WOODWORKS® Linear – Solid Panels

Interior Installation Instructions

1. GENERAL

1.1 Product Description

Woodworks® Linear Solid Wood Interior-Only panels, items 8176 and 8177 are intended for use indoor only. **NOTE:** Items 8176 and 8177 are updated from items 6693 and 6694, which also are acceptable for indoor applications only. For exterior installations, or for projects that require matching panels for both interior and exterior applications, 8117 or 8118 panels must be used. Regardless of the product being used, if panels are to be installed in interior spaces, use this set of installation instructions. For exterior applications, reference Exterior Installations instructions, BPLA-298973.

Panel dimensions are 12 x 95 x 3/4” and install on a 96” module (with a 1/2” backer, total panel thickness is 1-1/4”). Panels are also available in two plank widths and four wood finishes: Maple, Light Cherry, Dark Cherry, and Walnut, as well as painted White finish. **NOTE:** Finishes are similar to exterior panel finishes, but not meant to match. Items 8117 and 8118 are available in a clear coat finish. Interior installations use the Prelude® XL® 15/16” suspension system with a backer. Custom finishes and plank widths are offered through the Architectural Specialties department. Black fleece or black bioacoustics infills can be specified for use with the panels to minimize appearance of plenum and provide acoustical performance.

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**WOODWORKS® LINEAR PANELS – SOLID WOOD ITEMS**

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**WOODWORKS LINEAR PANELS – SOLID WOOD SUSPENSION AND ACCESSORIES**

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1.2 Material and Surface Finish

Interior-Only panels (Items 8176 and 8177, and historic items 6693 and 6694):

Planks and backers are solid Poplar (yellow or hybrid) wood. Clear or tinted semigloss coating on all finishes except Grille White (GWH). Grille White (GWH) has a lacquer finish. Backers have a black factory finish.

Exterior/Interior panels (Items 8117 and 8118):

Planks and backers are solid Western Hemlock wood. Panels are treated to be installed in exterior conditions, and have a clear or tinted semigloss coating on all finishes except White (HWH2). White (HWH2) has a lacquer finish. Regardless of plank finish, backers have a black factory finish. These panels are recommended for installs that span from interior to exterior and require matching finishes.

1.3 Storage and Handling Prior to Installation

All ceiling components should be stored in a dry interior location and shall remain in the original packaging prior to installation to avoid damage. The materials shall be stored off the floor in a flat, level condition. Do not store in unconditioned spaces with humidity greater than 55% or lower than 25%, or with temperatures above 86°F or lower than 50°F. Use proper care when handling to avoid damage or soiling.

CAUTION: Use proper care and caution when handling suspension systems due to the sharp edges on all exposed clips.

1.4 Site Conditions for Installation

Interior-Only Installations with Items 8176, 8177, 8117, and 8118:

Building areas that will receive a ceiling shall be free of construction dust and debris. Installation of the products shall be carried out where the temperature is between 50°F and 86°F and relative humidity levels maintained between 25% RH and 55% RH. These temperature and humidity conditions must be met throughout the lifetime of the ceiling.

Real wood products are natural building materials and they will react to changes in humidity. (Wood tends to contract with lower humidity and expand with higher humidity.)

Wood may also have a tendency to warp, twist, or bow, due to the natural stresses in the components and these humidity changes. Be aware of these natural tendencies when evaluating the products.

It is also necessary for the area to be enclosed and for the HVAC systems to be functioning and in continuous operation. All wet work (plastering, concrete, etc.) must be complete and dry. These products cannot be used in exterior applications.

To ensure that the ceiling panels have stabilized to the current building conditions, prior to their installation, the planks must be placed in an environmentally stable building location for a minimum of 72 hours.

1.5 Warranty

The WoodWorks® Linear Solid Wood Panels for Interior Applications have been tested based on the installation method described in this document. The warranty will be voided if you do not follow these instructions.

1.6 Color

WoodWorks Linear Solid Wood panels are made of solid wood and are available in five standard finishes. Custom options are available. Beautiful natural variations in color and grain are characteristic of solid wood products. Knots of up to 1/2" in diameter can be expected in this product. To maximize visual consistency, panels should be unpacked and examined collectively to determine the most desirable arrangement for installation.

