

## **Forest Products Journal Publication Style Sheet**

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- Letter to the editor
- Commentary
- Special issue article

An original article is a research paper that goes through a normal double blind review process. An original article should briefly discuss in the abstract: the novelty or new finding of the research experiment.

For a feature article, please refer to several that have been published in a most recent journal.

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Authors will be required to submit electronic files of the following items: author information (names, titles, affiliations, mailing addresses, and email addresses), title page, abstract, text, acknowledgments, literature cited, figure captions, tables, and figures. Do not incorporate figures or tables in the text. Please submit the manuscript as a word document.

Any identifying references to authors must be removed from the manuscript, with the exception of the author's information file. For example, acknowledgments should be removed from the manuscript and uploaded as an individual file if they contain identifiable author information.

**A.** Authors' names, job titles, affiliations, complete addresses of the affiliation, and e-mail addresses should be included on a separate page that is uploaded as an individual file in the submission system. The title page should only include the title of the manuscript, which should be as concise as possible. If possible, the title should be written in such a way as to attract a broader audience. Sometimes, the novelty itself could be part of the title and is encouraged.

**B.** The entire manuscript should be double-spaced, in 12-pt Times New Roman font, with line numbers added.

**C.** The abstract should contain, in condensed form (250 words for an article, 100 for a Technical Note), the essence of the entire work, summarizing why the work was done, what was done and how, results and conclusions, and its significance. An original article should briefly discuss in the abstract the novelty, key finding, or new finding of the research experiment.

**D.** In the text, make certain all figures and tables are called out in numeric order and that all references are cited. References should be cited at the appropriate location in the text using the author-date style, in chronologic order. For example: . . . (Brown and Banks 1990, Adams 1995, Evans et al. 1997).

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Hunt, C., J. O'Dell, J. Jakes, W. J. Grigsby, and C. R. Frihart. 2015. Wood as polar size exclusion chromatography media: Implications to adhesive performance. *Forest Prod. J.* 65(1–2):9–14.

Adams, R. 1997. Wood is good. *Forest Prod. J.* 47(1):68–70.

Plaza, N. Z., C. R. Frihart, C. G. Hunt, D. J. Yelle, L. F. Lorenz, W. T. Heller, S. V. Pingali, D. S. Stone, and J. E. Jakes. 2017. Small angle neutron scattering as a new tool to study moisture-induced swelling in the nanostructure of chemically modified wood cell walls. In: International Conference of Wood Adhesives, C. G. Hunt, G. D. Smith, and N. Yan (Eds.), October 25–27, 2017, Atlanta, Georgia; Forest Products Society, Peachtree Corners, Georgia. 5 pp.

Cai, Z., M. O. Hunt, R. J. Ross, and L. A. Soltis. 2002. Screw withdrawal—A means to evaluate densities of in-situ wood members. In: Proceedings of the 13th International Symposium on Nondestructive Testing of Wood, August 19– 21, 2002, Berkeley, California; Forest Products Society, Madison Wisconsin. pp. 277–281.

Evans, R. 2005. Drying schedules for southern pine. USDA Forest Products Laboratory GTR-324. 4 pp. [http://www.fpl.fs.fed.us/documnts/pdf2005/fpl\\_2005\\_evans002.pdf](http://www.fpl.fs.fed.us/documnts/pdf2005/fpl_2005_evans002.pdf). Accessed November 4, 2008.

F. All tables should be typed on separate pages and numbered consecutively. Tables should be kept simple and used for summary data, rather than raw data, if possible. Captions should be included above each table. Tables should be placed at the end of the manuscript, following the references.

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