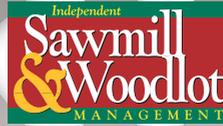


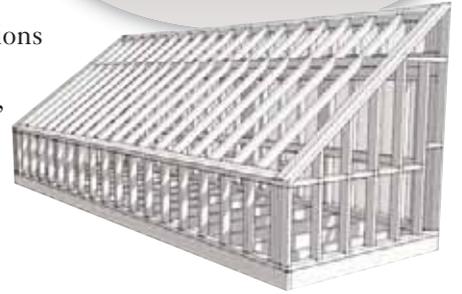
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S A W M I L L M A G . C O M

Q After considering a refurbished dehumidification kiln, I have decided to build my own. There are so many variations that I am not sure which way to go. Help?

A The best set of plans with several options is from Nyle, which is located in Bangor, Maine. Although the plans are not free, they are worth the money to get a “tried and tested” design. I am told that the cost of plans can be credited to your bill if you subsequently buy their equipment.



Q I have some resawn beams, made from old salvaged lumber, and I need to know the MC. Can you suggest the best meter? Thicknesses range from 3/4 to 2 1/4 inches. A lot of it is southern long-leaf pine.

A In your case, I think you would be better off with a pin-type meter with a probe that has insulated needles. Two “Made in America” companies are Delmhorst and Lignomat. Plan to spend over \$250; less expensive meters are not versatile enough for your job.

For thicker stock that is drier on the outside than inside, you can use long, ordinary shiny nails as your probes or pins. Just remember that with these nail pins, you will measure the wettest spot along their length. Touch your meter pins to the nail heads.

Incidentally, there is a well-paying market for sawn lumber from beams that are most likely longleaf pine. (There is no way to tell for certain that it is long-leaf, even when using wood ID experts.)

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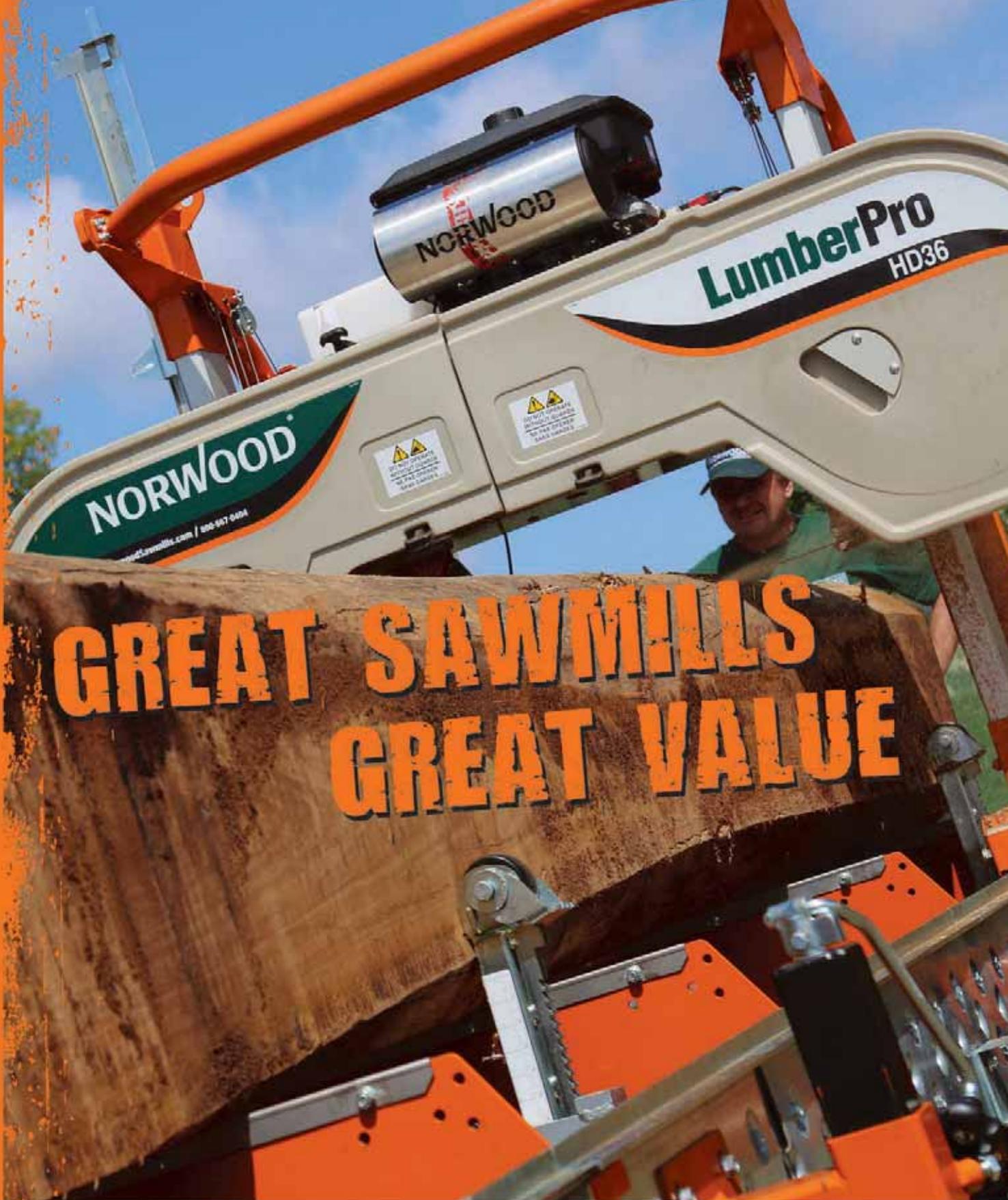
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