P3 | JOIST INSTALLATION GUIDE

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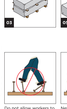
P3 JOIST

Storage and Handling Guidelines

1. Store, stack, and handle P3 Joists in a vertical and level position only.
2. Do not store P3 Joists in direct contact with the ground; do not store P3 Joist flatwise.
3. Protect P3 Joists from weather, and use stickers to separate bundles.
4. To protect P3 Joists further from dirt and weather, do not open bundles until time of installation.
5. When lifting P3 Joists with a crane on the job site, take a few simple precautions to prevent damage to the P3 Joists and to prevent injury to the crane crew.
   - Lift P3 Joists in bundles as shipped by the supplier.
   - Orient the bundles so that the webs of the P3 Joists are vertical.
   - Lift the bundles at the lift points, using a spreader bar if necessary.
6. Do not twist or apply loads to the P3 Joists when horizontal.
7. Never use or try to repair a damaged P3 Joists.



Do not allow workers to walk on P3 Joists until joists are fully installed and temporary bracing is complete. Injuries can result.

Never stack building materials over unsheathed P3 Joists. Do not carry over beams or walls.

Safety Precautions

WARNING P3 joists are not stable until completely installed and will not carry any load until fully braced and sheathed.

Avoid Accidents by Following These Important Guidelines.

1. Brace and nail each P3 Joist as it is installed, using hangers, blocking panels, and/or cross-bridging at joist ends. When P3 Joists are applied continuously over interior supports and a load-bearing wall is planned at the location, temporary bracing is required at the interior supports.
2. When the building is completed, the floor sheathing will provide lateral support for the flange of the P3 Joists. Until this sheathing is applied, temporary bracing, often called struts, or temporary sheathing may be required to prevent joists from overturning or buckling.
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