Important Information

- MicroPro/LifeWood pressure treated wood has corrosion rates on metal products similar to untreated wood. Use fasteners and hardware that are in compliance with the manufacturer’s recommendations and the building code for their intended use. When using aluminum products in conjunction with MicroPro/LifeWood treated wood, refer to the MicroPro Fastener and Hardware Information Sheet for additional information.
- Do not burn preserved wood.
- Wear a dust mask and goggles when cutting or sanding wood.
- Wear gloves when working with wood.
- Some preservative may migrate from the treated wood into soil/water or may dislodge from the treated wood surface upon contact with skin. Wash exposed skin areas thoroughly.
- All sawdust and construction debris should be cleaned up and disposed of after construction.
- Wash work clothes separately from other household clothing before reuse.
- Preserved wood should not be used where it may come into direct or indirect contact with drinking water, except for uses involving incidental contact such as fresh water docks and bridges.
- Do not use preserved wood under circumstances where the preservative may become a component of food, animal feed, or feedstuffs.
- Do not use preserved wood as mulch.
- Only preserved wood that is visibly clean and free of surface residue should be used.
- If the wood is to be used in an interior application and becomes wet during construction, it should be allowed to dry before being covered or enclosed.
- Avoid applying a clear or semi-transparent finish which contains water repellent. For more information visit www.epa.gov.
- Application Recommendations - Preserved wood may be disposed of in landfills or burned in commercial or industrial incinerators or boilers in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations.
- If you desire to apply a paint, stain, clear water repellent, or other finish to your preserved treated wood, we recommend following the manufacturer’s instructions and label of the finishing product. Before you start, we recommend you apply the finishing product to a small exposed test area before completing the entire project to ensure it provides the intended result before proceeding.
- Projects should be designed and installed in accordance with federal, state, and local building codes and ordinances governing construction in your area and in accordance with the National Design Specifications (NDS) and the Wood Handbook.
- Mold growth can and does occur on the surface of many products, including untreated and treated wood, during prolonged surface exposure to excessive moisture conditions. To remove mold from the treated wood surface, wood should be allowed to dry. Typically, mild soap and water can be used to remove remaining surface mold. For more information visit www.epa.gov.

Application Information

- Fasteners - MicroPro® technology offers many benefits including significantly improved corrosion performance. LifeWood® brand pressure treated wood with MicroPro technology exhibit corrosion rates on metal products similar to untreated wood.
- Fasteners and hardware that are in compliance with the manufacturer’s recommendations and the building code for their intended use. When using aluminum products in conjunction with LifeWood treated wood, refer to the MicroPro Fastener and Hardware Information Sheet for additional information.

MicroPro/LifeWood pressure treated wood products are treated with Micronized Copper Azole. MicroPro/LifeWood treated wood products are SCS Green Certified and/or Semi-transparent stains which may contain water repellent.

- Stainless Steel
Stainless steel fasteners and connectors are recommended for use with treated wood in other exterior applications such as swimming pools, salt water exposure, etc. Type 304 and 316 are the recommended grades to use.

- Other fasteners and hardware are recommended as recommended by the manufacturer.
- When appearance permits, attach boards bark side up. As a general rule, attach boards bark side up (annual rings arc upward) to reduce cupping; however, the best face should be placed up when a defect of the wood is apparent. Fasten this board to thicker boards to maintain structural integrity.
- Drill pilot holes - Drill pilot holes especially when nailing or screwing near the edge or end of a board. Pilot holes will help minimize splitting.
- Deck board spacing - Should the wood become wet during construction, butt deck boards together. As drying occurs, some shrinkage can be expected. If the wood is dry, allowing for shrinkage is not necessary.
- Use an endcoat preservative - Brush on endcoat wood preservative is recommended on all saw cuts and into drill holes during construction of wood projects. Also apply on areas where moisture can collect. Follow manufacturer’s recommendations.
- Apply a weather-resistant finish - Any exposed wood, pressure treated or not, should be protected from the weather. Application of a clear water repellent or semi-transparent stain, which contains water repellent, will help minimize the cycle of moisture take-up and loss the wood goes through indoors. If your LifeWood product has been pressure treated with a factory applied water repellent by looking at the end tag. If not factory water repellent treated, thoroughly clean your project with a deck cleaning product. Clear water repellent can be immediately applied to your deck or other project. If you choose to use a semi-transparent stain which contains a water repellent, you need to first check that your project is surface dry. Either wait until the surface is dry or immediately apply clear water repellent and wait approximately 1 week and then apply your chosen color of semi-transparent stain.
- If the LifeWood product contains a factory water repellent, all base stain can be applied in 10 - 60 days and water based stains can be applied after 6 months. Check that the wood is surface dry before applying stain. In all instances follow the manufacturer’s directions when applying water repellents or semi-transparent stains which may contain water repellent.

