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STANDARD ABBREVIATIONS

The Forest Products Laboratory of the U. S. Forest Service recommends as standard the following abbreviations of terms used by the lumber industry. Most of the forms given correspond to those already in common use. In a few cases new abbreviations have been suggested where the old forms overlapped or were misleading.

AD	Air-dried	CM	Center matched; i.e., the tongue and groove joints are worked along the center of the edges of the piece.
a.l.	All lengths	Csg.	Casing. Also C/S
av.	Average	Ctg.	Crating
av.w.	Average width	cu.ft.	Cubic foot
av.l.	Average length	Cust.	Custom (sawed)
a.w.	All widths	D&CM	Dressed (one or two sides) and center matched.
B1S	Beaded one side	D&H	Dressed and headed; i.e., dressed one or two sides and worked to tongue and groove joints on both the edges and the ends.
B2S	Beaded two sides	D&M	Dressed and matched; i.e., dressed one or two sides and tongued and grooved on the edges. The match may be center or standard.
BBS	Box bark strips	D&SM	Dressed (one or two sides), standard matched.
bd.	Board	D2S&CM	Dressed two sides, center matched.
bd.ft.	Board foot		
bdl.	Bundle		
bdl.bk.s.	Bundle bark strips		
Bev.	Bevelled		
B/L	Bill of lading		
b.m.	Board (foot) measure		
Btr.	Better. Also Bet.		
c.i.f.	Cost, insurance, and freight.		
c.i.f.e.	Cost, insurance, freight, and exchange.		
Clg.	Ceiling. Also C/G and Ceil.		
Clr.	Clear. Also Cl.		
Com.	Common		
Coop.	Cooperage (stock)		

D2S&M Dressed two sides and (center or standard) matched.

D2S&SM Dressed two sides and standard matched.

Dim. Dimension.

D.S. Drop siding. Also **D/S.** Synonymous with cove siding (**C.S.**), novelty siding (**N.S.** and **Nov. Sdg.**), and German siding (**G.S.**).

E Edge. Also **Ed.** and **Edg.**

E&CB1S Edge and center bead one side; i.e., surfaced one or two sides and with a longitudinal edge and center bead on a surfaced face. Also **B&CB1S.**

E&CB2S Edge and center bead two sides; i.e., all four sides surfaced and with a longitudinal edge and center bead on the two faces. Also **B&CB2S.**

ECM Ends center matched.

E&CV1S Edge and center V one side. Also **V&CV1S.**

E&CV2S Edge and center V two sides. Also **V&CV2S.**

EM End matched - either center or standard.

ESM Ends standard matched.
exp. Export (lumber or timber).

f. bk. Flat back.

FAS Firsts and Seconds - a combined grade of the two upper grades of hardwoods.

f. a. s. vessel. (named port). Free along side vessel at a named port.

Fcty. Factory (lumber). Also **Fact.**

F.G. Flat grain. Synonymous with slash grain (**S.G.**) and plain sawed (**P.S.**)

Flg. Flooring. Also **F/G.**
f. o. b. (named point). Free on board at a named shipping point.

f. o. k. Free of knots.

f. o. w. First open water.

Frm. Framing.

ft. Foot or feet. Also (**'**)

ft. b. m. Feet board measure.

ft. s. m. Feet surface measure.

Furn. Furniture (stock).

G.R. Grooved roofing.

h. bk. Hollow back.

Hdl. Handle (stock).

hdwd. Hardwood.

Hrt. Heart.

Hrtwd. Heartwood.

1s&2s Ones and twos, - a combined grade of the hardwood grades of Firsts and Seconds.

Impl. Implement (stock).

in. Inch or inches. Also two accent marks (**"**).

KD Kiln-dried. Also **K/D.**

k.d. Knocked down.
lbr. Lumber.
l.c.l. Less carload lots.
lgth. Length.
lgr. Longer.
lin. ft. Lineal foot; i.e.,
12 inches.
Lng. Lining.
LR Log run.
LR, MCO. Log run, mill
culls out.
Lth. Lath.
M Thousand.
M b.m. Thousand (feet)
board measure.
MCO Mill culls out.
Merch. Merchantable.
m.l. Mixed lengths.
Mldg. Molding.
MR Mill run.
M s.m. Thousand (feet)
surface measure.
m.w. Mixed widths.
No. Number.
Ord. Order.
P. Planed - used synonym-
ously with dressed
and surfaced as P2S&M,
meaning planed two
sides and matched.
Pat. Pattern.
Pky. Pecky.
Pn. Partition. Also Part'n.
Prod. Production. Also
Prod'n.
Qtd. Quartered - when re-
ferring to hardwoods.
Also see V.G.
rdm. Random,

res. Resawed.
Rfg. Roofing.
Rfrs. Roofers.
rip. Ripped.
r.l. Random lengths.
rnd. Round. Also rd.
R. Sdg. Rustic siding.
r.w. Random widths.
S&E Surfaced one side and
edge.
S1E Surfaced one edge.
S2E Surfaced two edges.
S1S Surfaced one side.
S2S Surfaced two sides.
S1S1E Surfaced one side
and one edge.
S2S1E Surfaced two sides
and one edge.
S1S2E Surfaced one side
and two edges.
S4S Surfaced four sides.
S4SCS Surfaced four sides
with a calking seam on
each edge.
S&CM Surfaced (one
two sides) and center
matched.
S&M Surfaced and matched;
i.e., surfaced one or
two sides and tongued
and grooved on the
edges. The match may
be center or stand-
ard.
S&SM Surfaced (one or two
sides) and standard
matched.
S2S&CM Surfaced two sides
and center matched.

S2S&M Surfaced two sides
and (center or stand-
ard) matched.
S2S&SM Surfaced two sides
and standard matched.
Sap. Sapwood.
SB Standard bead.
Sd. Seasoned.
Sdg. Siding. Also Sidg.
and S/G.
Sel. Select.
S. E. Sdg. Square-edge sid-
ing.
s. f. Surface foot; i. e., an
area of one square foot.
Sftwd. Softwood.
Sh. D. Shipping dry.
Ship. Shipment or ship-
ments.
Shlp. Shiplap. Also S-L
and S/L.
s. m. Surface measure. Syn-
onymous with face meas-
ure (f. m.).
SM Standard matched.
smkd. Smoked (dried).
smk. std. Smoke stained.
s. n. d. Sap no defect.
snd. Sound.
sq. Square.

Sq. E&S Square edged and
sound.
Sqrs. Squares.
Std. Standard.
std. Stained.
stk. Stock.
Stp. Stepping.
S. W. Sound wormy.
T&G Tongued and grooved.
TB&S Top, bottom, and sides.
Tbrs. Timbers.
V1S V one side, i. e., a
longitudinal V-shaped
groove on one face of
a piece of lumber.
V2S V two sides, i. e., a
longitudinal V-shaped
groove on two faces of
a piece of lumber.
V. G. Vertical grain. Syno-
nymous with edge grain
(E. G.), comb grain (C.
G.), quarter-sawed (Q.
S.), quartered (Qtd.),
and rift-sawed (R. S.).
w. a. l. Wider, all lengths.
Wth. Width.
wdr. Wider.
Wgn. Wagon (stock).
wt. Weight.