14 Vapor Permeable Barrier Coat

Entered By: The Sansin Corporation

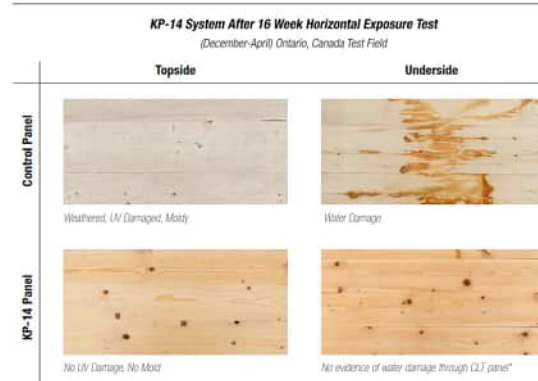
Date of First Use: May 2024

Benefit 1: KP-14 is a vapor-permeable barrier coating that acts as a barrier to hold water out similar to a traditional rubber membrane. KP-14 is a low-VOC, water-borne, environmentally friendly coating that is more sustainable and more affordable than traditional rubber membranes.

Benefit 2: KP-14 allows for water vapor to escape the wood, helping prevent mold and wood rot.

Results: KP-14 reduces water absorption by 85%. The KP-14 system has a vapor desorption efficiency of 90% comparable to the 92% efficiency of bare wood conforming to EN927-5 and EN927-4 moisture absorption testing standards.

Description: KP-14 is a water-borne vapor permeable barrier coating for engineered wood components like CLT that is designed to aggressively reduce moisture absorption and weathering in the construction phase. KP-14 is ultra-low in VOCs and can be seen as a more sustainable barrier coating to the traditional rubber membranes used. To achieve best results, KP-14 should be used in conjunction with KP-12W. KP-14 can be factory or field applied.



INNOVATION OF THE YEAR ENTRY G

Stainable Patch: A bio-inspired polymeric wood repair solution

Entered By: The Willamette Valley Company

Date of First Use: August 2023

Benefit 1: Enhanced stainability and weathering that is similar to wood substrate minimizing color differential between patch and substrate.

Benefit 2: High biobased content, between 10 and 70%, depending on the application, without compromising performance and stability.

Results: $\geq 10\%$ reduction in pMDI while maintaining panel performance; about 50°F reduction in wax volatility

Description: Application on plywood, LVL and CLT showed smooth application, excellent stainability and weathering performances. The Stainable Patch tracked the surrounding wood color 97% better than the traditional poly patch. The product passed all the APA tests to meet the highest quality standard.



Supplier of the Year Award Candidates

Each fall, APA members are asked to choose Supplier of the Year winners in three categories (Consulting/Services, Equipment/Tooling and Materials/Supplies) based on quality, service and delivery. Below is a list of candidates, which includes all EWTA members.

To recognize the outstanding service of so many members, the EWTA Advisory Committee implemented a new rule in 2019 that no member is eligible to win two consecutive years.

The 2023 Supplier of the Year winners are noted below.

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BMI Contractors, Inc.
CMA engineering Inc.
Evergreen Engineering, Inc.
Hansen-Rice, Inc.
Hunt, Guillot & Associates LLC
KTC Industrial Engineering Ltd.
Mid-South Engineering
Panel World Magazine / Hatton-Brown Publishers, Inc.*
Union Pacific Railroad
University of Tennessee, Center for Renewable Carbon

Equipment and Tooling (68)

A-Lert Construction Services
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Argos Solutions LLC
Baumer Inspection GmbH
BETE Fog Nozzle, Inc.
BID Group
Biele USA LLC
Biomass Engineering & Equipment – Veneer Services, LLC
Brunette Machinery Company Inc.
CECO Environmental: Adwest Technologies, Fisher-Klosterman, HEE-Duall
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***2023 Supplier of the Year Award Winners**

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The Engineered Wood Technology Association (EWTA)

As a related nonprofit supplier organization of APA – The Engineered Wood Association, serves as a networking and information facilitator between North America’s engineered wood product manufacturers and their product, equipment and service providers.

EWTA membership falls under four categories:

- Consulting and Services
- Equipment and Tooling
- Materials and Supplies
- APA Member Manufactures (all members of APA are automatically members of EWTA)

The following directory provides a list of 2024 EWTA members organized by category and includes company descriptions and contact information. Visit www.engineeredwood.org/member-directory-contacts for the online directory and additional filter options. It’s just one of many tools designed to help members connect with each other and the industry.

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AFRY Welcomes New Head of Wood Products

Dr. Thomas Walther recently joined AFRY to head the Wood Products expertise area, succeeding Frank Goecke, who will join SEEMAC as president and CEO. Congratulations to both!

Walther brings a wealth of experience in the wood products industry to his new role, having worked extensively with clients across the globe. He holds a Ph.D. in Wood Science and Technology from Hamburg University in Germany and is highly regarded for his expertise in wood product innovation, research and development.

In his new position, Walther will oversee all aspects of AFRY Management Consulting's Wood Products expertise area, which includes advising clients on market trends, supply chain optimization, cost efficiency strategies and innovation opportunities.

Before joining AFRY, he spent 13 years at Swedspan and IKEA Industry in Sweden, where he led the product development of wood-based panels, lightweight constructions and sustainable adhesive systems. Walther combines deep production expertise with the capability to scale concepts from inception to full industrialization.

