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SCREW FASTENER CAPACITIES IN OSB

In order to finish a project that utilizes Premier SIPs for the walls and roof of the structure, many types of materials need to be fastened to the panels. These materials can include, siding, roofing materials, other structural elements, cabinets, and a host of other items.

In many of these applications screws are the preferred fasteners. Data on the pullout and lateral withdrawal capacities of screws into OSB have not been readily accessible. To help clarify the performance of screws installed in OSB, a major manufacturer of OSB, generated data on various screws installed in OSB. The OSB was exposed to three different environments. Fifteen repetitions of both direct and lateral withdrawal of each screw type, in each of the three environmental conditions were conducted. The following tables summarize the lowest, ultimate average, value achieved for a particular screw type when installed in three different thicknesses of OSB.

AVERAGE DIRECT WITHDRAWL (PULLOUT) – lbs.			
SCREW SIZE	7/16" OSB	5/8" OSB	3/4" OSB
#6 Deck Screw	177	272	324
#8 Deck Screw	182	309	359
#10 Deck Screw	198	355	363
#12 Roofing Screw	190	312	360
#14 Roofing Screw	177	340	393
These values are ultimate values. Appropriate safety factors should be applied to obtain design values.			

AVERAGE LATERAL WITHDRAWL (SHEAR) – lbs.			
SCREW SIZE	7/16" OSB	5/8" OSB	3/4" OSB
#6 Deck Screw	198	273	295
#8 Deck Screw	118	197	224
#10 Deck Screw	143	260	301
#12 Roofing Screw	436	581	561
#14 Roofing Screw	466	630	797
These values are ultimate values. Appropriate safety factors should be applied to obtain design values.			