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GRADE & QUALITY DESCRIPTION

Cowichan Gold Clear Vertical Grain

GRADING CRITERIA Western Red Cedar (*Thuja plicata*) Cladding, Boards, Trim

General Notes

Graded to BS1186-3 Part 4 Class 1.
High-quality production - exceeds NLGA grading rules.
100% heartwood / 100% vertical grain.
Clean, consistent almost entirely knot free appearance.
Kiln-dried to moisture content of 12-15% (+/- 2%).
PEFC Certified.

Wood Fibre

Fine grained, old growth wood from forests in coastal regions of British Columbia, Canada. Specially selected to ensure finished product is all heartwood and all vertical grain.

Knots

Permitted

Though occasional small knots are allowed within the official industry grading rules*, this product is almost entirely free of knots other than occasional pin knots.

Sap Wood

Not Permitted

All heartwood.

Compression Wood

Not Permitted

None present.

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Deformation (Warp)

Permitted

Boards with 'very light' curvature and twisting, as far as proper installation is ensured. As a guide, a 5mm deviation from true is permitted on a 19 x 89 x 2440mm board. The longer the board, the greater the deviation from true is permitted.

Checks

Permitted

Small occasional surface checks permitted.

Splits

Permitted

Short splits permitted equal in length to the width of the board.
Splits may be present in small percentage of boards.

Torn or Raised Grain

Permitted

Very light torn or raised grain permitted.

Machining / Handling Marks **Permitted**

Occasional minor marks / blemishes may be present.

Colour Variation

Permitted

Colour can vary between boards and within boards.
Typical colour range: light straw to dark reddish brown.

Notes

- Silva offers this information as a general guide to the main characteristics likely to be encountered in any shipment of Cowichan Gold "Clear Heart Vertical Grain" material.
- Since no two pieces of timber are identical, complete uniformity throughout a shipment is impossible.
- Grading is not an exact science because it is based on a visual inspection of each piece and the grader's judgment.
- Most boards will be fully usable; however, the installer will be required to trim some boards to remove undesirable defects.

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- Other minor wood characteristics not listed may occasionally be present but would not detract from the material's usability.
- On occasion, knot sizes and other characteristics may fall outside of the typical sizes quoted.

*National Lumber Grades Authority (NLGA) *Standard Grading Rules for Canadian Lumber* – Paragraph 200a.

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