



## Tolko Zinc-Borate Treated OSB Tolko Industries Ltd.

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Products: Tolko Zinc-Borate Treated OSB  
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1. Basis of the product report:
  - 2024 International Building Code (IBC): Section 104.2.3 Alternative materials
  - 2021, 2018, and 2015 International Building Code (IBC): Section 104.11 Alternative materials
  - 2024 International Residential Code (IRC): Section R104.2.2 Alternative materials
  - 2021, 2018, and 2015 International Residential Code (IRC): Section R104.11 Alternative materials
  - PS 2-18, Performance Standard for Wood Structural Panels
  - APA Report T2017P-44 and other qualification data
2. Product description:

Tolko Zinc-Borate treated OSB is manufactured in accordance with the in-plant manufacturing standard approved by APA. The OSB panel is manufactured with wood flakes, adhesive, wax, and Nisus ZB-Shield<sup>®</sup> or Rio Tinto Borogard<sup>®</sup> ZB zinc borate, which is added for decay and insect resistance to a retention level equivalent to that specified in American Wood Protection Association (AWPA) Standard T1 and to that specified as Hazard Class H2 in the Australia – New Zealand standard AS/NZS 1604.2:2021. The efficacy of the preservative treatment is outside the scope of this report and the APA certification program. Tolko Zinc-Borate treated OSB meets the performance requirements of PS 2, and is edge sealed and available in thicknesses from 3/8 to 1-1/8 inches.
3. Design properties:

Tolko Zinc-Borate treated OSB panels meet the design properties specified in APA *Panel Design Specification*, Form D510 ([www.apawood.org/resource-library](http://www.apawood.org/resource-library)) for the Span Rating shown in the trademark.
4. Product installation:

Tolko Zinc-Borate treated OSB recognized in this report shall be installed in accordance with recommendations provided by the manufacturer ([www.tolko.com](http://www.tolko.com)) and APA *Engineered Wood Construction Guide*, Form E30 (see link above). The maximum span shall be in accordance with the Span Rating shown in the trademark.
5. Fire-resistant construction:

Wood structural panels that are not treated with fire retardant chemicals have been shown to meet a Class III (or C) category for flame spread. Unless otherwise specified, fire-resistant construction shall be in accordance with the recommendations published in APA *Fire-Rated Systems*, Form W305 (see link above).
6. Limitations:
  - a) Tolko Zinc-Borate treated OSB recognized in this report shall be used in a design span not exceeding the span rating shown in the trademark.

- b) Tolko Zinc-Borate treated OSB is limited to use in interior above-ground applications consistent with the recommendations provided by the manufacturer.
  - c) Tolko Zinc-Borate treated OSB is limited to dry service conditions where the average equilibrium moisture content of sawn lumber is less than 16%.
  - d) Tolko Zinc-Borate treated OSB is produced by Tolko Industries at their facility in Slave Lake, Alberta, Canada under a quality assurance program audited by APA. The efficacy of the preservative treatment is outside the scope of this report and the APA certification program.
  - e) This report is subject to re-examination in one year.
7. Identification:  
Tolko Zinc-Borate treated OSB panels described in this report are identified by a label or stamp bearing the manufacturer's name and/or trademark (Tolko), the APA assigned plant number (514), the product thickness and span rating, the APA logo, the report number PR-N216, and a means of identifying the date of manufacture.

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