While the interior-only (items 8176 and 8177) and Exterior/Interior panels (items 8117 and 8118) have coordinating finishes, they are not intended to match. For projects in which interior and exterior panels must match, items 8117 or 8118 must be used.

1.7 Ordering Considerations

Be sure to account for extra material that is normally needed for wood installations. When installing WoodWorks Linear Solid Wood panels, you should consider ordering at least 5% extra material.

Up to 10% more may be needed for odd size or diagonal installations. It is the customer's responsibility to plan each layout and order the correct amount of installation material needed, taking into account their design.

1.8 Fire Performance

As with other architectural features located at the ceiling, WoodWorks Linear Solid Wood panels may obstruct or skew the planned fire sprinkler water distribution pattern, or possibly delay or accelerate the activation of the sprinkler or fire detection systems by channeling heat from a fire either toward or away from the device. Designers and installers are advised to consult a fire protection engineer, NFPA 13, and their local codes for guidance where automatic fire detection and suppression systems are present.

1.9 Cleaning Recommendations

WoodWorks Linear Solid Wood panels can be cleaned with a soft, dry cloth.
2. DESIGN AND INSTALLATION CONSIDERATIONS

2.1 Directionality
WoodWorks® Linear Solid Wood Panels have a female and male side. Installation should be started with the Male side closest to the wall.

Grain direction runs parallel with the length of the panels. The length of the panels must be installed perpendicular to the main beams (see ceiling layout and section details on the last page of this document).

2.2 Sprinklers
Linear wood, as with other architectural features located at the ceiling, may obstruct or skew the planned fire sprinkler water distribution pattern, or possibly delay or accelerate the activation of the sprinkler or fire detection systems by channeling heat from a fire either toward or away from the device. Designers and installers are advised to consult a fire protection engineer, NFPA 13, and local codes for guidance where automatic fire detection and suppression systems are present.

2.3 Plenum
Panels are screw attached to the face of the suspension system, and do not need to travel above the suspension system during installation.

2.4 Approximate System Weight (lbs/SF) and Attachment to Deck
Interior-only panels weigh approximately 1.25 lbs/SF. Fasteners for suspending grid from structure should be specified by contractor to hold system weight plus safety factor required by local code.

The weight of the suspension system ranges between 0.2-0.3 lbs/SF based on grid layout and components used.

2.5 Accessibility
Panels installed with screws to the suspension system are accessible but are not intended for repeated access. Panels can be un-screwed and re-attached to allow access. For increased accessibility, 3" slat panels can be installed with Backer Clips. See section 3.1.

For areas that require repeated accessibility, an access panel can be field fabricated. Contact TechLine for details.

3. ACCESSORIES

3.1 Backer Clips
Metal spring clips to attach panels to 15/16" Prelude grid. Based on clip spacing requirements (section 7.2), Backer Clips are only compatible with the 3" slat panels, item 8176 or 8117.

3.2 Trim Accessories
Wood trim is available in coordinating finishes (item #7146 for Poplar items). If matching trim is desired for Solid Wood Hemlock panels (items 8118 and 8117), please contact ASQuote to specify item 8111 for matching solid hemlock trim.

3.3 BioAcoustic Infill panel
An 11" W x 48" L x 1" black BioAcoustic™ infill panel (item 6657) can be installed to improve acoustical performance. Refer to the Acoustical Infill Panels installation guide for details.

3.4 Acoustic Fleece
WoodWorks Linear Solid Wood Panels do not come with acoustic fleece as standard. Contact ASQuote for factory-applied black fleece backer.

4. SUSPENSION SYSTEM

The requirements listed here represent the manufacturer's minimum acceptable installation recommendations, and may be subject to additional requirements established by the local authority having jurisdiction.

