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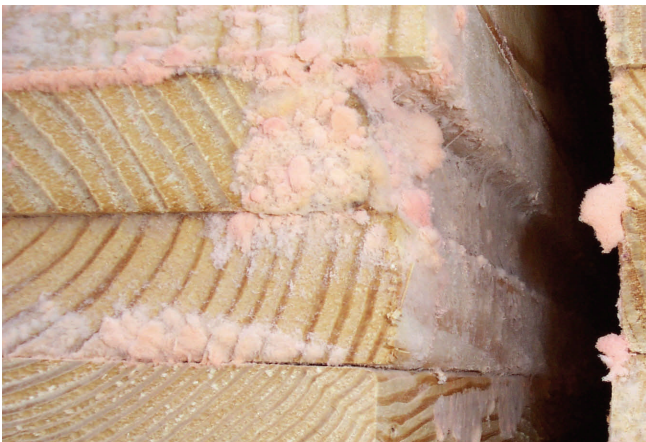
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Temperatures and Humidity on the Rise: Beware of Mold

The spring and summer months are now upon us. In this quarter's newsletter we would like to share some facts about molds; i.e., what it looks like, what causes it, and what you can do to best avoid "the mold problem".

The two main types of mold that appear on lumber are broken down into *pink mold* and *other colors of mold*.

Pink mold arises due to improper kiln drying and is the responsibility of the mill. Pink mold appears as a bright, almost fluorescent pink color on the lumber. Below is a detailed photo of pink mold. Buyers who see this mold may well have a claim.



Green, black, white, and any combination of these colors of mold are caused by exposure to weather (picture right). The following are ways that you can greatly reduce the chances of your lumber becoming moldy.

- Lumber shipped by truck should be fully tarped **BEFORE IT LEAVES THE MILL**. *At Tolleson Lumber Company we do not load trucks in the rain, therefore tarping your load before it leaves the mill assures that the load will arrive dry. We require EVERY load that WE ship to leave the mill tarped. We are not responsible for tarping on any customer pick-up and we cannot be responsible for "other colors of mold" on any customer pick up. If you are arranging a customer pick-up beware of "keep-dry" shipments. If an un-tarped load moving down the highway at 50-70 miles an hour encounters a thunderstorm water is forced into the center of the packs and into the exposed end*

grain of the lumber. The moisture stays there as the lumber on the outside of the pack dries creating perfect conditions for mold to grow. We have seen it too many times... the truck driver leaves the mill on a sunny day and does not tarp the load, down the road it starts to rain and the driver pulls over to tarp the load...it's too late...this is a terrible mistake, tarping the wet load will only aid in the molding process.

- Lumber shipped by rail should be paper wrapped (at least the top tier of the railcar). *At Tolleson Lumber Company we will gladly paper wrap any railcar order. To wrap all units the cost is \$10/mbf and to wrap the top tier the cost is \$2/mbf. Remember that Tolleson is not responsible for the moisture content of lumber upon arrival at your facility if the lumber has been shipped on railroad equipment that exposes the lumber to weather. As stated in section 161.2 of the Southern Pine Inspection Bureau's Standard Grade Rules 2002: "Restrictions on moisture content shall apply at the time of shipment, as well as at the time of dressing if dressed lumber is involved, and at the time of delivery to the buyer; provided, however, that where lumber is shipped on railroad chain cars or similar open railroad equipment which exposes the lumber to the weather during transit, the seller is relieved of responsibility for the moisture content restriction after the lumber has been loaded on said equipment if the buyer is notified of and consents to the method of shipment."*



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- Always unload railcars promptly after they are spotted on your siding and store your lumber under cover. If you do not have enough shed space have your lumber paper wrapped to keep it out of the elements. *At Tolleson Lumber we store all lumber - including low grade - under cover. Every load leaves our shipping area dry and mold free. The only exception is when a customer directs us to load a truck in the rain. That shipment then becomes the customer's responsibility.*

Some commonly asked questions about mold are...

Q: "Why is the lumber moldy in the middle of my pack of lumber (green, white, black etc...) and the pieces on the outside of the pack are not?"

A: When a pack of lumber is exposed to rain the water penetrates the entire pack. When it stops raining the lumber on the outside of the pack dries first and is less susceptible to mold. The lumber on the inside of the pack remains wet and is much more prone to become moldy.

Q: "I received a truck/car of moldy lumber, what should I do next?"

A: If you receive a shipment of moldy lumber you should:
1. Note the order number. **2.** Take plenty of pictures. Make sure the pictures show the mold, the severity, the mill stamp, and the volume of lumber. **3.** Contact your mill salesperson immediately - the sooner the better on any claim issues.



Another example of pink mold caused by improper kiln drying.



Example of green & black mold caused by wood getting wet in transit.

LOADING TIMES

PRESTON SAWMILL:

MON-THURS 7 AM-7:30 PM
 FRIDAY 7 AM-4:00 PM
 SATURDAY BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
 ARRIVE PRIOR TO 8:00 AM

PERRY SAWMILL:

MON-THURS 7 AM-5:30 PM
 FRIDAY 7 AM-4:00 PM
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