



National Oak Flooring Manufacturers Association Official Hardwood Flooring Grading Specifications

Oak (Red or White)

Plain sawn, CLEAR

The face shall be practically clear, admitting an average 3/8" bright sap. The question of color shall not be considered. Bundles to be 1 1/4 foot and up. Average length, 3 3/4 feet.

Plain sawn, SELECT

The face may contain sap, small streaks, pin worm holes, burls, slight imperfections in working, and small tight knots which do not average more than one every three feet. Bundles to be 1 1/4 foot and up. Average length is 3 1/4 feet.

Plain sawn, #1 COMMON

Shall be of such a nature that will lay a good residential floor, and may contain varying wood characteristics such as flags, heavy streaks and checks, worm holes, knots, and minor imperfections in working. Bundles to be 1 1/4 foot and up. Average length is 2 3/4 feet.

Plain sawn, #2 COMMON

May contain sound natural variations of the forest product and manufacturing imperfections. The purpose for this grade is to furnish an economical floor suitable for homes, general utility use, or where character marks and contrasting appearance is desired. Bundles to be 1 1/4 foot and up. Average length, 2 1/4 feet.

Quartersawn, SELECT

The face may contain sap, small streaks, pin worm holes, burls, slight imperfections in working, and small tight knots which do not average more than one to every three feet. Bundles to be 1 1/4 foot and up. Average length is 3 1/4 feet.

Maple

FIRST grade

Shall have the face practically free of all defects, but the natural varying color of the wood shall not be considered a defect. Bundles shall be 1 1/4' and longer, through 8', as the stock will produce. Bundles under 4' shall not comprise over 45% of the total footage. Up to 25% of the total footage may be 2' bundles, and up to 5% of the footage may be 1 1/4' bundles.

SECOND grade

Will admit tight, sound knots and slight imperfections in dressing, but must lay without waste. Bundles shall be 1 1/4' and longer, through 8', as the stock will produce. Bundles under 4' shall not comprise over 55% of the total footage. Up to 27% of the total footage may be 2' bundles, and up to 10% of the footage may be 1 1/4'.

THIRD grade

Must be of such character as will lay and give a good serviceable floor. Bundles shall be 1 1/4' and longer, to 8', as the stock will produce. Bundles under 4' shall not comprise over 75% of the total footage. Up to 45% of the total footage may be 1 1/4' bundles.