

Parallel 55 - Engineered for Superior Performance

At Parallel 55, we exceed the industry standard for fingerjoint studs. We begin by selecting high quality raw materials, and we finish with higher quality, value-added studs ready for shipment to our customers throughout the North American homebuilding industry, and to Japan.

“We buy Parallel 55 fingerjoint studs because they’re top quality, consistent and dependable. Our customers keep coming back for more.”

Randy Spruiensma, Buyer, Progressive Affiliated Lumbermen Cooperative (PAL) Inc., Grand Rapids, MI

We use shorter blocks and optimum sizing to make straighter studs. Many builders prefer our studs because they experience better recovery and less callback. And they find our products dependable, consistent and easy to work with.

Parallel 55 produces 2x3, 2x4 and 2x6 vertical use SPF studs in premium and natural grades. Our highly automated plants are capable of manufacturing PET lengths up to 12 feet.

Our products undergo rigorous testing to ensure compliance with JAS and NLGA product standards. Quality checks are done through every shift on bending strength, shear strength, stability of the joints, and pressure-vacuum-dry treatment for delamination, to name a few. Nothing leaves our plant without many quality checks on every stud, every day. We take pride in our reputation for quality products and quality service.

“The bottom line is that we have never had an issue with Parallel 55 fingerjoint studs, and we sell a lot of them into a tough market. They are an outstanding performer.”

Scott Beery, Buyer, Gabbert Edwards, Sacramento, CA.

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: What are fingerjoint studs?

Answer: Fingerjoint studs are engineered wood products that are designed to be straighter than conventional sawn lumber and offer superior stability and dimensional integrity.

Question: How are they used?

Answer: Fingerjoint studs are most commonly used as vertical wall studs. The structural stability of fingerjoint studs make them an ideal building material for single-family or multi-family homes, and commercial construction.

Question: Do fingerjoint studs conform to code?

Answer: Yes. NLGA SPS-3 AND ALSC PS-20 are the two North American standards that govern the manufacture of fingerjoint studs. They are written into all the major North American building codes.

Question: How does using fingerjoint studs help my business?

Answer: The raw material used in fingerjoint studs is of a higher quality overall, leading to less cull, fewer callbacks and fewer warranty claims. The opportunity costs are lower because builders and framers can do the job once and then move on to the next job.

Question: How are fingerjoint studs environmentally friendly?

Answer: Fingerjoint technology allows the softwood lumber industry to recover blocks of regular and premium grade lumber that, in the past, would have been discarded. The trim blocks are then engineered into straighter and more stable building products. Fingerjoint studs qualify for points that help builders achieve green certification, thus making their homes a higher value product.

Question: What can I expect from a Parallel 55 fingerjoint stud?

Answer: Quality, Service and Value. Once builders have tried our studs, they typically come back for more.

Question: Where can I learn more about the technical features of fingerjoint studs?

Answer: Call us. We will provide you with whatever information you need, or we will put you in touch with the appropriate source.

For more information about fingerjoint studs, please contact:

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Fingerjoint Studs



Are You Getting a Straight Answer?

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SERVING YOU... PROTECTING NATURE

Fingerjoint Studs – An Engineered Wood

- Designed for superior stability
- Manufactured under controlled conditions using short blocks of kiln-dried lumber, cutting finger profiles into each end and machine-pressing the glued pieces together
- A structurally sound building product that many builders prefer

Superior Performance

- Fingerjoint studs stay straight even in hot and humid climates, thus providing a more stable product
- The more joints, the straighter the studs
- Blending of wood grain counteracts twist and warp
- Straighter walls make easier work for framers and sub-trades
- Fewer nail pops and other wall-related problems



Our cutterhead makes well-finished joints



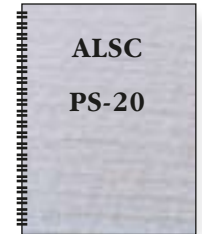
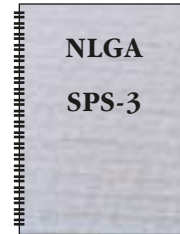
We produce:
2 X 3
2 X 4
2 X 6

Common Use

- Wall studs

Code Acceptance

- NLGA SPS-3 AND ALSC PS-20 are the two North American standards that govern the manufacture of fingerjoint studs. They are written into all the major North American building codes.
- Code regulations allow fingerjoint studs to be used interchangeably with conventional studs



Fingerjoint Lumber – The Framers’s Choice

Environmental Benefits

- Fingerjoint studs qualify for points towards achieving green certification
- Better recovery of regular and premium quality wood
- A more environmentally sound building product
- Consumer preference for environmentally friendly homes give fingerjoint studs the edge over solid sawn
- Kiln-dried, less chance of mould

Cost Effectiveness

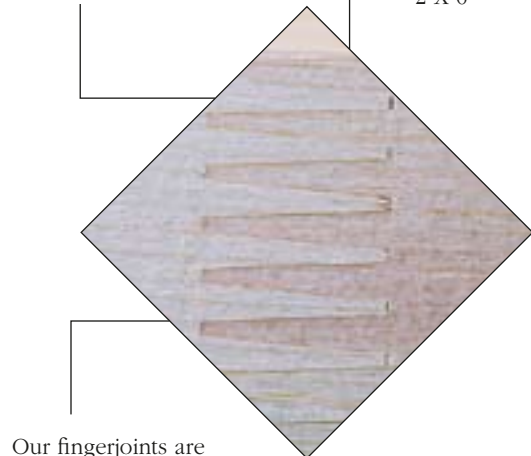
- Less cull
- Fewer callbacks
- Fewer warranty claims
- Reduced time & labour
- Achieve up to 20% higher yield

Appearance

- Straighter studs look good
- Less wane
- Minimum offset
- Premium studs have no offset
- Better construction shows well to homebuyers - a key selling point for many builders, specifiers and developers



Quality Assurance



Our fingerjoints are clean and tightly fitted

Turning “For Sale” to “Sold”

- Cost savings can be passed on to your customer, resulting in a faster sale
- Fewer callbacks mean a happier customer, and more repeat business
- Fewer warranty claims mean lower opportunity costs to the builder/contractor

At Parallel 55, Quality Rules the Day!