Con-Vey Unveils New Brand and Website

Con-Vey has announced the launch of its new brand and website. The transformation reflects the company's commitment to innovation and its focus on bringing its clients, team and community into a future full of possibilities.



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Con-Vey's evolved brand is centered around the company's mission of Velocity, which is prominently represented in the website's engaging content and visuals.

"Since our inception in 1946, Con-Vey has continually evolved to better serve our clients and drive innovation in the industry. While our brand is new, our commitment to building lasting solutions with our clients remains unchanged," said Dave Larecy, president & CEO at Con-Vey.

The new website offers a comprehensive look at who Con-Vey is, what their team values and the solutions that make them a trusted partner in the manufacturing industry. Visitors can explore detailed information on Con-Vey's services, projects and the company's approach to pushing the boundaries of what's possible.

Experience the new Con-Vey at www.con-vey.com

Dürr screw spindle replaces piston drive

Dürr is expanding its product line with the EcoMeter SP, a continuous dosing system designed for the seamless application of highly viscous media without interrupting material flow. This product is well-suited for large-volume applications that require substantial amounts of adhesives or sealants. A screw spindle pump drives the continuous dosing system, making it lighter and more compact, lower maintenance, and more cost-effective than previous alternatives.

Three screw spindles deliver uninterrupted and continuous material feed. An electric servo motor drives the middle spindle, initiating movement in the other two. The connected supply station holds the material. These spindles rotate in opposition to push the material into the endless dosing system's applicator.

The EcoMeter SP is not a replacement but a complementary addition to the proven EcoShotMeter models with piston drive, which are ideal for

applications that require high pressure, high volumetric flows and utmost precision. Dürr's EcoMeter SP is available immediately in two versions: one for direct applicator mounting on the dosing unit and one for mounting the applicator using a hose so it is decoupled from the dosing unit. The endless dosing system is also suitable for large-volume industrial bonding applications using both 1C and 2C materials.

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Kadant Solutions Division Launches the X-Tek™ Roll Cleaning Blade

Kadant Solutions Division, a division of Kadant Inc., recently announced the launch of the X-Tek roll cleaning blade, a cutting-edge solution designed for high-temperature cleaning applications with highly polished roll surfaces such as those found in carbon fiber and lithium-ion battery production.

"The new X-Tek roll cleaning blade incorporates both polymeric and carbon fibers," stated Dr. Ka Lun To, senior blade manufacturing and R&D manager for Kadant U.K. Limited, a subsidiary of Kadant Inc. "This unique combination provides highly effective roll cleaning while ensuring the roll surface is not damaged, an issue that can occur with traditional metal or glass fiber blade materials."

The thin X-Tek roll cleaning blade is engineered with multiple layers of polymeric and carbon fibers. Its advanced construction allows the blade to quickly conform to the roll surface, ensuring a thorough cleaning process. The blade materials and construction reduce manufacturing downtime and maintenance costs in high-temperature roll cleaning applications due to durable carbon layers, which provide extended blade life and a reliable cleaning solution.

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Raute's fully owned Hiottu Oy to be merged into Raute Corporation

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Raute Corporation acquired 80% of the shares of Hiottu Oy in 2020 and redeemed the remaining 20% in 2023. Hiottu Oy has brought strong digitalization expertise to Raute, especially in machine vision and AI solutions. The objective of the merger is to simplify the Group structure to increase business efficiency.

Hiottu, founded in 2005, specializes in software development for industrial applications. The company is located in Oulu, Finland, and has gained

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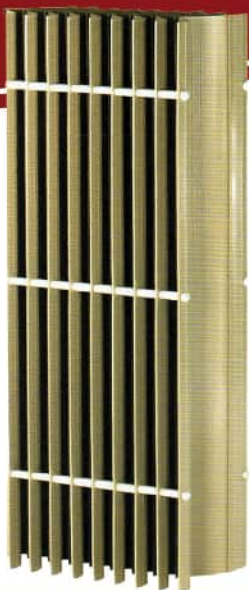
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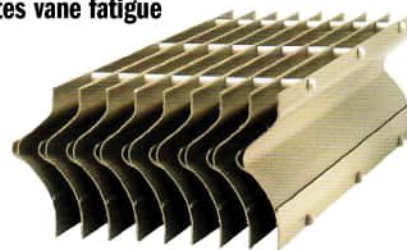
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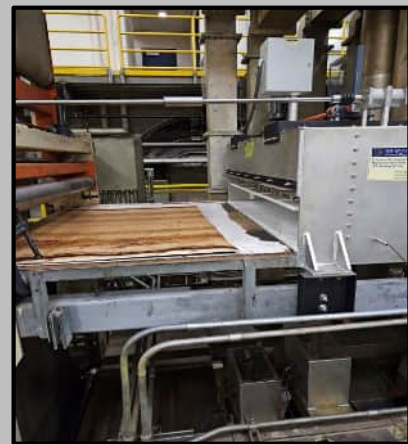
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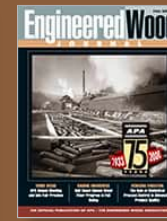
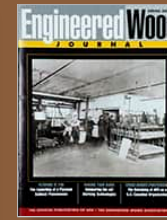
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