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# Adhesive Free Timber Buildings

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## Abstract

Regulatory and customer pressure is driving an increasing need for sustainability in the construction sector. Replacing the glue in laminated timber products offers a route to this goal. While the greatest environmental impact of these adhesives is during manufacture, their presence may significantly hinder the recycling/reuse potential of engineered wood products (EWPs). Timber buildings are normally constructed using EWPs connected using steel connectors. Changing from steel to wood-based connection systems will enhance their environmental performance. This mini-symposium will provide a forum for presentation and discussion of the state-of-the-art in field of wood material characterization and modelling, engineered wood products testing and design with emphasis on adhesive free timber construction.

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