



Occasional Pieces	Means not more than 10 percent of the pieces in a parcel or shipment.
Old Growth	Biologically a stand of timber that is near its climax; such trees may be 200 years or older. In timber management planning, old growth also refers to timber that is older than the rotation age planned for future forests; this definition may include trees that are 100 years or less.
On Center	A method of measuring distance between two structural members, such as joists, where you measure from the center of one member to the center of the other. It is usually abbreviated O.C.
Open-Grained	Common classification of painters for woods with large pores, such as oak, ash, chestnut, and walnut. This is also known as 'coarse texture'.
Operations Research	A scientific approach to decision making that involves the operations of organizational systems.
Operator	Estimated volume of timber on commercial forest land that could be cut annually for the next ten years while improving tree stocking and bringing about a more even distribution and age classes. Annual managed harvest is considered separate from harvest cuttings and thinning and is determined by a computer using an area control system that specifies the number of acres to be cut annually.
Oriented Strand Board (OSB)	A structural panel made of narrow strands of fiber oriented lengthwise and crosswise in layers, with a resin binder. Depending on the resin used, OSB can be suitable for exterior or interior applications.
Out Feed	The side of a power tool where the board exits.
Oven-Dried Weight	The weight of a piece of lumber that has been dried, under high temperatures, in an oven until it is devoid of all water. This is used to calculate the moisture content of wood.
Oven-Dry Wood	Wood completely dried until it is without any moisture content.
Over-Mature	Point at which timber has begun to lessen in commercial value because of size, age, decay or other factors. Many trees in a virgin or old growth stand are over-matured and are, in fact, dying of old age.
Over Run	The difference between the log scale of a shipment of timber and the volume of the actual lumber obtained from it.
Over-All Dimensions	The measurements-of thickness, width, or length-of a piece of lumber which are used to compute the space occupied.