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## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INSTALLING SOUTHERN PINE KDAT PORCH FLOORING

Treated yellow pine porch flooring is warrantied against rot and termites but NOT WARRANTIED AGAINST COTRACTION AND EXPANSION. Southern yellow pine will contract and expand with change in temperature and moisture. Contraction and expansion MUST be considered during construction of your porch.

These are recommendations we have found that help with porch installation:

## **FRAMING**

- 1) Slope porch 1/4" per foot to permit adequate water runoff.
- 2) A vapor barrier on ground is recommended to stop upward migration of water
- 3) Allow ventilation beneath porch
- 4) Do not apply straight to plywood
- 5) Do not span over 16" OC
- 6) Apply perpendicular to house

## **APPLYING FLOORING**

- 1) Flooring should be sealed with exterior sealer or primer on all six sides before installing
- 2) Allow 1/2" expansion space between flooring and house. This space can be covered with trim
- 3) Allow 1/32" (1/16" is better) between each piece of flooring
- 4) Blind nail flooring on each joist
- 5) KDAT porch flooring must be finished with high quality exterior paint of porch enamel
- 6) NEVER use tongue and groove southern yellow pine in uncovered application