

“Formaldehyde-Free” What Do We Mean By It?

From time to time, people ask us “if formaldehyde is a naturally-occurring element, how can you say that PureBond® hardwood plywood is ‘formaldehyde-free’?”

This can be a confusing point, especially since the FDA (Food & Drug Administration) allows labels to advertise products as “fat-free” or “sugar-free” when the food has less than .5 grams of fat or sugar per serving! It can even be “calorie free” when it’s got fewer than 5 calories per serving...

From the Columbia Forest Products website:

“Formaldehyde-free. When we say PureBond technology is ‘formaldehyde-free,’ we’re describing the way our hardwood plywood panels are comprised of no added urea formaldehyde components and assembled with no added urea formaldehyde adhesives.”

In other words, we don’t add any urea formaldehyde to the products we call “formaldehyde-free,” whether in the resin or the wood that makes up the core of the panel. For example, our PureBond Veneer Core Hardwood Plywood is comprised of core layers of dried wood (mostly fir, pine, poplar or aspen), bonded together using our innovative, soy-based PureBond technology.

The resulting plywood product adds no additional formaldehyde to what exists naturally in the wood itself. It contributes no additional pollutants into our environment.

We make a point of explaining how we construct and describe our hardwood plywood panels because of the growing regulations and concern surrounding the use of urea formaldehyde adhesives in composite wood products.

Please contact us at cfpmarketing@cfpwood.com with any question or comments about Columbia Forest Products and PureBond hardwood plywood panels.

