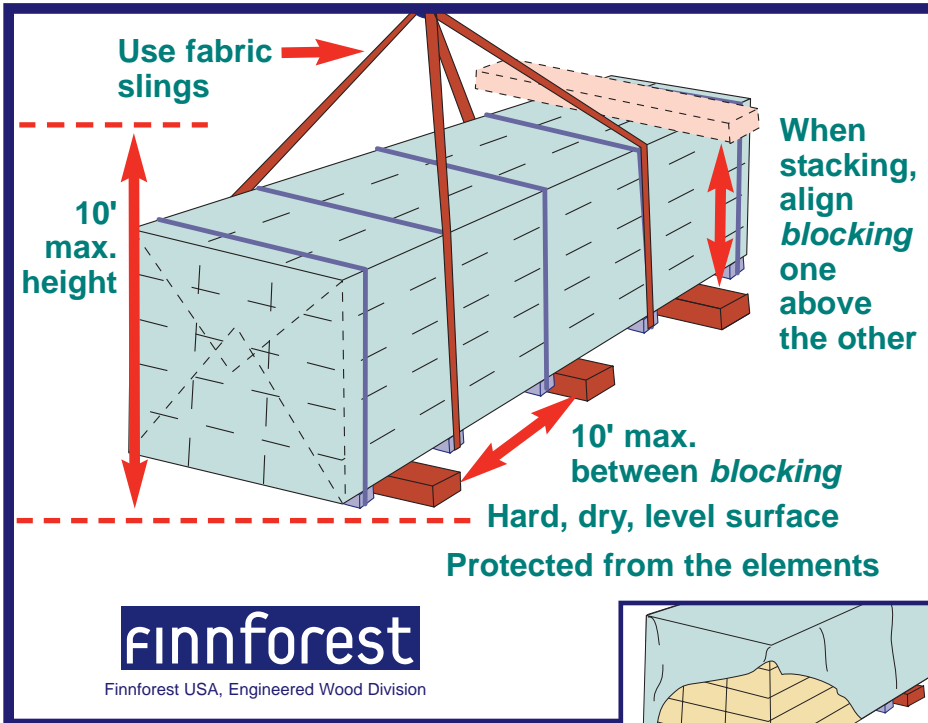




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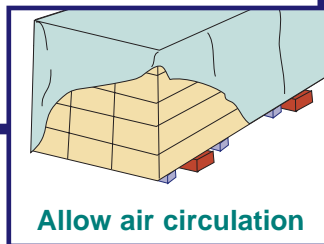
## Lumber Yard & Job Site Handling & Storage Guidelines



### NOTICE

- Unload bundles by crane or forklifts to avoid damaging LVL. It is preferable to use webbing slings, or to move one piece of LVL at a time by hand. Never drop the LVL from the load onto the ground.
- Make sure the LVL comply with your order and that they are stamped and in good condition. Do not use a visually damaged LVL. **REMOVE** it from service.
- Store on sturdy horizontal wooden supports (*blocking*) at least 8" (20cm) off the ground and above ground moisture. Keep in orderly stacks at heights that may be handled safely (10' max. height).
- Keep LVL dry and protected from exposure to weather conditions. Cover LVL with a waterproof cover. If the LVL is stored for longer than a week, make sure that air can freely circulate.
- To avoid trapped moisture, check that LVL piles are dry before nailing or bolting LVL together.
- Don't use LVL for other purposes, such as storage, ramps, walkways, etc.
- If you are not satisfied or have questions, please contact your local Master Plank - Finnforest USA distributor.

### WARNING



**Failure to follow procedures for handling, storage and installation could result in unsatisfactory performance, unsafe structures and possible collapse.**

When Master Plank Beams & Headers are stored prior to erection, they should be stored on blocking spaced a maximum of 10 ft. apart. Store LVL on a dry, level surface, where they will be protected from the weather. Handle LVL with care so they are not damaged. Master Plank Beams & Headers are to be installed in accordance with the plans and installation guide. Temporary construction loads that cause stresses beyond design limits are not permitted. Bracing shall be provided to assure adequate lateral support for individual beams, headers and the entire system until bracing material has been applied.

Contact a Finnforest USA representative for more information about Master Plank® LVL boards.

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