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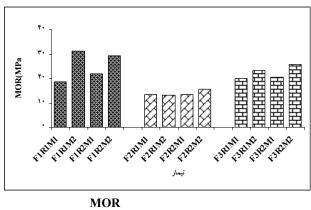
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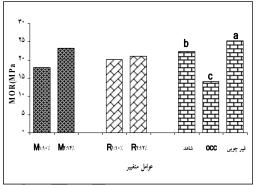
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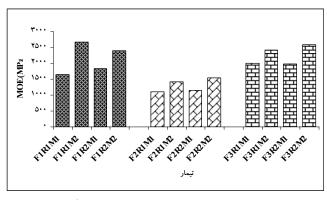
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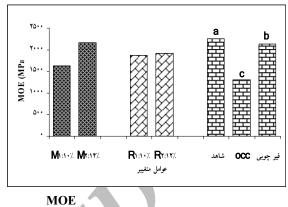
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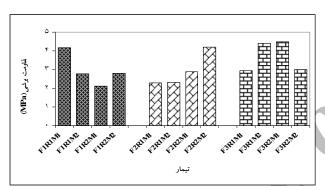
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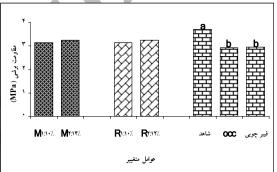




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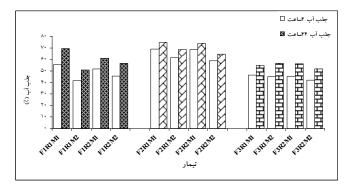


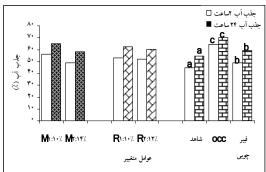
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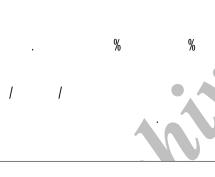


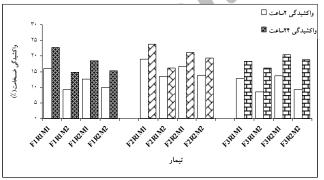
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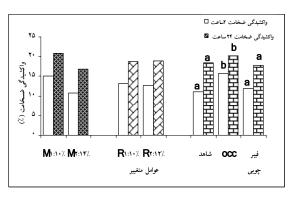
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Investigation of the feasibility of utilization of wood fiber and old corrugated container in surface layers of three – layer particleboard and their effect on properties of particleboard

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Abstract

In this study, the feasibility of utilization of old corrugated container (OCC) and wood fiber on the surface layers of three-layer particleboard was studied. The effects of variable factors including mat moisture content, content of adhesive and type of materials in the surface layers were assessed on the operational properties of manufactured particleboards. The results indicated that moisture content has significant and more prominent effect on the properties of particleboards. Increasing moisture content from 10 to 14 percent and adhesive content from 10 to 12 percent resulted in increasing modulus of rupture and modulus of elasticity and decreasing shear strength. Utilization of wood fiber on the surface layers in comparison with OCC fiber improved the modulus of rupture. Water absorption and thickness swelling after 2 and 24 hours are decreased when using wood fiber with low moisture content and low adhesive content in the surface layers.

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