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Southern Pine Span Tables

Tables 1 through 12 are abbreviated span tables for selected Southern Pine visual, Machine Stress Rated (MSR) and Machine Evaluated Lumber (MEL) grades. These tables are intended for use under dry-service conditions. For other grades, loading conditions and on-center spacings, refer to *Maximum Spans for Southern Pine Joists & Rafters* published by the Southern Forest Products Association.

Applied loads for each table are given in pounds per square foot (psf). Deflection is limited to the span in inches divided by 360, 240 or 180 and is based on live load only. The load duration factor, $C_{\rm D}$, is 1.0 unless shown as 1.15 for snow loads or 1.25 for construction loads. Spans are given in feet and inches and are the maximum allowable horizontal span of the member from inside to inside of bearings. For sloping rafters, the span is also measured along the horizontal projection.

The spans were determined on the same basis as the coderecognized *Span Tables for Joists and Rafters* published by the American Wood Council. Standard engineering design formulas for simple span beams with uniformly distributed gravity loads were used; concentrated loads and uplift loads caused by wind were not considered. The calculated spans assume fully supported members, properly sheathed and nailed on the top edge of the joist or rafter. Maximum spans for the visual grades (No.1, No.2 and No.3) were calculated using new design values effective June 1, 2013. Not all of the possible Southern Pine grade/size combinations are produced. Check sources of supply for available grades and sizes, and for lumber longer than 20 feet; an asterisk (*) indicates a listed span has been limited to 26'-0" based on availability.

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Typical Lumber Grade Marks







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Table 1 Floor Joists

30 or 40 psf live load; 10 psf dead load; ℓ/360 deflection limit

	Visual Grade		No).1	No. 2		No. 3	
					Live	Load		
			30	40	30	40	30	40
	2x6	12 16 24	11-10 10-9 9-4	10-9 9-9 8-6	11-3 10-3 8-6	10-3 9-4 7-7	9-2 7-11 6-5	8-2 7-1 5-9
Spacing	2x8	12 16 24	15-7 14-2 12-4	14-2 12-10 11-3	14-11 13-3 10-10	13-6 11-10 9-8	11-6 10-0 8-2	10-3 8-11 7-3
Size & 9	2x10	12 16 24	19-10 18-0 14-8	18-0 16-1 13-1	18-1 15-8 12-10	16-2 14-0 11-5	13-11 12-1 9-10	12-6 10-10 8-10
	2x12	12 16 24	24-2 21-4 17-5	21-11 19-1 15-7	21-4 18-6 15-1	19-1 16-6 13-6	16-6 14-4 11-8	14-9 12-10 10-5

Table 2 Ceiling Joists - Drywall ceiling

10 psf live load; 5 psf dead load; ℓ/240 deflection limit 20 psf live load; 10 psf dead load; $\ell/240$ deflection limit

	Visual Grade		No	0.1	No	. 2	No. 3				
				Live Load							
			10	20	10	20	10	20			
bu	2x6	12 16 24	19-6 17-8 15-6	15-6 14-0 11-5	18-8 16-11 13-11	13-11 12-0 9-10	14-11 12-11 10-7	10-7 9-2 7-5			
e & Spacing	2x8	12 16 24	25-8 23-4 20-5	20-5 17-9 14-6	24-7 21-7 17-7	17-7 15-3 12-6	18-9 16-3 13-3	13-3 11-6 9-5			
Size	2x10	12 16 24	26-0* 26-0* 23-11	23-11 20-9 16-11	26-0* 25-7 20-11	20-11 18-1 14-9	22-9 19-9 16-1	16-1 13-11 11-5			

Table 3 Rafters – Medium roofing: Drywall ceiling; Snow load

20, 30, or 40 psf live load; 15 psf dead load; ℓ /240 deflection limit Load duration factor = 1.15 for snow loads

