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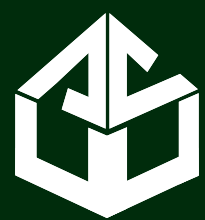
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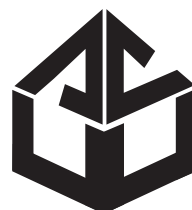
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FOREWORD

The *National Design Specification*[®] for *Wood Construction* (*NDS*[®]) was first issued by the National Lumber Manufacturers Association (now the American Wood Council) (AWC) in 1944, under the title *National Design Specification for Stress-Grade Lumber and Its Fastenings*. By 1971, the scope of the Specification had broadened to include additional wood products. In 1977, the title was changed to reflect the new nature of the Specification, and the content was rearranged to simplify its use. The 1991 edition was reorganized in an easier to use “equation format”, and many sections were rewritten to provide greater clarity.

In 1992, the American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA) – formerly the National Forest Products Association – was accredited as a canvass sponsor by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). The Specification subsequently gained approval as an American National Standard designated ANSI/NF_oPA NDS-1991 with an approval date of October 16, 1992.

In 2010, AWC was separately incorporated, re-chartered, and accredited by ANSI as a standards developing organization. The current edition of the Standard is designated ANSI/AWC NDS-2018 with an approval date of November 16, 2017.

In developing the provisions of this Specification, the most reliable data available from laboratory tests and experience with structures in service have been carefully analyzed and evaluated for the purpose of providing, in convenient form, a national standard of practice.

It is intended that this Specification be used in conjunction with competent engineering design, accurate fabrication, and adequate supervision of construction. Particular attention is directed to Sec-

tion 2.1.2, relating to the designer’s responsibility to make adjustments for particular end uses of structures.

Since the first edition of the *NDS* in 1944, the Association’s Technical Advisory Committee has continued to study and evaluate new data and developments in wood design. Subsequent editions of the Specification have included appropriate revisions to provide for use of such new information. This edition incorporates numerous changes considered by AWC’s ANSI-accredited Wood Design Standards Committee. The contributions of members of this Committee to improvement of the Specification as a national design standard for wood construction are especially recognized.

Acknowledgement is also made to the Forest Products Laboratory, U.S. Department of Agriculture, for data and publications generously made available, and to the engineers, scientists, and other users who have suggested changes in the content of the Specification. AWC invites and welcomes comments, inquiries, suggestions, and new data relative to the provisions of this document.

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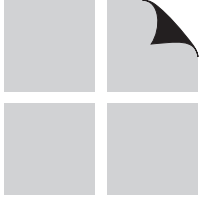


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