



CheckMark identification

AWPA listing is not enough to comply with the International Building Code. The treated wood must bear the quality mark of an independent agency accredited by the American Lumber Standards Committee (ALSC). This agency maintains supervision, testing, and inspection over the quality of the treated wood, just as similar agencies oversee the grade of lumber.

The agency's quality mark appears on a tag or stamp on treated wood. This mark includes various information including the preservative, minimum retention level, applicable standard, intended use, name of the treating company, and name of the third-party inspection agency.

Because the agency's logo can get lost in this mass of abbreviated information, the Western Wood Preservers Institute created the CheckMark Identification Program. By looking for the checkmark symbol, a buyer can quickly see the logo of the inspection agency and know that the wood complies with building code requirements for appropriate uses.

Because wood treated with CA-C preservative is listed in AWPA standards and is mandatorily monitored by an accredited third-party inspection agency, the wood qualifies for the CheckMark program and carries the CheckMark insignia.

