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GRADE & QUALITY DESCRIPTION

Silva Select Prestige 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 'R List' grading rules for 'No. 2 Clear & Better'.

100% heartwood / 100% vertical grain.

Clean, consistent virtually 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*, many boards are entirely free or virtually free of knots. As a guide, three knots of up to 13mm or equivalent are permitted on the face side, and four knots up to 19mm or equivalent are permitted on the reverse side of a 20 x 142mm x 4.88m board.

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 20 x 92 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

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 Silva Select Prestige 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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- Boards are graded on one face only. Boards are not reversible and, as such, some surface/roller marks may be expected on the rear of the boards.
- 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.

*Pacific Lumber Inspection Bureau (PLIB) *Export R List Grading & dressing Rules* – Paragraph 401. 'No. 2 Clear & Better.'

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