

Pole Marking & Code Letters



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The code letters, not less than 5/8-inch (16mm) high if burn-branded, and not less than 1/8-inch (3mm) high if on a metal or weather-durable, color coded tag, designating the pole species and preservative used, shall be as follows:

Species	Code letters
Cedar	
Alaska yellow	YC
Northern white (eastern)	EC
Western red	WC
Douglas-fir	DF
Larch, western	WL
Pine	
Jack	JP
Lodgepole	LP
Ponderosa	WP
Radiata (Chilean)	CP
Red (Norway)	NP
Scots	PS
Southern	SP
Loblolly	
Longleaf	
Shortleaf	
Slash	

NOTE – The preservative will be designated by adding to the species code the proper preservative code from the latest edition of American Wood Protection Association Standard M6.

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The bottom of the brand or mark shall be placed squarely on the face of the pole and at 10 feet (3m) +/- 2 inches (5cm) from the butt of poles 50 feet (15.2m) or less in length and at 14 feet (4.3m) +/- 2 inches (5cm) from the butt of poles 55 feet (16.8m) or more in length or as otherwise specified in the purchase order. The arrangement and order of the code letters and figures shall be as follows:

PTC	Supplier's code or trademark (for example, Pole Treating Company)
F-15	Plant location and year of treatment (for example, Forestville - 2015)
SPC	Species and preservative code (for example, southern pine, creosote)
5-35	Size (for example, Class 5 - 35-foot pole or Class 5 - 10.7m pole)