

## Publications

AHA's list of publications includes the following:

- Today's Hardboard
- Recommended Basic Application and Painting Instructions for Hardboard Siding
- Maintenance Tips for Hardboard Siding
- Basic Hardboard Products
- ANSI Standard A135.4 (Basic Hardboard)
- ANSI Standard A135.5 (Hardboard Paneling)
- ANSI Standard A135.6 (Hardboard Siding)

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# American Hardboard Association

## Description

The American Hardboard Association (AHA) is the national trade organization of manufacturers of hardboard products used for exterior siding, interior wall paneling, household and commercial furniture and industrial and commercial products.

AHA serves as the central clearing house on industry and technical information for architects, builders, contractors, distributors, dealers, government agencies and the general public. The Association works with governmental and private organizations to develop and improve industry standards and specifications and to update building codes.

## Objectives

AHA serves the hardboard and construction industries and the public through these purposes:

1. Promote increased use and consumption of hardboard products.
2. Conduct educational and research activities.
3. Formulate or assist in formulation of tests and test methods for industry products.
4. Collect and disseminate pertinent industry data.
5. Represent the industry in contacts and relations with other organizations, the government and the public.
6. Provide data on conditions affecting or which may affect the industry.
7. Provide data on improved operating methods and procedures.
8. Engage in all lawful activities appropriate for an industry trade association to assist industry members, product users and the general public.

## Programs of AHA

The following are some of the many programs of AHA:

**Publications** – AHA publishes a variety of brochures and pamphlets which are utilized by the construction industry and the public.

**Statistics** – A monthly statistical program on hardboard product shipments is conducted. And, special studies such as plant capacities, labor and operating data, product imports and industry economic data are undertaken periodically.

**Standards/Specifications** – The Association pursues a program to encourage the promulgation of technically sound voluntary national product standards to accommodate changes in the nature of materials and construction techniques. Product specifications are prepared and reviewed to reflect current product development and improvement.

**Research** – Timely research activities relating to hardboard use and performance are conducted with independent research organizations in areas such as finishing performance and proper application.

**Building Codes** – The Association has a keen interest in updating and otherwise improving the present building code system so that the various codes will accommodate technological advances in materials and construction techniques. AHA monitors codes of the model code groups and the city, state and regional bodies, and assists members in obtaining approval of their products by the code authorities.

**Environmental Affairs** – AHA is deeply concerned with the treatment of industry waste water and the development of government guidelines relating thereto. Constant contact is maintained with the Environmental Protection Agency in this area as well as for rules pertaining to the handling of solid waste and air emissions.

**Government Relations** – Contact is maintained with a wide variety of Federal agencies and departments such as OSHA, HUD, Commerce, Census, GSA, FMHA and the

International Trade Commission regarding regulations on safety, imports, product specifications, statistics and product liability.

**Plant Safety and Health** – The Association conducts a plant safety program and assists the plants with the quarterly analysis of injuries. In addition, AHA is involved with OSHA and NIOSH in the development of safety standards and health criteria for the improvement of working conditions.

**Promotion/Publication Relations** – The Association represents the industry in contacts with other organizations and publics. Educational and promotional programs provide industry information.

## Product Quality Conformance

AHA administers a quality conformance program for Hardboard Siding.

**Hardboard Siding** products are tested at an independent laboratory in accordance with Product Standard ANSI/AHA 135.6 and are stamped with this mark:



Participation in the program is voluntary. It is open to members and non-members of the Association.

The objectives of this program are to maintain the quality of the industry's products, and to provide a means by which the public can have greater assurance of obtaining a dependable product adequate for its needs.