

TABLE 18 CEILING JOISTS – 20 PSF LIVE LOAD, 10 PSF DEAD LOAD, 240 DEFLECTION

DRYWALL CEILING; NO FUTURE ROOM DEVELOPMENT, BUT LIMITED ATTIC STORAGE AVAILABLE

Size inches	Spacing inches on center	Grade									
		Visually Graded				Machine Stress Rated (MSR)			Machine Evaluated Lumber (MEL)		
		SS	No.1	No.2	No.3	2400f - 2.0E	2250f - 1.9E	1950f - 1.7E	M23	M14	M29
2 x 4	12.0	10-3	10-0	9-10	8-2	10-7	10-5	10-0	10-3	10-0	10-0
	16.0	9-4	9-1	8-11	7-1	9-8	9-6	9-1	9-4	9-1	9-1
	19.2	8-9	8-7	8-5	6-5	9-1	8-11	8-7	8-9	8-7	8-7
	24.0	8-1	8-0	7-8	5-9	8-5	8-3	8-0	8-1	8-0	7-9
2 x 6	12.0	16-1	15-9	15-6	12-0	16-8	16-4	15-9	16-1	15-9	15-9
	16.0	14-7	14-4	13-6	10-5	15-2	14-11	14-4	14-7	14-4	14-4
	19.2	13-9	13-6	12-3	9-6	14-3	14-0	13-6	13-9	13-6	13-6
	24.0	12-9	12-6	11-0	8-6	13-3	13-0	12-6	12-9	12-6	12-3
2 x 8	12.0	21-2	20-10	20-1	15-4	21-11	21-7	20-10	21-2	20-10	20-10
	16.0	19-3	18-11	17-5	13-3	19-11	19-7	18-11	19-3	18-11	18-11
	19.2	18-2	17-9	15-10	12-1	18-9	18-5	17-9	18-2	17-9	17-9
	24.0	16-10	15-10	14-2	10-10	17-5	17-2	16-6	16-10	16-6	16-2
2 x 10	12.0	26-0*	26-0*	23-11	18-1	26-0*	26-0*	26-0*	26-0*	26-0*	26-0*
	16.0	24-7	23-1	20-9	15-8	25-5	25-0	24-1	24-7	24-1	24-1
	19.2	23-2	21-1	18-11	14-4	23-11	23-7	22-8	23-2	22-8	22-8
	24.0	21-6	18-10	16-11	12-10	22-3	21-10	21-1	21-6	21-1	20-

These spans are intended for use in enclosed structures or where the moisture content in use does not exceed 19 percent for an extended period of time unless the table is labeled Wet-Service. Applied loads are given in psf (pounds per square foot). Deflection is limited to the span in inches divided by 360, 240, or 180 and is based on live load only. The load duration factor, C_D , is 1.0 unless shown as 1.15 or 1.25. An asterisk (*) indicates the listed span has been limited to 26'0" based on availability; check sources of supply for lumber longer than 20'. Highlighted sizes/grades are NOT commonly produced.

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