

Freres Adds Mass Timber Beams

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The new beam and column line also gives customers a wider range of product dimensions than most other mass timber options on the market.

Freres' column and beam line is currently APA certified up to a 12" width with a 72" depth, but has the ability to cut product up to 24" thick. And, although the beam and column line is capable of running product up to 60 ft. in length, Freres' current press is limited to 48 ft. Freres will

be seeking certification for products in those larger widths and depths in the coming months.

The patented MPP process allows for large timber dimensions to be produced from small diameter timber. The panel thicknesses are produced in 1" increments, starting at 2" thick and available up to 24" thick. Depending on the orientation of the beam, the 1" increments in thickness will occur in either the width or the depth of the product. Specific engineering data is provided in the APA product certification.

"We are excited to round out our MPP offering with these beams and columns," said Kyle Freres, VP of operations. "Most manufacturers produce either panels or glulam beams, but not necessarily both. Now, Freres is positioned to be a one-stop-shop for all the structural elements of large-scale wood buildings at a cost-competitive price."