

Sized for Spacing

SIZED FOR SPACING is a notation often found in APA Rated Sheathing, APA Rated Sturd-I-Floor and APA Rated Siding trademarks indicating that the manufacturer has produced the panel to a size slightly less than the traditional nominal 48 inches by 96 inches. This is done to facilitate proper panel spacing during construction. The use of the notation is not required when a panel is so manufactured but some manufacturers use the notation as a courtesy to the customer.

SIZED FOR SPACING has nothing to do with a panel's manufacturing tolerances. These tolerances are set by the standard to which the panel is manufactured and are applied to the actual size of the panel produced. For example, if a producer makes full 48-inch by 96-inch panels, the manufacturing tolerances are applied to both the 48-inch and 96-inch dimensions. If the producer opts to manufacture the panels to a size of 47-7/8 inches by 95-7/8 inches to promote proper panel spacing, the manufacturing tolerances apply to these dimensions and the panel may have the SIZED FOR SPACING annotation added to the trademark. The SIZED FOR SPACING designation is never used to circumvent the manufacturing tolerances. A list of the specific length and width tolerances by standard is provided below.

- PS 1-09 Section 5.10.1: A tolerance of plus zero (0) mm, minus 1.6 mm (1/16 in.) shall be allowed on the specified length and width.
- PS 2-10 Section 5.2.1.1: A tolerance of plus or minus of 1.6 mm (1/16 in.) shall be allowed on manufactured length and/or width.
- PRP-108 Section 6.6.1: A tolerance of plus 0, minus 1/8 inch shall be allowed on specified length and/or width.
- ANSI/APA PRP 210-2008 Section 9.1: A tolerance of plus 0, minus 1/8 inch (3.18 mm) on specified length and/or width shall be permitted.

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