



Setting the Standard — Quality Assurance

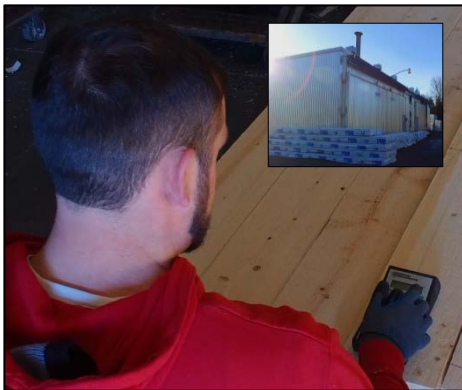
ArmorCoat XT's Quality Assurance Program encompasses five key points, and ownership at every step along the production line. We control product appearance and performance by doing everything in house: drying, milling, edging, grading, treatment and coating. Dimensional tolerances are $\pm .03$ and every product has a knife edge that shouts quality and curb appeal. We do this because —

"Every home deserves trim products that last."

1 TARPING



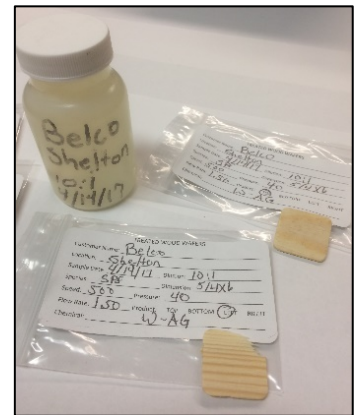
We insist on tarping loads both inbound and outbound to protect against excess moisture.



2 MOISTURE CONTENT

MC is targeted at 13 to 18%. We recondition our stock using onsite kilns so that ArmorCoat XT is a more stable product. Movement, splitting, checking and warp is minimized.

3 TREATMENT



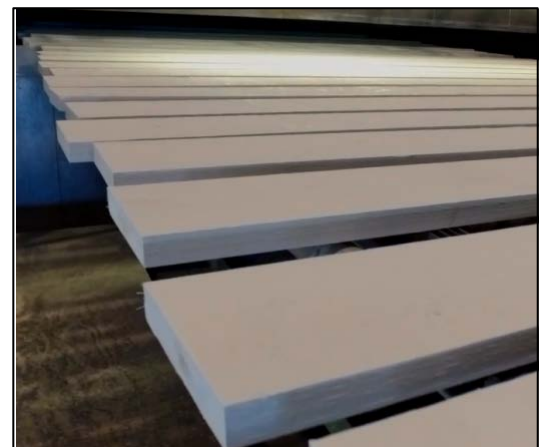
Weekly core samples are sent to our supplier to assure that ArmorCoat XT products meet our 20-year warranty against rot and insect resistance.



4 GRADING

The ArmorCoat XT grade is held throughout production: loading, milling/planing, grading table, and coating. Non-conforming product is repurposed for utility grades, leaving 100% usable product in the field.

5 PRIME COAT



We maintain 6 mm wet application measured every 5 minutes. Our product routinely exceeds ASTM tests for Primer Adhesion (D-3359), Moisture Absorption (D-5795) and Wet Scrub Resistance (D-2486), resulting in the highest-quality protective barrier often mistaken as finished.

ABOUT BELCO FOREST PRODUCTS—In business since 1978, the company operates three manufacturing plants on 16 acres in Shelton, Washington. Belco produces a variety of exterior wood products including the best-selling ArmorCoat XT brand, a line of premium treated trim for residential and commercial applications. All Belco products are available through leading distributors nationwide.

