



NOTCHING AND HOLE BORING Information Sheet

JOIST/RAFTER DEPTH
d

MAXIMUM NOTCH/DRILLED HOLE
One sixth joist/rafter depth (d/6)

2" MINIMUM
No notches, drilled holes or slots in this area

COMBINED ALLOWABLE NOTCH/DRILLED HOLE
A¹ (d/12) and A² (d/12) combined are one sixth joist/rafter depth (d/6)

MAXIMUM NOTCH AT JOIST END
One fourth joist/rafter depth (d/4)

NONBEARING STUD

BEARING STUD

Allowable Notch and Bored Hole Dimensions

| Joists/Rafters | | | | | Studs | | |
|----------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-------------|
| | | | | | Bearing | Both | Non-bearing |
| Nominal | Actual | d/6 | d/4 | d/3 | 0.25w | 0.40w | 0.60w |
| 4" | 3 1/2 | 5/8 | 7/8 | 1 1/8 | 7/8 | 1 3/8 | 2 1/8 |
| 6" | 5 1/2 | 7/8 | 1 3/8 | 1 7/8 | 1 3/8 | 2 1/4 | 3 1/4 |
| 8" | 7 1/4 | 1 1/4 | 1 7/8 | 2 3/8 | 1 7/8 | 2 7/8 | 4 3/8 |
| 10" | 9 1/4 | 1 1/2 | 2 3/8 | 3 1/8 | | | |
| 12" | 11 1/4 | 1 7/8 | 2 7/8 | 3 3/4 | | | |
| 14" | 13 1/4 | 2 1/4 | 3 3/8 | 4 3/8 | | | |

General Notes:

- Holes, notches and slots are NOT to be located adjacent to unsound or loose knots.
- Preferred location of notch is at top of member.

**TABLE R602.3(1)
FASTENER SCHEDULE FOR STRUCTURAL MEMBERS**

| DESCRIPTION OF BUILDING ELEMENTS | | NUMBER AND TYPE OF FASTENER ^{a,b,c,d} | SPACING OF FASTENERS |
|--|---|--|--|
| Joist to sill or girder, toe nail | | 3-8d | — |
| 1" x 6" subfloor or less to each joist, face nail | | 2-8d 2 staples, 1 ³ / ₄ | — — |
| 2" subfloor to joist or girder, blind and face nail | | 2-16d | — |
| Sole plate to joist or blocking, face nail | | 16d | 16" o.c. |
| Top or sole plate to stud, end nail | | 2-16d | — |
| Stud to sole plate, toe nail | | 3-8d or 2-16d | — |
| Double studs, face nail | | 10d | 24" o.c. |
| Double top plates, face nail | | 10d | 24" o.c. |
| Sole plate to joist or blocking at braced wall panels | | 3-16d | 16" o.c. |
| Double top plates, minimum 48-inch offset of end joints, face nail in lapped area | | 8-16d | — |
| Blocking between joists or rafters to top plate, toe nail | | 3-8d | — |
| Rim joist to top plate, toe nail | | 8d | 6" o.c. |
| Top plates, laps at corners and intersections, face nail | | 2-10d | — |
| Built-up header, two pieces with 1/2" spacer | | 16d | 16" o.c. along each edge |
| Continued header, two pieces | | 16d | 16" o.c. along each edge |
| Ceiling joists to plate, toe nail | | 3-8d | — |
| Continuous header to stud, toe nail | | 4-8d | — |
| Ceiling joist, laps over partitions, face nail | | 3-10d | — |
| Ceiling joist to parallel rafters, face nail | | 3-10d | — |
| Rafter to plate, toe nail | | 2-16d | — |
| 1" brace to each stud and plate, face nail | | 2-8d 2 staples, 1 ³ / ₄ | — — |
| 1" x 6" sheathing to each bearing, face nail | | 2-8d 2 staples, 1 ³ / ₄ | — — |
| 1" x 8" sheathing to each bearing, face nail | | 2-8d 3 staples, 1 ³ / ₄ | — — |
| Wider than 1" x 8" sheathing to each bearing, face nail | | 3-8d 4 staples, 1 ³ / ₄ | — — |
| Built-up corner studs | | 10d | 24" o.c. |
| Built-up girders and beams, 2-inch lumber layers | | 10d | Nail each layer as follows: 32" o.c. at top and bottom and staggered. Two nails at ends and at each splice. |
| 2" planks | | 2-16d | At each bearing |
| Roof rafters to ridge, valley or hip rafters: toe nail | | 4-16d | — |
| face nail | | 3-16d | — |
| Rafter ties to rafters, face | | 3-8d | — |
| Wood structural panels, subfloor, roof and wall sheathing to framing, and particleboard wall sheathing to framing | | | |
| 5/16-1/2 | 6d common nail (subfloor, wall) 8d common nail (roof) ^f | 6 | 12 ^g |
| 19/32 -1 | 8d common nail | 6 | 12 ^g |
| 1 1/8-1 1/4 | 10d common nail or 8d deformed nail | 6 | 12 |

