

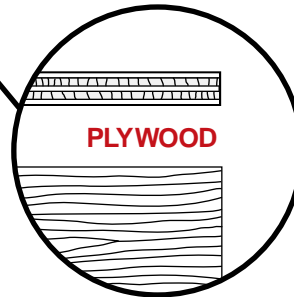
Penn State Pointers ► A Guide to Composite Woods

Composite products are becoming more common for use in do-it-yourself projects as timber-cutting restrictions increase.

Edge View

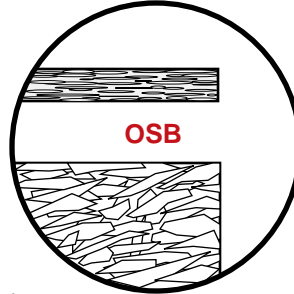
Surface View

The typical sheet dimension is 4 feet wide by 8 feet long. Thickness varies from 1/8th inch to 1 inch.



PLYWOOD...

- Very strong along its length.
- Usually used for roof, floor and wall sheathing.
- Good for shelving, storage and furniture projects.

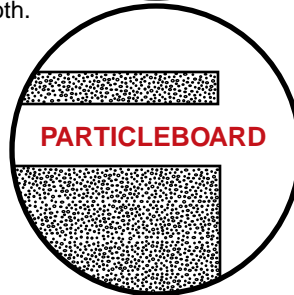


OSB (Oriented Strandboard)...

- Less expensive than plywood.
- Has many of the same uses and qualities as plywood but is not as smooth.

PARTICLEBOARD...

- Due to the particle size, isn't as strong along its length as plywood and OSB.
- Often is used for furniture and as underlayment.
- Smoother than most plywood or OSB.



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