



Standard Specification for Wood Boxes¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers the fabrication of wood boxes. These wood boxes, when constructed, filled and closed, shall be used for the packing of contents not exceeding 1000 pounds [454 kg].

1.2 If the use of other construction methods or techniques is acceptable and permitted (see 5.1), the resulting boxes shall be of equal or better performance than would result from the use of the specified materials and procedures. An appropriate distribution cycle, specified in Practice D4169, can be used to develop comparative procedures and criteria.

1.3 The values stated in either inch-pound or SI units are to be regarded separately as standard. Within the text, the SI units are shown in brackets. The values stated in each system are not exact equivalents; therefore, each system must be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in nonconformance with the standard. See IEEE/ASTM SI-10 for conversion of units.

1.4 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

- D996 Terminology of Packaging and Distribution Environments
- D3951 Practice for Commercial Packaging
- D3953 Specification for Strapping, Flat Steel and Seals
- D4169 Practice for Performance Testing of Shipping Containers and Systems
- D4675 Guide for Selection and Use of Flat Strapping Materials¹

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

D6199 Practice for Quality of Wood Members of Containers and Pallets

D6253 Practice for Treatment and/or Marking of Wood Packaging Materials

F1667 Specification for Driven Fasteners: Nails, Spikes, and Staples

IEEE/ASTM SI-10 Standard for Use of the International System of Units (SI): The Modernized Metric System

2.2 *American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Standards:*³

B18.2.1 Square and Hex Bolts and Screws-Inch Series

B18.2.2 Square and Hex Nuts (Inch Series)

B18.2.3.8M Metric Hex Lag Screws

B18.2.4.2M Metric Hex Nuts, Style 2

B18.5 Round Head Bolts (Inch Series)

B18.5.2.2M Metric round head Square Neck Bolts

B18.22M Metric Plain Washers

B18.22.1 Plain Washers

2.3 *National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Standard:*

PS-20 American Softwood Lumber Standard⁴

2.4 *National Hardwood Lumber Association (NHLA) Standard:*

Rules for the Measurement and Inspection of Hardwood and Cypress⁵

2.5 *American Wood Protection Association (AWPA) Standard:*⁶

P36 Standard for Copper Naphththenate (CuN)

P37 Standard for Oxine Copper (Copper-8-Quinolinolate) (Cu8)

2.6 *U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Center (ARDEC):*

MIL-DTL-2427H Box, ammunition packing: Wood, nailed⁷

³ Available from American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), ASME International Headquarters, Three Park Ave., New York, NY 10016-5990, <http://www.asme.org>.

⁴ Available from National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), 100 Bureau Dr., Stop 1070, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1070, <http://www.nist.gov>.

⁵ Available from National Hardwood Lumber Association (NHLA), 6830 Raleigh LaGrange Rd., Memphis, TN 38134, <http://www.natllhardwood.org>

⁶ Available from American Wood Protection Association (AWPA), P.O. Box 361784, Birmingham, AL 35236-1784, <http://www.awpa.org>.

⁷ Available from ASSIST Quick search, <http://assist.daps.dla.mil>.

2.7 *International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) Publication:*

ISPM 15 Regulation of Wood Packaging Material in International Trade⁸

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—General definitions for packaging and distribution environments are found in Terminology D996.

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.2.1 *batten*—reinforcement on a box used to hold a series of boards together to create rigidity – generally set in from each end to prevent board splitting.

3.2.2 *box*—a container with structural framework fastened together to form a rigid enclosure.

3.2.3 *cleat*—lumber used to strengthen or support the framework of a box.

3.2.4 *diagonal*—angle members placed between vertical and horizontal members within a component to provide rigidity to the box

4. Classification

4.1 *Classes*

Class 1 – Light Duty

Class 2 – Heavy Duty

4.2 *Styles*

Style 1 - Uncleated Ends (Fig. 1)

Style 2 - Full Cleated Ends, Butt Joints (Fig. 2)

Style 2½ - Full Cleated Ends, Notched Cleats (Fig. 3)

Style 4 - Exterior End Cleats (Fig. 4)

Style 4 ½ - Horizontal Exterior End Cleats (Fig. 4)

Style 5 - Interior End Cleats (Fig. 5)

Style 7 - Skidded Base with Separate Hood (Fig. 6)

4.3 Water-Repellent Wood Preservative Treatment

Treatment A - Without treatment

Treatment B - With treatment

⁸ Available from the International Plant Protection Convention, <http://www.ippc.int>.

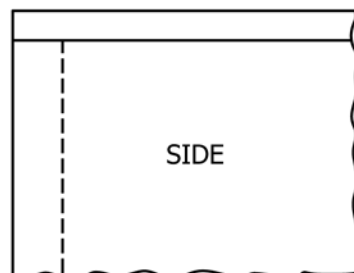
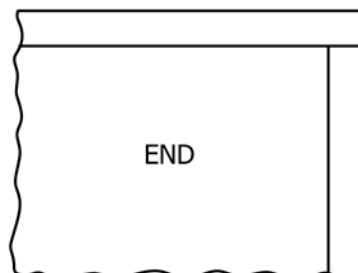
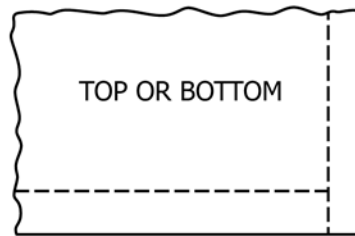
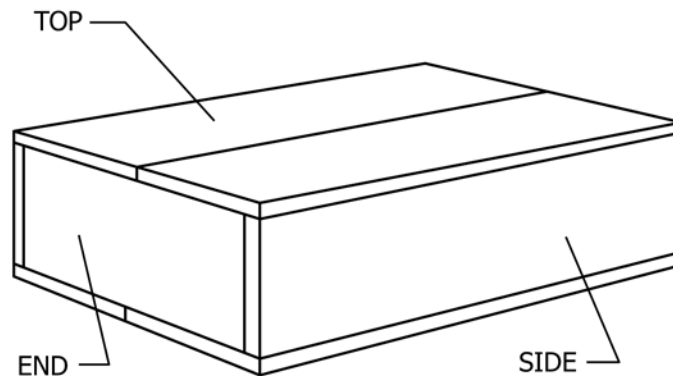


