

Floor-Panel T&G Trim Guidelines for APA Rim Board®

A typical building practice is to lay down the first course of tongue-and-groove (T&G) panels with the tongue to the outer edge of the floor, over the Rim Board. To maintain the APA-recommended minimum fastener edge distance of 3/8 inch, it is sometimes necessary to remove the tongue or the grooved edge.


For APA T&G panels that are 7/8 Performance Category or less it is not necessary to remove the tongue or the groove edge when installed on Rim Board that has a Performance Category of 1-1/8 or greater. Minimum panel bearing length and fastener edge-distance criteria can be met with either the tongue or the groove sides in place.

For APA T&G panels that are greater than 7/8 Performance Category, it is recommended that the tongue or the groove side of the panel be removed when installed on Rim Board with a Performance Category of 1-1/4 or less.

These recommendations are summarized in the table below. Some local jurisdictions may have specific requirements and these recommendations are not intended to supersede those requirements.

TONGUE OR GROOVE TRIM GUIDELINES			
Panel Performance Category ^a	Rim Board Performance Category		
	1	1-1/8	1-1/4
7/8 or less	Trim	Trim not required	Trim not required
Greater than 7/8	Trim	Trim	Trim

a. The length of the T&G profile for panels one-inch thick and thicker is greater than that for thinner panels.

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