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GRADE & QUALITY DESCRIPTION

Silva A & Better Clear

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

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 12-15% (+/- 2%).

Wood Fibre

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

Knots

Permitted

Occasional small sound tight knots are allowed within the official industry grading rules*. Most pieces are entirely free of knots, other than occasional pin knots.

Sap Wood

Permitted

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

Compression Wood

Permitted

Occasional – unlikely to be present.

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 17 x 94 x 2440mm board. The longer the board, the greater the deviation from true is permitted.

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Checks	Permitted Small checks permitted.
Splits	Permitted Short splits, equal in length to the width of the board, permitted in a small percentage of boards.
Torn or Raised Grain	Permitted Light torn or raised grain permitted.
Machining / Handling Marks	Permitted Occasional minor marks / blemishes / stains 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 Clear 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.
- 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 200b.*

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