For more information, call 1-800-585-5161 or visit www.kopperspc.com

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**Revolutionary Technology**

LifeWood® brand treated wood products use the MicroPro® technology, which is a revolutionary way to pressure treat wood for decks, fences, landscaping, and general construction uses. MicroPro technology offers many benefits, including significantly improved corrosion performance. MicroPro/LifeWood pressure treated wood with the MicroPro technology exhibits corrosion rates on metal products similar to untreated wood.

MicroPro/LifeWood pressure treated wood products are protected from termites and fungal decay and are backed by a Residential and Agricultural Limited Warranty Program from Koppers Performance Chemicals Inc. (KPC).

- **Lifetime Limited Warranty for Above Ground general uses.**
- **Lifetime Limited Warranty for Ground Contact and Fresh Water general uses.**

**MicroPro Treated Wood Appearance**

MicroPro/LifeWood pressure treated wood is lighter in color compared to current copper based treated wood products. The unique appearance of MicroPro/LifeWood treated products will help differentiate the product in the marketplace. The attractive color allows DIYers and contractors to build pressure treated projects using treated wood that is lighter, fresher, and more natural in appearance.

MicroPro/LifeWood treated wood products are also available in popular consumer colors similar to redwood and cedar products with the new MicroShades® color pigment system. MicroShades is the only pigmented colorant system that can be used as an “in-solution” system specifically developed for wood treated with the MicroPro preservative. KPC water repellent additives are also available with the MicroPro system.

**Building Code Compliance**

MicroPro/LifeWood products, as described in the ICC Evaluation Services, Inc. ESR-2240, meet all major model building code requirements.

**End Use Classifications for MicroPro Pressure Treated Wood Products**

- **General Use - Above Ground**
  - Examples - decking and sills

- **Ground Contact and Fresh Water Contact**
  - Examples - decks, fence posts, joists, beams, and docks

- **Ground Contact - Critical Structural Members**
  - Examples - building poles, permanent wood foundations

**MicroPro Treated Wood Advantages**

- First Wood Treatment Process to Complete Life-Cycle Assessment Studies - The MicroPro®-wood treatment process systems were analyzed by Scientific Certification Systems under an exhaustive environmental review process called Life-Cycle Assessment (LCA), in accordance with rigorous international standards set by ISO, the leading international standards setting organization. The MicroPro LCA studies are in compliance with ISO standards 14044 and 14025.
- Home Innovation NGBS Green Certified - The MicroPro technology has been approved for points toward National Green Building Certification to the National Green Building Standard. Wood products treated with MicroPro technology are now eligible for more green building points than any other treated wood product in the market.
- UL GREENGUARD GOLD Certification - The MicroPro preservative has undergone rigorous testing and met stringent standards for low volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions. Products certified to this criteria are suitable for use in schools, offices, and other sensitive environments.
- Lighter, more natural wood appearance.
- Improved painting and staining qualities.
- Better corrosion resistance for code-approved fasteners and hardware.
- Carbon steel fasteners may be used for interior, above ground, weather-protected applications such as sill plates, interior framing and interior trusses.
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- End uses include interior and exterior above ground, ground contact, and fresh water immersion.
- MicroShades®, innovative micronized pigment color choices - pressure treated wood colors similar to redwood & cedar.
- Treated wood warranty programs. (See warranty for details.)
- Building code compliant. ICC-ES Reports, ESR-2240.

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