

### GRADING FOR SOLID HARDWOOD PRE-FINISHED

#### 1. PREMIERE GRADE (BEST)

Top grade product chosen for its overall appearance, color consistency, and better than average lengths. Equal to or better than other supplier's Select or Gold label flooring, sometimes referred to as a Select or Clear Grade.

##### WHAT TO EXPECT:

- No knots
- Slight (if any) color variation
- 9" – 84" Heavy to longer lengths
- Average Lengths 36" – 42"
- Allow for 5% - 7% Installation Waste (Consult with installer)
- Structural warranty – Lifetime
- Finish warranty – Will vary from product to product

#### 2. STANDARD GRADE (BETTER)

Chosen for its appearance but will include some minimal color variation, some mineral coloring and some small knots. Equal to or better than other supplier's Natural or Silver product offerings, sometimes referred to as #1 Common and Better.

##### WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Minimal knots no more than ¼"- ½"
- Some color variation
- 9" – 84" Length Boards
- Average Lengths 28" - 36"
- Allow for 5% - 10% Installation Waste (Consult with Installer)
- Structural – Lifetime Warranty
- Finish – Will vary from product to product

#### 3. BUILDERS GRADE (GOOD)

Chosen for its natural character, appearance, and affordability this product will offer unique character, varying color variation, some surface handling scratches, checking, worm holes, cracks and open knots. Lengths will be below averages and customer should account for additional waste factors. This product is sometimes referred to as a #2 Common and Better.

##### WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Allows for some finish irregularities
- Allows for color variation including mineral streaks
- Allows for checking, some cracks, some open knots
- Allows for milling deficiencies
- 9" – 84"

- Average predominantly between 12"– 30" WILL VARY FROM TIME TO TIME
- Allow for minimum 15% Milling and Installation Waste (Consult with Installer)
- Structural – Lifetime Warranty
- Finish – Will vary from product to product

#### 4. CABIN GRADE (GOOD)

Cabin grade products are defined as anything structurally sound. This offering will be representative of all grades that do not meet some aspects of their particular grading allowances. This product will allow for open knots, missing tongues, milling deficiencies, wormholes, checks, mineral, scant, splits, stain, edge defects, shake, off color, sanding dips and finish defects are all acceptable in Cabin.

##### WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Allows for significant finish irregularities
- Allows for distinct color variation including mineral streaks
- Allows for checking, some cracks, some open knots
- Allows for milling deficiencies
- Lengths (Will Vary)
- Allow for Waste >15% to account for milling and installation (Consult with Installer)
- Structural/Lifetime Warranties – Will depend on product!

#### 5. UTILITY GRADE (SERVICEABLE)

Chosen as a serviceable floor, this product will offer a mix of straight #3 Common and from time to time will offer some #2 Common. This product will offer extreme character, varying color variation, some surface handling scratches, checking, cracks, worm holes, and open knots. Lengths will be below averages and customer should account for additional waste factors.

##### WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Allows for significant finish irregularities
- Allows for distinct color variation including mineral streaks
- Allows for checking, some cracks, some open knots
- Allows for milling deficiencies
- Lengths (Will Vary)
- Allow for Waste >30% to account for milling and installation (Consult with Installer)
- Structural/Lifetime Warranties – Will depend on product!

\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE CONSULT WITH YOUR BUILDIRECT SALES TEAM WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR FOR ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION\*\*\*\*\*