

Unfinished Walnut Plank Flooring Grading Rules and Packaging Specifications

	Premium Select	Natural Character	Rustic
Burls/Knots	Unlimited burls. One small sound knot 1/4" diameter allowed every 3'.	Broken knots up to 3/8" in diameter. No through knots.	Unlimited sound knots. Broken knots and knots extending through the piece in excess of 1/2" diameter are not allowed
Checks	One small season check allowed every foot approximately 1/64" wide x 1/8" deep or less limited to two or less in a single group	Numerous checks that are 1/16" or less in width are admitted. All must be fillable and not extend through the piece or to its edge	Numerous checks that are 1/8" or less in width are admitted.
Edge Defects	One small edge defect per 2 lineal feet, less than the thickness of a dime	Limited to one edge defect not to exceed the thickness of a nickel 1 1/2" long per 3 lineal feet	Unlimited edge defects of 1/4" x 1/4" are allowed
Sapwood	Unlimited darkened sapwood allowed if does not show prominent contrast to heartwood. No bright sapwood allowed	Must have 25% heartwood. Sapwood may be stained, blotchy or speckled	May contain sound rot and very dark stained sapwood. Rot must not dent easier than surrounding wood with thumbnail
Streaks	Limited to one small 1/4" wide streak of 3" per linear foot of piece	May have heavy streaks. Pieces with more than half of the board with streaks are not allowed	Unlimited
Wormholes	Allowed occasionally if less than 1/8" in diameter	Readily filled worm holes covering less than 1/4 th the face are allowed	Unlimited
Machine Burns	One intermittent machine burn extending across the face not to exceed 1/4" in width	Occasional machine burns across the face less than 1/2" wide and no more than 1 per piece	Unlimited
Tongue	Must be one-half width minimum	Must be 1/4 minimum with 6" allowed with no tongue as long as missing tongue is not within 6" of either end	Limited amount with no tongue
Torn Grain	Must sand out and be less than 1/32" deep and no more than 1" x 1". One area per piece is allowed	Must sand out and be less than 1/32" deep and no more than 2" x 2". One area per 3' allowed	Unlimited
End Splits	Not allowed	Allowed but not extending through the piece. The split should not be wider than 1/16"	Must be sound with no movement and no more than 1/8" wide and 1" from end
Scant Thickness	A slight amount of scant thickness is allowed on the back. Must not extend up to the tongue and/or groove and must allow complete support of the piece at the ends	No more than one-third of the back to be scant. Must not extend up to the tongue and/or groove and must allow complete support of the piece at the ends	May have a limited number of pieces scant of thickness on the entire length. Ends must match square
General Description	Premium Select should be a floor with a uniform appearance and minimal defects in color	Natural Character floors will offer strips with all the natural variations in color and characters, without heavy mineral or rot	This grade allows all variations of colors and characteristics that are sound
Packaging	3"; 4"; 5"; 6" all nested in 7' bundles. 16 pieces (2.6') average per bundle, 13-19 pieces allowed in a bundle. 12" and longer allowing 4 pieces per bundle 12" to 15"	3"; 4"; 5"; 6" all nested in 7' bundles. 19 pieces (2.2') average per bundle row, 16-22 pieces allowed in a bundle row. 9" and longer allowing 4 pieces per bundle row 9" to 12". 7"; 8" in 9' and longer pulled to Natural Character grade without splits in three truck pack length sorts, 8' & shorter, 9-10' and 11-12', not precision squared or end matched. In the 8' & shorter bundles pieces can be nested 1' & longer.	3"; 4"; 5"; 6"; 7"; 8" all nested in 7' bundles. Unlimited pieces per bundle. No minimum length
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PREFINISHED FILLED SANDED AND SATIN LACQUERED: permitting some unfilled knots, small cracks, pith and holes.

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