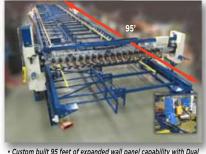
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While traveling through southern Georgia, Glenn Traylor (ITW Building Components Group) ran across this project. The entire building is braced with ripped 1/2" x 2" x 24" OSB. "If the typical 2 x 4 or 1 x 4 braces are 'killer cleats' then this needs a new description." he said.

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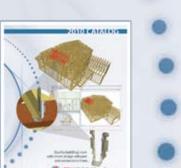
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