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FASTENER SCHEDULE FOR STRUCTURAL MEMBERS**

| DESCRIPTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS | DESCRIPTION OF FASTENER ^{b,c,d,e} | SPACING OF FASTENERS | |
|---|---|-----------------------------|---|
| | | Edges (inches) ^f | Intermediate supports ^{c,g} (inches) |
| Other wall sheathing^h | | | |
| 1/2" regular cellulosic fiberboardsheathing | 1 1/2 galvanized roofing nail 6d common nail staple 16 ga., 1 1/2 long | 3 | 6 |
| 1/2 structural cellulosic fiberboard sheathing | 1 1/2 galvanized roofing nail 8d common nail staple 16 ga., 1 1/2 long | 3 | 6 |
| 25/32 structural cellulosic fiberboard sheathing | 1 3/4 galvanized roofing nail 8d common nail staple 16 ga., 1 3/4 long | 3 | 6 |
| 1/2 gypsum sheathing | 1 1/2 galvanized roofing nail; 6d common nail; staple galvanized, 1 1/2 long; 1 1/4 screws, Type W or S | 4 | 8 |
| 5/8 gypsum sheathing | 1 3/4 galvanized roofing nail; 8d common nail; staple galvanized, 1 5/8 long; 1 5/8 screws, Type W or S | 4 | 8 |
| Wood structural panels, combination subfloor underlayment to framing | | | |
| 3/4 and less | 6d deformed nail or 8d common nail | 6 | 12 |
| 7/8-1 | 8d common nail or 8d deformed nail | 6 | 12 |
| 1 1/8-1 1/4 | 10d common nail or 8d deformed nail | 6 | 12 |

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 foot = 304.8 mm, 1 mile per hour = 1.609 km/h.

- a. All nails are smooth-common, box or deformed shanks except where otherwise stated.
- b. Staples are 16 gage wire and have a minimum 7/16-inch on diameter crown width.
- c. Nails shall be spaced at not more than 6 inches on center at all supports where spans are 48 inches or greater.
- d. Four-foot-by-8-foot or 4-foot-by-9-foot panels shall be applied vertically.
- e. Spacing of fasteners not included in this table shall be based on Table R602.3(1).
- f. For regions having basic wind speed of 110 mph or greater, 8d deformed nails shall be used for attaching plywood and wood structural panel roof sheathing to framing within minimum 48-inch distance from gable end walls, if mean roof height is more than 25 feet, up to 35 feet maximum.
- g. For regions having basic wind speed of 100 mph or less, nails for attaching wood structural panel roof sheathing to gable end wall framing shall be spaced 6 inches on center. When basic wind speed is greater than 80 mph, nails for attaching panel roof sheathing to intermediate supports shall be spaced 6 inches on center for minimum 48-inch distance from ridges, eaves and gable end walls; and 4 inches on center to gable end wall framing.
- h. Gypsum sheathing shall conform to ASTM C 79 and shall be installed in accordance with GA 253. Fiberboard sheathing shall conform to either AHA 194.1 or ASTM C 208.
- i. Spacing of fasteners on floor sheathing panel edges applies to panel edges supported by framing members and at all floor perimeters only. Spacing of fasteners on roof sheathing panel edges applies to panel edges supported by framing members and at all roof plane perimeters. Blocking of roof or floor sheathing panel edges perpendicular to the framing members shall not be required except at intersection of adjacent roof planes. Floor and roof perimeter shall be supported by framing members or solid blocking.

