

Tripp Lumber Company

Missoula, Montana

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With over 30 years in the lumber industry, Tripp Lumber Company has built its reputation by producing the highest quality products available on the market. Together with on-time shipments and outstanding service, Tripp Lumber's number one priority is its customers. Tripp values that personal relationship. Success in a niche market that hinges on providing quality products and being able to adapt to changes in the industry. But just as important as the products, the lumber business is about people, service and respect.

Dave Tripp, owner and president of Tripp Lumber Company, is candid about the success of his 28-year-old remanufacturing plant which is located in Missoula, Montana. The products range in variety from multiple hewn, and beveled siding products, to re-sawn timbers and C flooring. While Tripp Lumber continues to produce all of its traditional products, it is always striving to find new ones.



Log Cabin Siding brings the log home look to any home.



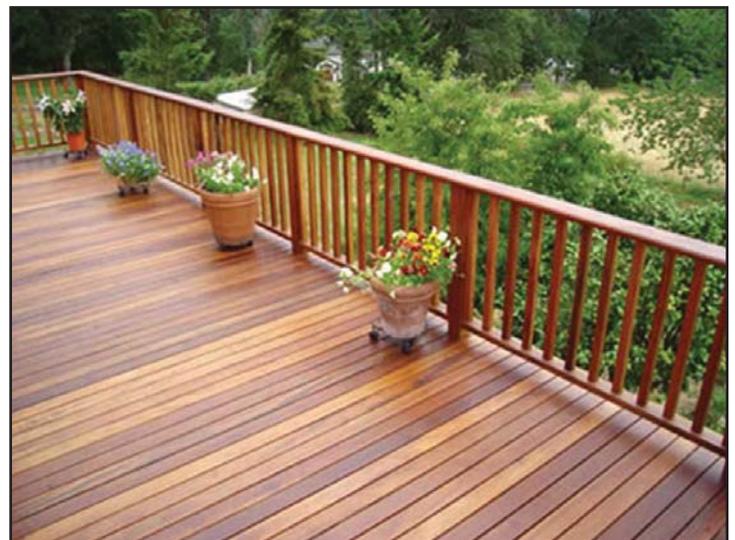
Timber Siding gives new life to an oldtime look.

quality log siding. Even television stars have taken notice of Tripp Lumber's superb craftsmanship. For instance, Marg Helgenberger, who portrayed Catherine Willows in the hit CBS-TV show CSI, built a home of various log products, such as 1x10s, that were manufactured by Tripp Lumber. In recent years, Tripp Lumber has become one of the top three producers of log siding in the industry.

Tripp Lumber's ability to change, and find niche products to market, has been the key to its success. Through the years, Tripp Lumber has made and perfected new products that wholesale distributors sought after for the quality of the products and competitive pricing. Tripp Lumber listens to its customers to find out what they need. Tripp Lumber

Commitment to solid relationships with customers is a goal originally developed by Dave's father, Don Tripp, who introduced his family to the lumber industry in the 1950s when he transported lumber. As a teenager, Dave joined his father in the business, and by 1977, they had expanded their services from three trucks to 50. In the 1980s, as the lumber industry endured a stifling recession, the Tripp team forged new paths as businessmen. Don Tripp continued transporting lumber while Dave pursued inroads into lumber production, which led to the formation of the Tripp Lumber remanufacturing plant in 1985.

Tripp Lumber's products have evolved through the years, and now the company specializes in several specific items, such as



Cumaru decking was developed for high end exterior decks.

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also offers added value through various services, and can do all this while promising a turn-around on the product within two weeks.

Installation of new equipment in recent years, include an end matching machine for floors and patterned wood, Yates American A20 planers, chop saws, trim saws and a resaw, has facilitated faster production, and as a result, faster deliveries from Tripp Lumber Company. Products manufactured include Grizzly Hewn Log Siding, which has a rustic non-manufactured look that appeals to many customers. Inland lumber species, such as Lodge Pole Pine and Douglas Fir, are primarily used for Grizzly products. However, Tripp Lumber manufactures smaller quantities of siding in White Fir, Cedar and SPF.



Tripp Lumber Timbers make a huge statment in any project.



Pattern Boards give a special warm feel to the ceiling space.

As a complement to its log siding products, Tripp Lumber offers items such as 2x6 and 2x8 tongue and groove boards for floors and ceilings. These products tend to appeal to customers who are building either log homes or luxury homes. Customers want a consistent look for their entire home, rather than just the exterior of the home appearing to be a log home. Tripp Lumber also provides 1x6 and 1x8 pattern boards for interior paneling, as well as circle sawn 1x6 and 1x8 for flooring. It further enables customers to assimilate the “log cabin look” in their homes by manufacturing accent items, such as log corners, posts, beams, stair railings and stair treads.

Tripp Lumber Company is capable of producing 250,000 board feet per day at its six acre facility in Missoula. Inventory is maintained at five million board feet in a variety of widths and thicknesses, ranging from 1x4 to 3x10 inch Lodge Pole Pine, Hem Fir, Ponderosa Pine and Cedar.

Tripp Lumber, ships via BNSF railroad and independent trucking carriers. The company can provide services such as transport of mixed loads, repackaging, reload/unload and bar coding of yard packs to assist in tracking the customers’ inventory.

The Tripps believe a need will always exist in this industry for more niche products, and for new and creative ideas. The company will continue to find ways to develop and produce these products to the best of its ability. One new product that they predict will be “huge” in the market in the near future is Tripp Lumber’s Brazilian hardwood decking program, which is geared toward outside decks as an alternative to composite decking.

Dave Tripp commented, “Overall, our secret to success is simple; We cater to making products that people want. This has worked for us for decades, and I’m proud to say that some of our customers have faithfully been with us for more than 37 years.”



Log options are also available for walls, corners, stairs, railings etc.

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