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## GRADE & QUALITY DESCRIPTION

A & Better Clear – Fence boards

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

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**General Notes**

Graded to BS1186-3 Part 4 Class 1.

High-quality production - exceeds NLGA grading rules.

Clean, consistent almost entirely knot free appearance.

Kiln-dried to moisture content of 16-18% (+/- 2%).

PEFC Certified.

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**Wood Fibre** Fine grained, old growth wood from forests in coastal regions of British Columbia, Canada.

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**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.

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**Sap Wood** **Permitted**

Occasional light sapwood may be present on a small percentage of boards.

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**Compression Wood** **Permitted**

Occasional – unlikely to be present.

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**Deformation (Warp)**

**Permitted**

Boards with minor curvature and twisting, as far as proper installation is ensured. As a guide, a 10mm 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 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**

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 A & Better Clear 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*

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