Vi	sual Gr	ade		No.1			No. 2			No. 3	
Г						L	ive Load	1			
			20	30	40	20	30	40	20	30	40
	2x6	12 16 24	15-6 13-11 11-4	13-6 12-3 10-0	12-3 11-1 9-1	13-10 11-11 9-9	12-2 10-7 8-7	11-0 9-6 7-9	10-6 9-1 7-5	9-3 8-0 6-6	8-4 7-3 5-11
Size & Spacing	2x8	12 16 24	20-4 17-7 14-5	17-10 15-6 12-8	16-2 14-1 11-6	17-6 15-2 12-4	15-5 13-4 10-11	14-0 12-1 9-10	13-2 11-5 9-4	11-8 10-1 8-3	10-6 9-1 7-5
	2x10	12 16 24	23-9 20-7 16-10	21-0 18-2 14-10	19-0 16-5 13-5	20-9 18-0 14-8	18-4 15-10 12-11	16-7 14-4 11-9	16-0 13-10 11-4	14-1 12-3 10-0	12-9 11-1 9-0
	2x12	12 16 24	26-0* 24-5 20-0	24-11 21-7 17-7	22-6 19-6 15-11	24-5 21-2 17-3	21-7 18-8 15-3	19-6 16-11 13-9	18-11 16-5 13-5	16-8 14-6 11-10	15-1 13-1 10-8

Table 4 Rafters – Drywall or No Finished ceiling; Construction load

20 psf live load: 10 psf dead load: \(\ell/240\) or \(\ell/180\) deflection limit Load duration factor = 1.25 for construction loads

	aa aaraaan	laotoi	1 = 1.20 for concuraction loads							
	Visual Grade)	No	.1	No	. 2	No	. 3	Products	
					Deflecti	on Limit			Pro	
			240	180	240	180	240	180	Forest	
ing	2x6	12 16 24	15-6 14-1 12-3	17-0 15-6 12-9	14-9 13-5 11-0	15-7 13-6 11-0	11-9 10-2 8-4	11-9 10-2 8-4	Southern For	
ze & Spacing	2x8	12 16 24	20-5 18-6 16-2	22-5 19-10 16-2	19-6 17-1 13-11	19-8 17-1 13-11	14-10 12-10 10-6	14-10 12-10 10-6	© 2013 So	
Size	2x10	12 16 24	26-0 23-2 18-11	26-0* 23-2 18-11	23-5 20-3 16-6	23-5 20-3 16-6	18-0 15-7 12-9	18-0 15-7 12-9	Copyright (

Table 5 Floor Joists

30 or 40 psf live load; 10 psf dead load; ℓ/360 deflection limit

	MSR Grade		24001	-2.0E	16501	-1.5E	1500f-1.6E	
					Live	Load		
			30	40	30	40	30	40
	2x6	12 16 24	12-9 11-7 10-1	11-7 10-6 9-2	11-7 10-6 9-2	10-6 9-6 8-4	11-10 10-9 9-4	10-9 9-9 8-6
Spacing	2x8	12 16 24	16-9 15-3 13-4	15-3 13-10 12-1	15-3 13-10 12-1	13-10 12-7 11-0	15-7 14-2 12-4	14-2 12-10 11-3
Size & 9	2x10	12 16 24	21-5 19-5 17-0	19-5 17-8 15-5	19-5 17-8 15-5	17-8 16-0 14-0	19-10 18-0 15-9	18-0 16-5 14-4
	2x12	12 16 24	26-0 23-7 20-8	23-7 21-6 18-9	23-7 21-6 18-9	21-6 19-6 17-0	24-2 21-11 19-2	21-11 19-11 17-5

Table 6 Ceiling Joists - Drywall ceiling

10 psf live load; $\bar{5}$ psf dead load; ℓ /240 deflection limit 20 psf live load; 10 psf dead load; ℓ /240 deflection limit

	MSR Grade		2400	f-2.0E	1650	f-1.5E	1500f-1.6E			
			Live Load							
			10	20	10	20	10	20		
bu	2x6	12 16 24	21-0 19-1 16-8	16-8 15-2 13-3	19-1 17-4 15-2	15-2 13-9 12-0	19-6 17-8 15-6	15-6 14-1 12-0		
e & Spacing	2x8	12 16 24	26-0* 25-2 21-11	21-11 19-11 17-5	25-2 22-10 19-11	19-11 18-2 15-10	25-8 23-4 20-5	20-5 18-6 15-10		
Size	2x10	12 16 24	26-0* 26-0* 26-0*	26-0* 25-5 22-3	26-0* 26-0* 25-5	25-5 23-2 20-2	26-0* 26-0* 26-0	26-0 23-8 20-3		