TABLE R602.3(2)
ALTERNATE ATTACHMENTS

| NOMINAL MATERIAL THICKNESS (inches) | DESCRIPTION ^{a, b} OF FASTENER AND LENGTH (inches) | SPACING ^c OF FASTENERS | |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | Edges (inches) | Intermediate supports (inches) |
| Wood structural panels subfloor, roof and wall sheathing to framing and particleboard wall sheathing to framing^f | | | |
| 5/16 | 0.097 - 0.099 Nail 1 1/2 | 6 | 12 |
| | Staple 15 ga. 1 3/8 | | |
| | Staple 16 ga. 1 3/4 | | |
| 3/8 | Staple 15 ga. 1 3/8 | 6 | 12 |
| | 0.097 - 0.099 Nail 1 1/2 | 4 | 10 |
| | Staple 16 ga. 1 3/4 | 6 | 12 |
| 15/32 and 1/2 | Staple 15 ga. 1 1/2 | 6 | 12 |
| | 0.097 - 0.099 Nail 1 5/8 | 3 | 6 |
| | Staple 16 ga. 1 3/4 | 6 | 12 |
| 19/32 and 5/8 | 0.113 Nail 1 7/8 | | |
| | Staple 15 and 16 ga. 1 5/8 | 6 | 12 |
| | 0.097 - 0.099 Nail 1 3/4 | 3 | 6 |
| 23/32 and 3/4 | Staple 14 ga. 1 3/4 | 6 | 12 |
| | Staple 15 ga. 1 3/4 | 5 | 10 |
| | 0.097 - 0.099 Nail 1 7/8 | 3 | 6 |
| | Staple 16 ga. 2 | 4 | 8 |
| 1 | Staple 14 ga. 2 | 5 | 10 |
| | 0.113 Nail 2 1/4, Staple 15 ga. 2 | 4 | 8 |
| | 0.097 - 0.099 Nail 2 1/8 | 3 | 6 |
| SPACING^c OF FASTENERS | | | |
| NOMINAL MATERIAL THICKNESS (inches) | DESCRIPTION ^{a, b} OF FASTENER AND LENGTH | Edges (inches) | Body of panel (inches) |
| Floor underlayment; plywood-hardboard-particleboard^f | | | |
| Plywood | | | |
| 1/4 and 5/16 | 1 1/4 ring or screw shank nail—minimum 12 1/2 ga. (0.099") shank diameter | 3 | 6 |
| | Staple 18 ga., 7/8, 3/16 crown width | 2 | 5 |
| 11/32, 3/8, 15/32 and 1/2 | 1 1/4 ring or screw shank nail—minimum 12 1/2 ga. (0.099) shank diameter | 6 | 8 ^e |
| 19/32, 5/8, 23/32 and 3/4 | 1 1/2 ring or screw shank nail—minimum 12 1/2 ga. (0.099) shank diameter | 6 | 12 |
| | Staple 16 ga. 1 1/4 | 6 | 8 |
| Hardboard^f | | | |
| 0.200 | 1 1/2 long ring-grooved underlayment nail | 6 | 6 |
| | 4d cement-coated sinker nail | 6 | 6 |
| | Staple 18 ga., 7/8 long (plastic coated) | 3 | 6 |
| Particleboard | | | |
| 1/4 | 4d ring-grooved underlayment nail | 3 | 6 |
| | Staple 18 ga., 7/8 long, 3/16 crown | 3 | 6 |
| 3/8 | 6d ring-grooved underlayment nail | 6 | 10 |
| | Staple 16 ga., 1 1/8 long, 3/8 crown | 3 | 6 |
| 1/2, 5/8 | 6d ring-grooved underlayment nail | 6 | 10 |
| | Staple 16 ga., 1 5/8 long, 3/8 crown | 3 | 6 |

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a. Nail is a general description and may be T-head, modified round head or round head.

b. Staples shall have a minimum crown width of 7/16-inch on diameter except as noted.

c. Nails or staples shall be spaced at not more than 6 inches on center at all supports where spans are 48 inches or greater. Nails or staples shall be spaced at not more than 12 inches on center at intermediate supports for floors.

d. Fasteners shall be placed in a grid pattern throughout the body of the panel.

e. For 5-ply panels, intermediate nails shall be spaced not more than 12 inches on center each way.

f. Hardboard underlayment shall conform to ANSI/AHA A135.4.