

Standard Grading Rules for Southern Pine Lumber

Management of Change Form



Name of Person Requesting the Change: ALSC / NGR Committee

Date of Requested Change: 11/3/2023

Request Title: Add a provision preventing 2 manufactured holes from occurring in the same cross-section in lengths longer than 12'

Printed Date: TBD

Change Category:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal to align with National Grading Rule | <input type="checkbox"/> Proposal to align with SPIB governance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proposal to align with ALSC Enforcement Regs | <input type="checkbox"/> Proposal based on Resource Monitoring Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proposal to align with PS 20 | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade Rule - Addition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Editorial change to existing content | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade Rule – Removal |

Description of Proposed Change: *(In very few words, what does the proposed change accomplish?)*

Prevents two manufactured holes from occurring in the same cross section in lengths longer than 12'.

Rationale: *(Briefly explain why the proposal should be adopted?)*

To align with the changes to the National Grading Rule and National Grading Rule Interpretations passed at the 2023 ALSC Annual Meeting.

Proposal: *(Show new, revised, or deleted text exactly as it would appear in the legislative format: **Line-through text** to be deleted. **Underline text to be added**. If possible, avoid using the “track changes” tool; instead, use the “strikethrough” and “underline” features in the font menu. Please note section(s) to be deleted if revisions are extensive and include replacement text. Please make every effort to include the text within this section, not as a separate attachment. Do not include unaffected sections, tables, or figures unless it is necessary to demonstrate the relationship of proposed revisions.)*

Holes (cont.) as interpreted by the National Grading Rule for Dimension Lumber:

Manufactured Holes: The area of a manufactured hole shall not exceed the equivalent area of the knot hole permitted and is limited to one manufactured hole in lengths of 12' or less of length, or two in lengths longer than 12' provided that they don't occur in the same cross section. The following length restrictions shall apply:

SELECT STRUCTURAL: equal in length to diameter of hole permitted

NO. 1 and CONSTRUCTION: equal in length to 1-1/2 times diameter of hole permitted.

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Supporting Information:

Excerpt from 2023 ALSC Annual meeting minutes:

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Otis Hotel, Austin, TX

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B) **Manufactured Holes clarification**

Mr. Easterling requested that Mr. Jay Moore explain the reasoning behind the requested clarification to the manufactured holes provision in the NGR. Mr Moore indicated that Mr. David Conner at the NGR subcommittee meeting had pointed out that as currently worded two holes would be permitted in the same cross section for lengths longer than 12 feet. The subcommittee felt that this should not be permissible and proposed a clarification be added to the manufactured holes section of the NGR interpretations. Mr. Easterling made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Singleton to add the following additional clause: "provided that they don't occur in the same cross section" to the Manufactured Holes paragraph on page 24 of the NGR interpretations. *The motion passed unanimously.*

Motion: The Committee Endorses the following proposed revision to add the following additional clause to Manufactured Holes paragraph on page 24 of the NGR interpretations:

Manufactured Holes: The area of a manufactured hole shall not exceed the equivalent area of the knot hole permitted and is limited to one manufactured hole in lengths of 12' or less of length, or two in lengths longer than 12' provided that they don't occur in the same cross section. The following length restrictions shall apply:

SELECT STRUCTURAL: equal in length to diameter of hole permitted.

NO. 1 and CONSTRUCTION: equal in length to 1-1/2 times diameter of hole permitted.

NO. 2 and STANDARD: equal in length to width of piece.

NO. 3, UTILITY and STUD: equal in length to 1-1/2 times width of piece.

Moved by: Mr. Jeff Easterling

Seconded by: Mr. Steve Singleton

Yes **Unanimous**

No

Abstain

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