METHODS OF SAMPLING AND TESTING
MT 404-04
METHOD FOR INSPECTING WOOD PRODUCTS
(Montana Method)

1 Scope:

1.1 This method includes the inspection of all wood products at the mills, the treating plant and after shipment to the job-site.

1.2 A detailed procedure for inspecting wood products is not included in this method because the primary responsibility for such inspections is charged to the Inspector at the Materials Bureau. In the event division or other personnel are required to make inspections of wood products, attention is directed to paragraph 5.1, below.

2 Mill Inspection:

2.1 Plant inspection of all wood products will consist of checking grade, dimensions, etc., in accordance with the applicable section in the Standard Specifications.

3 Treating Plant Inspection:

3.1 (Wood products to be treated may be inspected in the white to determine its suitability for treatment.) After treating is completed, the wood products must be inspected again for:

3.1.1 Adequacy of the treatment.

3.1.2 Damage which may have been caused by or during the treating cycle, or in subsequent handling.

3.2 It is essential that the treating plants call the Materials Bureau at least 48 hours in advance of the time requested for an inspection.

4 Final Inspection:

4.1 At the time of final inspection, all acceptable large timbers (guardrail posts, pilings, sign posts, etc.) are individually stamped with the Circle (M) stamping hammer which denotes acceptance prior to shipment.

4.2 The acceptance of small items (fence posts, etc.) prior to shipment is indicated by inspection seals attached to each bundle.

5 Job-Site Inspection:

5.1 In the event that the inspector from the Materials Bureau is unable to perform the inspection at the plant, Division personnel may be called upon to perform the inspection in the field. Division personnel are directed to contact the Materials Bureau for specific instructions.

5.2 All wood products are subject to final field approval after delivery to the project.