

Technical Note

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Resizing RigidLam®LVL

It is permissible to resize (rip) RigidLam®LVL members to a shallower depth provided the following issues are addressed:

- The shallower depth must be structurally adequate to support the design loads.
- Only dry material should be ripped to assure dimensional stability and adherence to required "dry use" conditions.
- Ripping must be done in a quality manner with a recommended tolerance of 1/16".
- Ripping of the LVL will remove the plant applied sealant; therefore, the cut edge will be
 more prone to moisture absorption and must be resealed with a commercially available
 wood sealer or otherwise protected from the elements during installation.
- Caution must be used to assure that the product labeling and grade stamps remain on the resized member for identification in application.

It is not permissible to plane or sand (other than touch-sand) the wide face of RigidLam®LVL members.