



Do our projects NEED or SHOULD have pressure-treated (PT) wood for blocking or sheathing?

The Quality Department gets asked this question frequently. The drawings indicate pressure-treated wood on the roof, around the window, on the back of the parapet, etc.

Is pressure-treated wood a good idea or needed?



The pressure treatment process was changed in 2006 and now includes copper. Unfortunately, the copper is NOT compatible with most metals and fasteners, which is why it is best NOT to use this type of wood if it is not needed for construction. Also, pressure-treated wood is generally wet, warps when it dries, and might not be compatible with other products (including roofing).

(An ice & water shield is needed between the wood & metals and typically a special fastener is required)

The general rule of thumb:

If the wood is covered with roofing, air/vapor barrier, weather barrier, then

No...pressure treated wood is NOT needed or desired. The wood will be adequately protected and will not have moisture issues that would require the use of pressure treated wood.