Table 7 Rafters – Medium roofing: Drywall ceiling; Snow load

20, 30, or 40 psf live load; 15 psf dead load; ℓ /240 deflection limit Load duration factor = 1.15 for snow loads

M	SR Gra	ide	2	400f-2.0	E	1	650f-1.5	E	1	500f-1.6	iΕ
						L	ive Load	i			
			20	30	40	20	30	40	20	30	40
	2x6	12 16 24	16-8 15-2 13-3	14-7 13-3 11-7	13-3 12-0 10-6	15-2 13-9 12-0	13-3 12-0 10-6	12-0 10-11 9-6	15-6 14-1 11-11	13-6 12-3 10-7	12-3 11-2 9-6
Spacing	2x8	12 16 24	21-11 19-11 17-5	19-2 17-5 15-3	17-5 15-10 13-10	19-11 18-2 15-10	17-5 15-10 13-10	15-10 14-5 12-7	20-5 18-6 15-9	17-10 16-2 13-11	16-2 14-8 12-7
Size & S	2x10	12 16 24	26-0* 25-5 22-3	24-6 22-3 19-5	22-3 20-2 17-8	25-5 23-2 20-2	22-3 20-2 17-8	20-2 18-4 16-0	26-0 23-8 20-1	22-9 20-8 17-9	20-8 18-9 16-0
	2x12	12 16 24	26-0* 26-0* 26-0*	26-0* 26-0* 23-7	26-0* 24-7 21-6	26-0* 26-0* 24-7	26-0* 24-7 21-6	24-7 22-4 19-6	26-0* 26-0* 24-5	26-0* 25-1 21-7	25-1 22-10 19-6

Table 8 Rafters - Drywall or No Finished ceiling; Construction load

20 psf live load; 10 psf dead load; ℓ /240 or ℓ /180 deflection limit Load duration factor = 1.25 for construction loads

	MSR Grade		24001	-2.0E	1650	-1.5E	1500f-1.6E				
			Deflection Limit								
			240	180	240	180	240	180			
ing	2x6	12 16 24	16-8 15-2 13-3	18-4 16-8 14-7	15-2 13-9 12-0	16-8 15-2 13-3	15-6 14-1 12-3	17-0 15-6 13-6			
ze & Spacing	2x8	12 16 24	21-11 19-11 17-5	24-2 21-11 19-2	19-11 18-2 15-10	21-11 19-11 17-5	20-5 18-6 16-2	22-5 20-5 17-9			
Size	2x10	12 16 24	26-0* 25-5 22-3	26-0* 26-0* 24-6	25-5 23-2 20-2	26-0* 25-5 22-3	26-0 23-8 20-8	26-0* 26-0 22-8			

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Table 9 Floor Joists

30 or 40 psf live load; 10 psf dead load; ℓ/360 deflection limit

	MEL Grade		M-14 (1	800-1.7)	M-29 (1	550-1.7)	M-12 (1600-1.6)	
					Live	Load		
			30	40	30	40	30	40
	2x6	12 16 24	12-0 10-11 9-7	10-11 9-11 8-8	12-0 10-11 9-7	10-11 9-11 8-8	11-10 10-9 9-4	10-9 9-9 8-6
Spacing	2x8	12 16 24	15-10 14-5 12-7	14-5 13-1 11-5	15-10 14-5 12-7	14-5 13-1 11-5	15-7 14-2 12-4	14-2 12-10 11-3
Size & 9	2x10	12 16 24	20-3 18-5 16-1	18-5 16-9 14-7	20-3 18-5 16-1	18-5 16-9 14-7	19-10 18-0 15-9	18-0 16-5 14-4
	2x12	12 16 24	24-8 22-5 19-7	22-5 20-4 17-9	24-8 22-5 19-7	22-5 20-4 17-9	24-2 21-11 19-2	21-11 19-11 17-5

