Analysis of Heat and MoistureTransfer in a Center-Bored Timber whose Outer Surface is Sealed

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large cross-section timber

Using as a structural member

for Post & beam construction





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Occurrence of drying defects

Especially surface check





Manufacture of center-bored timber

The way to reduce drying defects of large cross section timber during drying





To drill a hole along the central longitudinal axis



Comparison of drying time



Merits of center-bored timber drying

- Less strength reduction
- Restraint of drying defect
- Uniformity of mechanical property
- Lightening the weight : convenient to transportation & construction
- Increment of drying rate
- Reduction of energy consumption
- Uniformity of internal moisture content





Sealed center-bored timber



Sealing the outer surface of wood

Water emission occurs just only on the inner surface (not on the outer surface)

Enhancing drying rate with applying high temperature drying

Sealed center-bored timber

Center-bored & (outer) surface- sealed Timber Drying technology was firstly proposed and has been developed by professor Yeo's team of Seoul National University.

We have reported documents and acquired patents related to this method.



Analyzing temperature and MC change in woods



Controlling the drying time and energy

center-bored (Pitch pine) timber



Inner DIA 80mm-

Initial MC : about 30%





Drying of center-bored timber



Drying of center-bored timber



Drying of center-bored timber

Sealing wood



Temperature change

Thermocouples were inserted into the wood. temperature was measured and recorded using data logger (CR1000, Campbell Scientific Inc.).



Moisture contents

For determining average moisture content of wood, the weight of the specimens was measured during drying.



For analyzing moisture transfer, outer, center, and inner part of specimens were cut and weighed at 8 hour intervals during drying.

Control of drying process

Applying Near-Infrared spectroscopic method





Surface moisture content was measured by NIR spectroscopic method. Time to finish drying process is determined.

Drying of center-bored timber



Final moisture contents : about 5%

Temperature change





Temperature change





Temperature change





Temperature change





Temperature change





Temperature change





surface center

~~~ 62.1 temperature(°C) temperaure(°C) setting setting surface surface center center time(hour) time(hour)

Control wood

Temperature change

Sealing wood

Wood temperature was increased during approximately 3 hours to reach around the target setting temperature.



32

outer

center

48

inner

40



Control wood

Drying rate

Sealing wood

24

Time(hour)

Control wood : outer surface was dried rapidly Sealing wood : drying rate of inner surface was higher than that of outer surface



0 hr







Sealing wood

Control wood

MC variation

2 hr



outer center



Control wood

Sealing wood









Control wood

Sealing wood



16 hr



Control wood





Sealing wood



24 hr







Sealing wood

Control wood



48 hr







Control wood

Sealing wood

Drying energy of center-bored timber



Total energy consumption : 163.14kWh

Comparison of drying energy



Comparison of drying defects



Control wood

-surface check

No.	Length of surface check (cm)
1	8.49
2	13.15
3	9.51
4	20.08
5	5.67
6	5.14
average	10.34
S.D.	5.58



Control wood : surface checks were occurred during drying Sealing wood : dried without drying defects

Utilization of center-bored timber



Conclusion

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Reduction of drying time by high temperature drying of center-bored timber

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Preventing drying defects by sealing pitch pine center-bored timber Reduction of drying energy of large cross section timber by center-boring process

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Thank You !