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## 18' x 4' x 8" | Eucalyptus



## World Forest Group

Since 1995 World Forest Group has been a family owned company completely focused on forest-based industrial and sustainable solutions and products. The company said its expertise lies in the production of industrial strength forest products, for example crane mats, timbers and railroad ties and sustainable forest management.

World Forest Group offers eucalyptus mats, which are made from wood harvested from sustainably managed plantations. Timbers come from a limited geographical area, resulting in uniform products with reliable working characteristics, the company said. The 18-foot by 4-foot by 8-inch eucalyptus mat is 20 percent lighter, and 35 to 55 percent stronger with a longer life and less damage. All bolts meet or exceed ASTM F1554, with government approved phytosanitary treatment to prevent bugs and pests. Eucalyptus is stronger than southern red oak and significantly stronger than mixed hardwood mats. ASTM F1554 Grade 36 or better bolts are also used. The mats are standardized, using uniform raw material with minimal variability within each mat and allow no wane, no bark and no rot. World Forest Group has a single facility with a uniform, standardized production process so each mat is produced the same way. The result is stronger and standardized mats that are a superior product that is safer for customers' use, World Forest Group said.

According to the company, eucalyptus wood is more consistent in strength and working characteristics because it is a single, genetically improved species grown on single large plantations. There are no supply disruptions and the company has access to these forests all year. Eucalyptus is grown in more than 90 countries and is spread over more than 22 million hectares worldwide.