Table 10 Ceiling Joists – Drywall ceiling

10 psf live load; 5 psf dead load; ℓ/240 deflection limit 20 psf live load: 10 psf dead load: \(\ell/240\) deflection limit

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	MEL Grade		M-14 (1	800-1.7)	M-29 (1	550-1.7)	M-12 (1600-1.6)				
					Live	Load					
			10	20	10	20	10	20			
		12	19-11	15-9	19-11	15-9	19-6	15-6			
	2x6	16	18-1	14-4	18-1	14-4	17-8	14-1			
Spacing		24	15-9	12-6	15-9	12-3	15-6	12-3			
ac.		12	26-0*	20-10	26-0*	20-10	25-8	20-5			
S	2x8	16	23-10	18-11	23-10	18-11	23-4	18-6			
త		24	20-10	16-6	20-10	16-2	20-5	16-2			
Size		12	26-0*	26-0*	26-0*	26-0*	26-0*	26-0			
٠,	2x10	16	26-0*	24-1	26-0*	24-1	26-0*	23-8			
		24	26-0*	21-1	26-0*	20-7	26-0	20-8			

Table 11 Rafters – Medium roofing: Drywall ceiling; Snow load

20, 30, or 40 psf live load; 15 psf dead load; ℓ/240 deflection limit Load duration factor = 1.15 for snow loads

N	IEL Gra	de	M-1	4 (1800-	-1.7)	M-2	9 (1550-	1.7)	M-1	2 (1600-	1.6)
Г						L	ive Load	i			
			20	30	40	20	30	40	20	30	40
Size & Spacing	2x6	12 16 24	15-9 14-4 12-6	13-9 12-6 10-11	12-6 11-5 9-11	15-9 14-4 12-2	13-9 12-6 10-9	12-6 11-5 9-8	15-6 14-1 12-3	13-6 12-3 10-9	12-3 11-2 9-9
	2x8	12 16 24	20-10 18-11 16-6	18-2 16-6 14-5	16-6 15-0 13-1	20-10 18-11 16-0	18-2 16-6 14-2	16-6 15-0 12-9	20-5 18-6 16-2	17-10 16-2 14-2	16-2 14-8 12-10
	2x10	12 16 24	26-0* 24-1 21-1	23-2 21-1 18-5	21-1 19-2 16-9	26-0* 24-1 20-5	23-2 21-1 18-0	21-1 19-2 16-4	26-0 23-8 20-8	22-9 20-8 18-0	20-8 18-9 16-5
	2x12	12 16 24	26-0* 26-0* 25-7	26-0* 25-7 22-5	25-7 23-3 20-4	26-0* 26-0* 24-10	26-0* 25-7 21-11	25-7 23-3 19-10	26-0* 26-0* 25-1	26-0* 25-1 21-11	25-1 22-10 19-11

Table 12 Rafters – Drywall or No Finished ceiling; Construction load

20 psf live load; 10 psf dead load; $\ell/240$ or $\ell/180$ deflection limit

Lo	ad duration	factor	= 1.25 fo	.25 for construction loads							
	MEL Grade		M-14 (1	800-1.7)	M-29 (1	550-1.7)	M-12 (1	600-1.6)	Products		
					Deflecti	on Limit			Pro		
			240	180	240	180	240	180	est		
ing	2x6	12 16 24	15-9 14-4 12-6	17-4 15-9 13-9	15-9 14-4 12-6	17-4 15-9 13-8	15-6 14-1 12-3	17-0 15-6 13-6	Southern For		
re & Spacing	2x8	12 16 24	20-10 18-11 16-6	22-11 20-10 18-2	20-10 18-11 16-6	22-11 20-10 18-0	20-5 18-6 16-2	22-5 20-5 17-10	© 2013 So		
Size	2x10	12 16 24	26-0* 24-1 21-1	26-0* 26-0* 23-2	26-0* 24-1 21-1	26-0* 26-0* 23-0	26-0 23-8 20-8	26-0* 26-0 22-9	Copyright (