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2005 Wood Design Package

The *2005 Wood Design Package* is now available. Most importantly, along with a number of other design guides contained in the *Package*, it specifically includes the building code-referenced *National Design Specification*[®] (*NDS*[®]) *for Wood Construction* (2005 Edition) and both the *NDS Commentary* and *NDS Supplement: Design Values for Wood Construction*.

Called the "2005" *Wood Design Package* because of the adoption date of the included standards, the *Package* brings together all required elements for design of wood structures in one comprehensive set. Design information and examples for wind and seismic conditions, sawn lumber, structural glued laminated timber, structural-use panels, shear walls and diaphragms, poles and piles, I-joists, structural composite lumber, structural connections (nails, bolts, screws), metal plate connected wood trusses, and pre-engineered metal connectors are all provided. Over 1,000 pages are included in the 4-volume set.

The Wood Design Package includes:

- *National Design Specification (NDS) for Wood Construction with NDS Commentary; and NDS Supplement – Design Values for Wood Construction*
- *Special Design Provisions for Wind and Seismic (Wind & Seismic), 2005 Edition, with Commentary*
- *ASD/LRFD Manual for Engineered Wood Construction, 2005 Edition*
- *Structural Wood Design Solved Example Problems, 2005 Edition*

The *2005 NDS* and the *2005 Wind & Seismic* standards are both referenced for use in the *2006 International Building Code*[®], *2006 International Residential Code*[®], and *2006 NFPA 5000*[®]: *Building Construction and Safety Code*[®]. "Several state and local jurisdictions are already adopting the 2006 model codes," stated Kenneth Bland, AF&PA's Senior Director of Building Codes and Standards. "Regardless, the codes have provisions which allow for the use of newer standards even if they are not referenced in the older edition of the building code, especially those developed through a consensus process like the *NDS*," he added.

Electronic versions of the *NDS Commentary*, *Wind & Seismic*, and *ASD/LRFD Manual* are also available for download from the AWC website. The remaining documents in the set are being incorporated onto the *AWC Standards and Design Tools CD Rom* and will be available for purchase in electronic format later this year.

The price for the entire package is \$80, plus shipping. Note that AWC Design Professional Members and students receive a 50% discount. Volume discounts are also available. To order, visit the AWC website at <http://www.awc.org> or call 1-800-890-7732.

Also available, and related to the *2005 Wood Design Package*, is a web-based eCourse titled, *STD104 - ASD and LRFD with the 2005 National Design Specification for Wood Construction*. This eCourse, and several technical articles which have appeared in various trade journals outlining the new provisions of the *NDS*, are all available on the AWC website at www.awc.org.

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