



B&F SPECIALIST TIMBER

GRADE & QUALITY DESCRIPTION

European Larch Grading

Grading Criteria

European Larch (*Larix decidua*) Cladding, Board, Trim.

General Notes

Hand selected to meet B&F's stringent internal criteria.

Kiln-dried to a moisture content of 12-18% (+/- 2%).

Knots

Permitted

Contains sound tight (live/intergrown) knots typically under 25mm diameter, though some may exceed this. An average of 5 knots per metre over the total length of material excluding pin knots (under 13mm), although plenty of material is knot-free. Black ring and spike knots may also be present. Knots may be unsound, loose, or missing.

Sap Wood

Permitted

At least one face sap free.

Compression Wood

Permitted

Occasional.

Deformation (Warp)

Permitted

Boards with curvature and twisting, as far as proper installation is ensured. A deviation from true is permitted. The longer the board, the greater the deviation from true is permitted.

Pitch Pockets

Permitted

Occasional small.

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Cracks

Permitted

Discontinuous surface checks.

End cracks not longer than 1.5 times the board width may be present.

Pith

Permitted

Limited heart centre (pith).

Torn or Raised Grain

Permitted

Light torn or raised grain permitted.

Machining / Handling Marks **Permitted**

Minor marks / blemishes / skips in dressing may be present.

Cut Outs

Permitted

Occasional pieces in shipment may have a 100mm cut out in pieces 3m and longer.

End Cuts

End cuts will be required to ensure the end of boards are square.

Colour Variation

Permitted

Colour can vary between boards and within boards.

Typical colour range: pale yellow to dark brown.

Notes

- B&F offers this information as a general guide to the main characteristics likely to be encountered in any shipment.
- Since no two pieces of timber are identical, complete uniformity throughout a shipment is impossible.

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- 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.
- 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.
- Grading applies to the visible area of the board once installed. Damage to unseen edges, such as the tongue, is acceptable.
- To achieve a better quality finish to the face of the board, we remove less material from the reverse side and more from the face side as the boards pass through the moulder. The reverse side is not machined to the same standard as the face, and therefore this product should not be considered 'dual-sided'.

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