FIG. 1 Style 1 Box (Uncleated Ends)

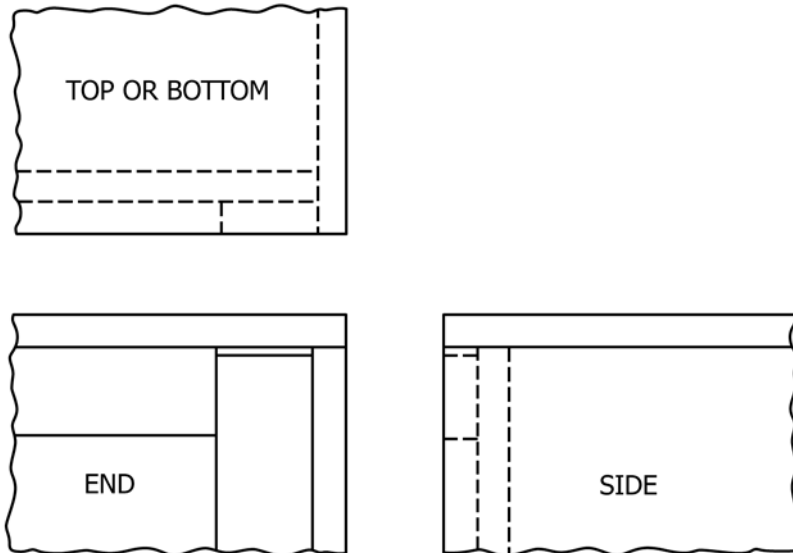
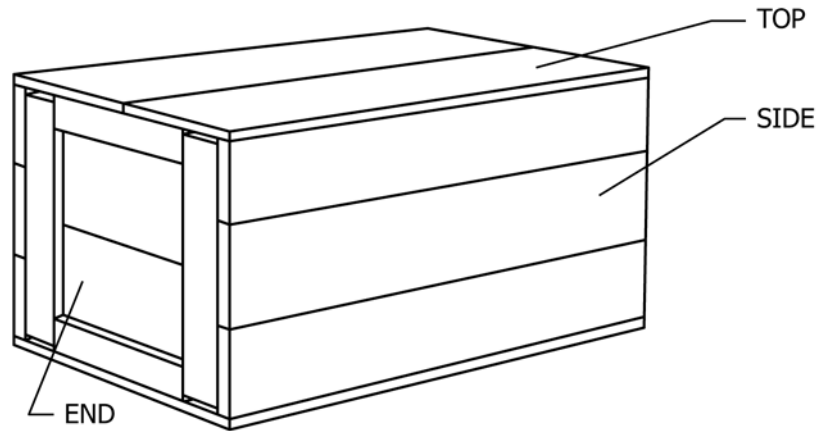


FIG. 2 Style 2 Box (Full Cleated Ends, Butt Joints)

5. Ordering Information

5.1 Purchasers should include the following information in procurement documents:

- 5.1.1 Specification title, number and date.
- 5.1.2 Box class, style and treatment (see 4.1 – 4.3).
- 5.1.3 Description of contents and contents weight, if known.
- 5.1.4 When alternate materials and construction methods are acceptable and permitted (see 1.2).
- 5.1.5 Inside box dimensions specified in inches [mm] in order of length by width by height. (see 7.1).
- 5.1.6 When cleats are cut or notched for water drainage (see 7.3).
- 5.1.7 When 2- or 4-way entry skids are required (see 7.4).
- 5.1.8 When rubbing strips are required (see 7.4).
- 5.1.9 When beveled skids are required (see 7.4).
- 5.1.10 When re-closable top panel closure is required (see 7.2.1).
- 5.1.11 When water-repellant wood preservative treatment is required (see 7.6).

5.1.12 When boxes are shipped assembled or knocked down (see 8.1).

5.1.13 When special packing and marking of boxes are required (see 7.9).

5.1.14 When ISPM 15-compliance is required (see 8.3).

6. Material

6.1 *Materials.* All materials shall meet the requirements of this specification and referenced documents. Materials shall be free of defects, which adversely affect performance or serviceability of the finished box. Materials shall not affect or be affected by the product being packed. The use of recycled material is encouraged. All virgin, recycled and repair materials used in box manufacturing shall meet the requirements of this specification and the referenced documents.

6.1.1 *Lumber.* Lumber shall conform to Practice D6199, PS-20, or the NHLA rules, as applicable. Tables 1 and 2 cite nominal dimensions for wood pieces (commercial tolerances will apply). Thicker or wider pieces is acceptable.