

Product Guidelines

European Oak & Ash Timber Grades

AB Grade

AB Grade (Standard/Better) is a mixture of A & B-grade timber with planks that are clean and have fewer and smaller knots & features. Heartwood and colour variation (with Pink, Yellow, and Brown base undertones) in the timber are to be expected. They may consist of some checks (cracks across the growth rings), Sapwood and filler. The colour of the filler is selected to complement the wood rather than to match it exactly, and it may vary from batch to batch.



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ABC Grade

ABC Grade (Standard) will have slightly larger knots and features than AB Grade. This grade includes both Sapwood and Heartwood and has a wider range of colour variations (Pink, Yellow, and Brown base undertones) in the timber that should be expected. It may also consist of some checks (cracks across the growth rings), sapwood, and filler. The colour of filler is carefully selected to complement the wood rather than match it exactly, and it may vary from batch to batch.



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ABCD Grade

ABCD Grade (Character) is a blend of A, B, C and D. This Grade Feature will have more & larger knots and features than the ABC Grade. This consists of Heartwood, there will be natural colour variation (Pink, Yellow and Brown base undertones), Sapwood and filler. You should also expect checks (cracks between the rings). The colour of the filler is carefully selected to complement the wood rather than to match the board exactly, and it may vary from batch to batch.



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Knots & Fillers

A knot is either the base of a side branch or a dormant bud around which the grain flows. A knot is sometimes replaced by filler, and this may be of various colours: white, grey, brown and black are shown here.



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Sapwood

Sapwood is the living part of the tree through which water and sap flow. It tends to be lighter in colour than the Heartwood. Certain fuming, smoking and colouring processes emphasise it since it doesn't react to these treatments to the same degree. By definition, Sapwood contains more moisture; however, this is no cause for concern since all Clever Choice timber has been carefully dried, and its stability is ensured when supplied in an engineered form



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Medullary Rays, Checks & Shakes

These white, ribbon-like medullary rays are an indication that the plank has been crafted from quarter-sawn timber. Checks and shakes usually occur at the end of a board and may be cut off.



What to expect from Clever Choice European Timber Flooring Grade

European Oak & Ash Flooring is sourced from managed forests throughout Europe. We use the finest machining techniques to utilise the majority of the trees to avoid wastage. We show what is likely to be the 'worst case' in terms of knot size, and many individual planks will fall well within this. But please remember that, since they are usually selected by eye, there is always scope for an occasional board to fall outside of these parameters. Part of the beauty of wood is that every plank is unique, so our criteria are merely a guide, given in good faith and to the best of our knowledge.

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Samples

Australian, European Oak & Ash Timbers and Bamboo are made from natural wood, not a manufactured imitation. Because wood is a natural material, every piece of hardwood flooring will have a unique appearance, with naturally occurring variations in colour, texture and grain pattern. Showroom samples and photographic reproductions can give an example of the product's appearance, but they may not be representative of the full range of colour, texture and grain variations. When making your selection, please take care when selecting from a single sample, as this is only an indication. In all jobs supplied, flooring products will contain variation from board to board, job to job, and from the samples on display. The colour of your flooring may change over time with exposure to UV light.