- All installations should follow ASTM C636.
- All references to suspension component duty ratings are per ASTM C635 and E3090

4.1 System Components
For interior installation, the suspension system shall be standard Heavy-Duty 15/16" Prelude grid.

- Cross Tees must have XL end details, be 1-11/16" tall, and Heavy-Duty Equivalent (16lbs/LF)
- Acceptable cross tees are listed on the Component Table on page 1
- Use black 360° Painted suspension system for the best overall visual in installations where the suspension system may be visible or in line of sight.
4.2 Suspension Rules (Wall to Wall)

- Main beams must be installed within 36" of the perimeter and then at 48" O.C. (On Center)
- Hanger wires must be installed within 24" of the perimeter and then no more than 48" O.C.
- The ARBRKRT or Rigid Attachment Clip (6459BL, available in black) can be substituted for hanger wires in uptight to deck installations and must follow the same rules for spacing

4.3 Layout

Due to the weight of the panels (1.25lbs/SF), WoodWorks® Linear Solid Wood Panels can be installed on a 2’ x 4’ “H” or “cross-hatched” layout. Main beams are installed at 48” O.C., with 4’ cross tees installed perpendicular to the main beams every 48” O.C. 4’ cross tees are then installed parallel to the mains at the midpoints of the perpendicular 4’ cross tees.

- Main beams must run perpendicular to the panel length.
- The suspension system must be leveled to within 1/4” over 120” and must be square to within 1/8” in a 48” x 48” module. Installation on suspension systems that do not meet this tolerance will produce unacceptable panel alignment.

See the last page of this document for a grid and panel layout example.

4.4 Installation Steps

1. Refer to the reflected ceiling plan for the finished height of the ceiling. Add the overall height of the WoodWorks Linear panel to determine the elevation of the suspension system. The face of the linear panels drops 1-1/4" below the face of the grid.
2. Install wall molding along the perimeter at the established suspension system elevation.
3. Refer to the reflected ceiling plan to determine the panel orientation and border panel sizes. Main beams are installed perpendicular to the panel length.
4. Install grid components per the layout in section 4.3. This layout is required to keep the WoodWorks Linear Solid Wood Panels perpendicular to the main beams and backers aligned along the suspension system for screw attachment.
5. Additional cross tees can be installed in the system as needed to frame out mechanical fixtures such as lights and speakers. If 2’ cross tees are required, they must meet the cross tee requirements in section 4.1.

4.5 FLOATING PERIMETER / TRIM FOR DISCONTINUOUS INSTALLS

5.1 Solid Wood Perimeter Trim

Perimeter trim should be installed using a mechanical fastener to secure an XTAC clip to the suspension system and the trim. The trim must be supported by having hanger wires within 8” of the trim along the grid at 4’ O.C. along the length of the trim.

WoodWorks Linear Solid Wood Panels drop 1-1/4" below the face of the grid. The Adjustable Trim Clip can be used to integrate Axiom® Trim with the Solid Wood Linear Panels.

6. TRANSITIONS

Any transitions between WoodWorks Linear Solid Wood Panels and other products / ceiling will have to account for the 1-1/4" panel drop below the face of the grid.
7. PANEL INSTALLATION

7.1 Edge Detail/Interface
- Panel dimensions are 12 x 95 x 3/4" (with a 1/2" backer, total panel thickness is 1-1/4")
- WoodWorks® Linear Solid Wood Panels have a female and male side. Installation should be started with the Male side closest to the wall. Backer may need to be trimmed for proper panel alignment.

Item 8117 or 8176

![Diagram of panel dimensions]

Item 8118 or 8177

![Diagram of panel dimensions]

7.2 Attachment Methods

7.2.1 Screw Attachment
WoodWorks Linear Solid Wood Panels can be attached to the grid with screws. The screws must be equivalent to #6 x 1-1/4" bugle head Hi-Lo screws. Four of the backers will align with the grid system. It is recommended that pilot holes are drilled into these backers before screw attachment (Items 8117 and 8118 arrive with factory-drilled holes). Use two screws in each backer that aligns with the suspension system, totaling eight screws per full size panel. Caution is necessary when screwing panels to the suspension system; over insertion of fasteners could cause backers to splinter.

7.2.2 Backer Clip Installation
Backer Clips (item 5687) are an optional method for panel attachment to grid. These clips can only be used with panels that have the nominal 3" planks, to ensure proper clip placement. Insert two clips between the planks on each backer that aligns with the grid, totaling eight Backer Clips per full size panel.

