

# Product Guidelines

## Australian Timber Grades

### Select Grade (AS 2796)

Select Grade provides a floor with subtle features and limited variation in natural characteristics. The features that are present are relatively small and few. Although visible, these species will not dominate the appearance of the floor. It has the least number of natural features present, with fewer gum veins, sap lines and smaller knots. The cleanest grade option. The timber from these grades will provide a finished floor where the natural timber feature will not dominate the appearance of the floor. Some of the features that are permitted can include short, narrow gum veins in limited numbers.



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## Medium Feature Grade (AS 2796)

A medium feature grade option with the timber from this grade provides a floor that may have significantly more character than a Select Grade floor. To some degree, this will depend on the features present in a particular species. In one species, gum veins may naturally be prevalent, while in another, there may be few gum veins, but past forest activity may be more prevalent. Therefore, this grade can be expected to have greater character than Select, and contain an increased amount of gum vein, past borer activity, knots and natural discolouration, adding to that natural floor appearance.



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## High Feature Grade (AS 2796)

A high feature grade of timber where the finished floor contains boards with similar features to Medium Feature / Standard Grade, but where the features, such as gum veins, may be longer and wider, and past borer activity may be more frequent. Again, depending on the species, features will vary, and in some instances, boards meeting a High Feature grade may only appear moderately featured and achieve a truly naturally featured floor.



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## Gum Vein, 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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## Borer Activity & Gum Pockets

Gum pockets are openings that are or have been filled with gum. The beetles like to emerge from timber in low light, creating Exit holes and frass, causing the dark line-like features.



## What to expect from Clever Choice Australian Timber Flooring Grades:

Australian Timber flooring is sourced from managed forests throughout Australia. 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

European Oak, Ash & Australian 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.



