

# CONSUMER INFORMATION SHEET

This wood has been preserved with SupaTimber® CCA (chromated copper arsenate) wood preservative, an EPA registered pesticide, containing inorganic arsenic to protect it from termite attack and decay. Wood treated with inorganic arsenic should be used only where such protection is important.

CCA preservative penetrates deeply into and remains in the pressure-treated wood for a long time. Exposure to CCA preservative may present certain hazards. Therefore, the following precautions should be taken both when handling the treated wood and in determining where to use the treated wood.

## USE SITE PRECAUTIONS

- Wood pressure-treated with waterborne arsenical preservatives may be used inside residences as long as all sawdust and construction debris are cleaned up and disposed of after construction.
- Do not use treated wood under circumstances where the preservative may become a component of food or animal feed. Examples of such sites would be structures or containers for storing silage or food.
- Do not use treated wood for cutting boards or countertops.
- Only treated wood that is visibly clean and free from surface residue should be used for patios, decks, and walkways.
- Do not use treated wood for construction of those portions of beehives which may come into contact with the honey.
- Treated wood should not be used where it may come into direct or indirect contact with public drinking water, except for uses involving incidental contact such as docks and bridges.

## HANDLING PRECAUTIONS

- Dispose of treated wood by ordinary trash collection or burial. Treated wood should not be burned in open fires or in stoves or fireplaces because toxic chemicals may be produced as part of the smoke and ashes. Large quantities of treated wood from commercial or industrial use (e.g., construction sites) may be burned in commercial or industrial incinerators in accordance with State and Federal regulations.
- Avoid frequent or prolonged inhalation of sawdust from treated wood. When sawing and machining treated wood, wear a dust mask. Whenever possible, these operations should be performed outdoors to avoid indoor accumulations of airborne sawdust from treated wood.
- When power-sawing and machining, wear goggles to protect eyes from flying particles.
- After working with the wood and before eating, drinking and use of tobacco products, wash exposed areas thoroughly.
- If preservative or sawdust accumulates on clothes, launder before reuse. Wash work clothes separately from other household clothing.

## IMPORTANT

- Allow freshly treated wet wood to dry thoroughly before handling.
- Do not burn treated wood.

California Proposition 65: This wood contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.



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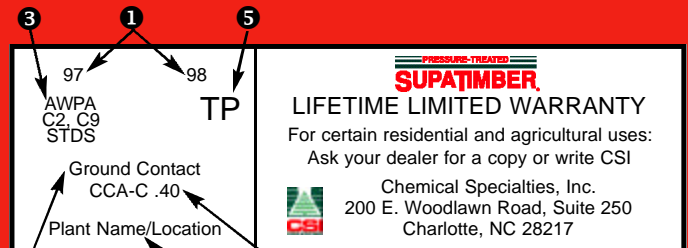
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# FACTS



This is an example of the quality mark you will find on SupaTimber products in the form of an ink stamp or end tag; ①Year(s) of treatment (optional); ②Recommended exposure condition ③Applicable AWPA standard; ④Preservative type and retention; ⑤ Inspection agency trademark; ⑥Name and location of the plant where this wood was pressure treated.

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## FACTS

SupaTimber® pressure-treated wood is pressure impregnated with SupaTimber wood preservative and covered by a Lifetime Limited Warranty for certain residential and agricultural uses for its ability to protect against attack by termites and fungal decay. This unique formulation of CCA meets or exceeds every federal, state, and industry specification for waterborne preservatives. The chemical is forced deep into the cells of wood by a vacuum-pressure process and is substantially fixed within the wood's cellular structure. The results of this process are clean, leach-resistant products that give lasting protection.

When you purchase SupaTimber pressure-treated lumber, timbers and plywood, you can be assured of getting quality products that meet the highest industry standards for retention and penetration.

To be sure you are getting SupaTimber pressure-treated wood, look for the SupaTimber trademark stamp or end tag on each piece. It is your assurance of quality under a third-party independent inspection program.

## EPA APPROVED

SupaTimber wood preservative is registered with and approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

After years of extensive examination of wood preservatives, the EPA determined that properly used CCA-treated products, including SupaTimber pressure-treated wood, are relatively harmless to humans, animals and the environment. EPA requires no sealers be applied to SupaTimber pressure-treated wood for either interior or exterior application, however, see "Protection."

## ADVANTAGES

- Economical
- Paintable/Stainable
- Clean Surface
- Leach-Resistant
- Non-Conductive
- Readily Available
- Long-Lasting
- Odorless
- Non-Corrosive
- No Harmful Vapors
- Low Maintenance
- EPA Approved Preservative

## STANDARDS & APPROVALS

SupaTimber wood preservative and SupaTimber pressure-treated wood meet or exceed the following standards and approvals:

- American Wood-Preservers' Association
- Federal TT-W Specification
- Federal Housing Administration
- HUD
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- Most other State, County, and Local Standards and Building Codes
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Veterans Administration
- Farmers Home Administration
- American Association of State Highway Officials
- All Model Building Codes
- US Navy

## APPLICATIONS & USES

SupaTimber pressure-treated wood has many end uses of both decorative and structural application. Use SupaTimber pressure-treated wood for:

- decks • patios • balconies • pallets • docks • utility poles • marine pil-ing
- crossarms • piers • edging • highway guardrails • fence posts • out-door furniture • barns • sills • permanent wood foundations • playground equipment • steps • swimming pool framing • seawalls • stringers • jetties
- tomato stakes • bulkhead • pole buildings • landscape timbers • board-walks • sign posts • bridge timbers • siding, etc.

*NOTE: not all applications are covered under warranty*

## DURABILITY

SupaTimber wood preservative is a unique formulation which gives wood protection from termites and fungal decay needed to last a lifetime. The table below contains performance data for CCA treatment on test stakes which shows the effectiveness of this preservative against termites and decay. These test stakes were placed in the ground in 1949 and are still in good condition today. Untreated stakes placed in the same plot have all failed with an average life of only 2.8 years.

### CONDITION OF SOUTHERN PINE STAKES FROM HARRISON EXPERIMENTAL FOREST - SAUCIER, MS Stakes placed in test plot #23, December 1949

	Average Retention	Number in Test	Condition of Stakes after 50 Years of Service		
			Good	Destroyed by Decay and/or Termites	Avg. Life in Years
SupaTimber CCA	0.37	10	100%	0%	*
Preservative	0.52	10	100%	0%	*
	0.79	9	100%	0%	*
	1.04	10	100%	0%	*
Untreated Controls	--	10	0%	100%	2.8

*\* After more than 50 years, all treated stakes are still in good condition*

From the 1983 Progress Report of the Comparison Wood Preservatives Stake Tests, a publication of Forest Products Laboratory, Forest Service, US Department of Agriculture.

## PROTECTION

To reduce checking and warpage due to weathering, it is recommended that a waterproofing sealer be applied at least once a year. Use hot-dipped, galvanized fasteners. Install horizontal pieces so that growth rings curve downward when appearance permits.

## BUYING GUIDE

Application	Retention*	Typical Uses
Above Ground Uses	0.25	Decking, Fencing, Sills, Railings, Joists
Soil or Fresh Water Contact (non-structural)	0.40	Posts, Landscape Timbers, Retaining Walls
Soil or Fresh Water Contact (structural)	0.60	Wood Foundations Building Poles
Piles -- Soil or Fresh Water Contact (structural)	0.80	Foundation Piles
Salt Water Contact	2.5	Timbers, Pilings, Bulkheads, Framing

\*Pounds per cubic foot. Minimum retentions conform to standards of the American Wood-Preservers' Association.