Push upwards on the clip to engage the clip tabs onto the suspension system flange. Make sure both clip tabs engage the suspension system flange.

7.3 Panel Installation
WoodWorks Linear Solid Wood Panels are installed in sequence across the space. The first row of panels will have the male side towards the wall. The Backers may need to be trimmed for proper panel alignment.

Begin at one wall, raise the panel up against the suspension system, and align the backers with it.

Attach the panels to the grid using either of the attachment methods in section 7.2.

Continue installing WoodWorks Linear Solid Wood panels — male to female — across the room.

7.4 End to End Panel Reveal
WoodWorks Linear Solid Wood panels will have a 1" reveal between panel ends. This uniform spacing and alignment is maintained by the 15/16" suspension system.

7.5 Border Panels
Refer to the ceiling plan for border panel size and spacing.

Panels require support within 12" of the panel end. When panels are cut to length, additional cross tees may need to be installed for backer attachment with screws or Backer Clips. This means that wherever a panel is cut, the backer closest to the end of the panel must be attached to grid.

For panels that are screw attached to the grid no additional steps are required to secure border panels.

When using Backer Clips, the border panels must be secured at the specified dimension by using a mechanical fastener to secure the panel to the suspension system. This can be a direct screw attachment as described in section 7.2.1.
7.6 Cutting Panels

When you cut a panel to length, you can use normal woodworking tools (e.g., circular saws, saber saws, coping saws, etc.). Cut through the face of the panels to the back to avoid visible rough edges.

Penetrations for sprinklers (or other fixtures) can be accomplished by simple interruption of the wood planks at those locations or by using normal woodworking tools to cut access in the planks.

⚠️ CAUTION! WOOD DUST. Sawing, sanding, and machining wood products can produce dust. Airborne wood dust can cause respiratory, eye, and skin irritation. The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has classified wood dust as a nasal carcinogen in humans.

Precautionary measures: If power tools are used, they should be equipped with a dust collector. If high dust levels are encountered, use an appropriate NIOSH-designed dust mask. Avoid dust contact with eyes and skin.

First Aid measure in case of irritation: In case of irritation, flush eyes or skin with water for at least 15 minutes.

7.7 Treating Exposed Panel and Backer Edges

All WoodWorks® Linear Solid Wood Panels and Backers are fully finished from the factory to protect from the elements.

All exposed panel and backer edges from cuts or penetrations must be finished following the steps below:

1. Use the Fil-Stik® to fill any tear-out on top or bottom face.
2. Drag the fill stick sideways along the cut end to enhance the overall color, but stopping short of full coverage; the goal is to highlight the end grain just a bit.
3. Wipe the top and/or bottom faces carefully with a cloth to remove any fill stick residue in excess of what is needed to fill the gouges.
4. Use the stain marker to cover all fill stick sections on the top and/or bottom faces.
5. Use the stain marker to fully cover the exposed cut end; start at the bottom of one side and stain straight up making a stain line about 1/8" wide. Repeat right next to it and keep working until you get the entire way across the cut end.

8 SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

8.1 Wall Installations

8.1.1 Panel orientation can be horizontal or vertical, but must be installed on an 8' O.C. module to ensure a 1" gap between panel ends.

8.1.2 3/4" plywood or furring should be attached to the wall structure to provide a surface that the WoodWorks Linear Solid Wood Panels can be screw attached to.

8.1.3 Considering the panel orientation (horizontal or vertical), if furring is used the layout must provide screw attachment locations for the following screw spacing.

8 screws per full size panel, 2 at every 2’ O.C. backer

2 screws at every 2’ O.C. backer, 8 total screws per full size panel.

8.1.4 For panel attachment, use #6 x 1-1/4” or greater bugle head Hi-Lo or wood screws. Backers must be pre-drilled at screw locations to avoid splitting.

8.1.5 WoodWorks panels can be cut to fit receptacles or other wall fixtures. Use normal woodworking tools to achieve the desired opening. Attach additional backers (can be ordered) for extra support as needed.

