



STORAGE & HANDLING

Protected from moisture and weather. Keep covered with factory wrap until time of use. Store on dry level ground using stacked support blocks 10' on-center to transfer load off the ground and to allow air circulation.

DO NOT store BLU joists flat. onCENTER™™, and rim board should be stacked flat.

DO NOT lift BLU joists by top flange with forklift.

DO NOT lift BLU joists flatwise.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Use safety glasses, gloves, hard hats, and other personal protective equipment when handling and installing onCENTER engineered lumber. Contact BlueLinX for MSDS information.

DO NOT walk on onCENTER engineered lumber that is lying flat.

DO NOT stack building materials on unbraced joists. Stack only over bearing walls or main beams.

DO NOT use damaged products.

BRACING REQUIREMENTS

DO NOT allow workers or loads on engineered lumber joists until properly installed and braced.

- Joists are unstable until properly attached and braced laterally. Failure to provide stability can result in serious accidents.
- Restrain joists and beams from rotation at the end supports by use of blocking, girders, a bracing, or continuous closure trim, boarding, rim joist or structural purlin.
- Install all fasteners in each joint, beam, hanger, blocking, panel, a bracing, or continuous closure as it is set.
- Lateral restraint, such as a braced end wall or existing deck, must be established parallel to the first joist in a run. This can also be accomplished by a temporary or permanent deck sheathing fastened to the full length of the first 4' of joists in the run.
- Rows of members running at right angles to the joists and spaced not more than 10' on center must extend to the established lateral restraint. Bracing should be a minimum of 1" x 4" all along the length of the joist face with a minimum of two 8d nails 15" on center in 2x4s. Ends of bracing should overlap at least two joists.
- Ends of gables require temporary bracing on both the top and bottom flanges.
- Sheathing must be completely attached to each BLU joist before additional loads can be placed on the system.
- Joist flanges must remain straight within 1/8" of true alignment.

INSTALLATION NOTES

- BlueLinX onCENTER products must be protected from weather and used only in covered, dry-use conditions (moisture content of engineered lumber must not be less than 16%).
- Engineered lumber must not be installed in direct contact with masonry or concrete.
- BLU joists must be supported by the bottom flange on walls or beams or in hangers. They must not be supported by the top flange, by a non-structural ridge beam, or by toe-nailing into a beam or ledger.
- For BLU joists, minimum end bearing lengths is 3x1", minimum intermediate bearing length is 3x1".
- When nailing to the side face of BLU joists, maintain spacing within the following ranges:

Single Span Spacing	Multiple Spans							
Joist Depth	12" OC	16" OC	19" OC	24" OC	12" OC	16" OC	19" OC	24" OC
BLU 40	19" 0"	19" 0"	19" 0"	14" 0"	19" 0"	17" 11"	19" 0"	14" 0"
BLU 400	11" 0"	21" 0"	19" 0"	18" 0"	16" 0"	23" 0"	20" 0"	18" 0"
11" 0"	24" 0"	22" 0"	20" 0"	18" 0"	21" 11"	22" 0"	20" 0"	18" 0"
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