

# The Dumbest Class Action Claim Ever

*The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* reports on a pair of class-action lawsuits against Home Depot and Menards that **Above the Law** calls “the dumbest class action claim ever.”

As *Journal Sentinel* reporter **Rick Romell** explains:

Menards and Home Depot stand accused of deceiving the lumber-buying public, specifically, buyers of 4×4 boards, the big brother to the ubiquitous 2×4.

The alleged deception: The retailers market and sell the hefty lumber as 4×4s without specifying that the boards actually measure 3½ inches by 3½ inches.

Above the Law’s **Joe Patrice** explains that everybody who ever built anything already knew that 3½ by 3½ is the industry standard:

In fact, if retailers started selling boards that *were* 4 inches by 4 inches, they’d actually be useless because they wouldn’t match up with all the other standardized materials that assume the board will be 3 1/2” by 3 1/2”.

Read the **Journal Sentinel** and **Above the Law** articles.

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