8.1.6 Follow instructions in section 7.7 for treating exposed panel and backer edges.
8.2 Sloped Installations
Refer to the Sloped Ceilings Technical Guide for general installation instructions for the suspension system build (seismic and non-seismic).

All sloped installations require a standard 2’ x 2’ grid layout, with 4’ cross tees spaced 2’ O.C.

Main beams must be installed parallel with the slope, resulting in the planks running perpendicular to the slope.

Panels are attached to the grid the same way as in a flat ceiling installation.

8.3 MEP Integration
Mechanical fixtures such as lights, speakers, and sprinklers should be installed into the acoustical suspension system before installing the WoodWorks® Linear Solid Wood panels. Fixtures can be installed at the suspension system height or flush with the bottom of the panel.

- Fixture weight or housing must not be supported by the panels.
- Install additional cross tees to frame out fixtures as needed.
- Supplemental or independent support for the fixtures may be required to prevent the total load from exceeding the deflection capability of the grid.
- Refer to the ceiling plans for specific details.

WoodWorks Linear Solid Wood panels can be cut to fit around fixture openings. Follow the steps in section 7.7 for treating exposed panel and backer edges.

8.4 Pools
WoodWorks Linear Solid Wood Panels cannot not be installed in areas containing chemically treated water.

8.5 Exterior Installations
Interior-Only WoodWorks Linear Solid Wood Panels (items 8176 and 8177, 6693 and 6694) are for interior use only. Solid Hemlock items 8117 and 8118 have been tested and are approved for exterior installations, intended to be installed under soffits, overhangs, or covered areas where panels are not in direct contact with the elements. Refer to the WoodWorks Linear Solid Panels Exterior Installation Instructions for all exterior installations.

9 SEISMIC INSTALLATION

9.1 For more details on seismic installations please see our brochure: Seismic Design – What You Need to Know

9.2 Suspension System
All seismic installations of WoodWorks Linear Solid Wood Panels must be installed per Seismic Design Categories D, E, F. This is regardless of the total system weight. Heavy-Duty Prelude is required per ASTM E580.

The installation shall, in all cases, conform to the ASTM C636 requirements and the International Building Code. Installations may require independent engineering.

The requirements listed here represent the manufacturer's minimum acceptable installation recommendation, and may be subject to additional requirements established by the local authority having jurisdiction.

9.3 Seismic Rx Category D, E and F

- Ceiling installation should conform to basic minimums established in ASTM C636.
- Minimum 7/8” wall molding
- Suspension system must be attached on two adjacent walls
- Opposite walls require BERC2 with 3/4” clearance.
- BERC2 maintains main beam and cross tee spacing; no other components required.
- Heavy-duty systems as identified in ICC-ESR-1308.
- Safety wires required on light fixtures.
- Perimeter support wires within 8”.
- Ceiling areas over 1,000 SF must have horizontal restraint wire or rigid bracing.
- Ceiling areas over 2,500 SF must have seismic separation joints or full height partitions.
- Ceilings without rigid bracing must have 2” oversized trim rings for sprinklers and other penetrations.
- Changes in ceiling plane must have positive bracing.
- Cable trays and electrical conduits must be independently supported and braced.
- Suspended ceilings will be subject to special inspection.
- Suspension layouts are the same as described in section 4: Suspension System.
- Connection to wall – See BPCS-4141 Seismic Design: What You Need to Know – Code Requirements Seismic Rx® Tested Solutions – SEISMIC RX® APPROACHES TO CATEGORY C and D, E, AND F INSTALLATIONS.
9.4 Panel Attachment

All WoodWorks® Linear Solid Wood panels must be mechanically secured to the suspension system for installations in IBC Seismic Design Categories C, D, E, and F.

Position the WoodWorks Linear Solid Wood panels on the suspension system and direct screw attach to the suspension system using #6 x 1-1/4" bugle head Hi-Lo screws.

Eight screws are required for each full size panel (two per backer that aligns with grid), following the placement detailed in section 7.2.1.

Testing conducted at the Structural Engineering Earthquake Simulation Laboratory, located at the State University of New York – Buffalo campus, produced satisfactory results.