

# BATTLE LUMBER CO. PALLET DIVISION INFO SHEET

- Battle Lumber Company's Pallet Mill produces over 4 million board feet of pallet lumber per month. We have state-of-the-art manufacturing equipment to produce quality pallet lumber. We also have an extensive maintenance program to keep down time to a minimum.
- We maintain several weeks of raw material inventory to ensure our customers of an on time delivery. This inventory is crucial during inclement weather conditions. Battle Lumber Company is committed to doing everything possible to meet our customer needs. This is one of many things that separate us from the rest of the competition.
- Battle Lumber Company assembles in excess of 65,000 pallets per week. We are licensed for PDS (Pallet Design System) which enables us to aid our customers in designing pallet specification to meet their requirements.
- Pallets can be treated to help prevent mold. Also, pallets can be kiln-dried to reduce surface moisture. Because we are a leader in the pallet industry, we became certified for heat treating in March of 2003 to meet our customers export needs. (ISPM 15)
- Pallets can be shipped via flatbed, drop-deck, or van. Customers can also use their own trucks for pick ups.
- Battle Lumber Company considers itself an innovator in the pallet industry. Our pallet assembly equipment is completely computerized. Our sawmills are optimized from start to finish allowing us to extract the maximum yield from our natural resources.
- Many pallet companies talk about quality, service, and dependability, but few can live up to their promises. Battle Lumber Company's mission is simple: Provide the highest quality pallet in the market place, delivered on time in a friendly and professional manner. At the same time, we will offer a fair and competitive price.

## OVERVIEW

The Pallet Division that began in 1970 now has over 100 employees. Approximately 60% of these are dedicated to producing pallet lumber. In order to produce quality pallets, you have to have quality lumber. Since Battle Lumber mills its own logs, the Pallet Division is not dependent on the outside lumber suppliers for cants and pallet lumber therefore controlling quality. The most modern pallet manufacturing equipment is used to process logs into pallet parts. This machinery includes scraggs, gang saws, band saws, notching machines, and chamfer machines. Cants can also be retrieved from the Grade Lumber Division to ensure a constant supply of materials on hand for pallet lumber production.

The remaining Pallet Division employees work in the assembly and shipping process. The automated equipment includes computerized nailing machines, including Viking Turbo 505's. The Viking Turbo 505 is the number one system in the world for high-volume production of stringer pallets. Battle Lumber shows its commitment to quality products by investing in the latest and most innovative equipment. Hand tables are also available for specialty pallets.

The Pallet Division produces over 4 million board feet of pallet lumber each month and assembles and ships in excess of 65,000 pallets each week. Pallets can be shipped via flatbed or van. The pallets can be treated to prevent stain and they can also be kiln dried. Kiln pallets can be stored in our 300,000 sq. ft. enclosed warehouse to eliminate further contact with surface moisture. Pallets are then loaded directly into a van via covered loading docks to ensure there is no moisture contamination. While we have not undergone formal ISO certification, our own in-house quality assurance meets the requirements of customers that otherwise require ISO certification. The customers we serve accredit us. In addition, the Virginia Tech Department of Wood Sciences assists in analyzing pallet strengths required by our customers.

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