

If You Own or Owned a Home or Other Building in One of the Following Counties on Which LP or ABTco TrimBoard Is or Was Installed, Please Read This Legal Notice Carefully, Your Rights Could Be Affected:

Aiken, Lexington, Richland, Kershaw, Chesterfield, Marlboro, Barnwell, Orangeburg, Calhoun, Sumter, Lee, Darlington, Dillon, Marion, Florence, Clarendon, Bamberg, Allendale, Hampton, Jasper, Beaufort, Colleton, Dorchester, Berkeley, Georgetown, Williamsburg, and Horry

<p>You may be affected by a proposed settlement of a class action lawsuit about manufactured wood trim known as “TrimBoard”, “Pro Trim” or “Choice Trim.” The proposed settlement affects a “Class” or group of people that may include you. This notice briefly summarizes your rights. <u>This notice is a summary only.</u> For complete information, please visit the Web sites listed below.</p> <p>What Is This Lawsuit About?</p> <p>The lawsuit is called <u>Kevin Brunson, Eunice Caro, and Clifton Spann v. Louisiana-Pacific Corporation and ABT Building Products Corporation a/k/a ABTCO</u>, Case No. 2:07-3186-RMG, and is pending in the U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina. ABTco and Louisiana-Pacific Corporation manufacture wood composite trim products, marketed as TrimBoard, Pro Trim and Choice Trim (all referred to in this notice as “TrimBoard”). Plaintiffs claim that Defendants were engaged in the business of designing, manufacturing and supplying TrimBoard that was defective, thus breaching express and implied warranties. The lawsuit alleges that a defect in TrimBoard allows for premature deterioration and other problems under normal conditions.</p> <p>Defendants claim that TrimBoard is a good product and that they have lived up to all of their obligations under the warranty.</p> <p>Are You a Class Member?</p> <p>The proposed settlement involves members of the TrimBoard Settlement Class. You are a part of the Class if you presently own, or formerly owned, property on which TrimBoard is or was installed in one of the following counties:</p> <p>Aiken, Lexington, Richland, Kershaw, Chesterfield, Marlboro, Barnwell, Orangeburg, Calhoun, Sumter, Lee, Darlington, Dillon, Marion, Florence, Clarendon, Bamberg, Allendale, Hampton, Jasper, Beaufort, Colleton, Dorchester, Berkeley, Georgetown, Williamsburg, and Horry</p> <p>What Are the Terms of The Proposed Settlement?</p> <p>If approved, the proposed settlement provides a claims program through which Class Members can obtain a cash payment for TrimBoard that is damaged as defined in the Settlement. ABTco will send Class Counsel a check for \$13 per linear foot of damaged TrimBoard. The complete settlement is available by visiting the websites below.</p>	<p>How To Identify TrimBoard</p> <p>TrimBoard is a composite product made from wood fibers, glues and waxes. It has a paper surface that may be smooth or embossed with a texture that looks like cedar. To identify whether you have TrimBoard, you may ask the contractor who installed your trim or your siding. For more information on how to identify TrimBoard, you may also visit the Web site or call the numbers appearing at the bottom of this page.</p> <p>Who Represents You?</p> <p>The Court has appointed Paul A. Dominick, of NEXSEN PRUET, LLC and Justin Lucey, of JUSTIN O’TOOLE LUCEY, P.A., to represent you as “Class Counsel.” As compensation for their fees and expenses, Class Counsel will take 1/3rd of the amount paid by ABTco on each claim under the Settlement. You may hire your own lawyer to appear in Court for you. If you do, you have to pay that lawyer. Kevin Brunson, Eunice Caro and Clifton Spann are class members like you, and the Court has accepted them as the “class representatives.” They will each receive \$5,000 in consideration for their efforts as class representatives.</p> <p>What Are Your Legal Rights?</p> <p>Submit a Claim Form. If you are a member of the Class and the proposed settlement is approved, you may request a claim form by calling the numbers or visiting the websites below. You will be bound by all orders of the Court relating to the proposed settlement. If the proposed settlement is approved, and you are a member of the Class, most related legal claims against Defendants and their insurers will be released. For further details, please visit the Web sites below.</p> <p>Object. You can tell the Court if you do not like this proposed settlement or some part of it. To object, you must send a letter that is mailed and postmarked no later than February 18, 2011. For details on how to properly file an objection, please read the detailed notice available at the Web sites or by contacting Class Counsel.</p> <p>The Court has scheduled a final approval hearing for March 4, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. At that time, the Court will consider whether to approve the proposed settlement and set the amount of attorneys’ fees that will be paid. The Court is located in the Hollings Judicial Law Center at 81 Meeting Street, Charleston, SC 29401.</p>
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