

## Hardwood Floor Grading Rules

Red or White Oak Grades	Appearance Characteristics Allowed
Clear	3/8" bright sapwood entire length of strip, small burls and fine pin worm holes and equivalent character such as small tight checks; in absence of these, one thin brown streak 3" long to be allowed every 6'. Average board length: 3¾'
Select	All above plus unlimited sound sapwood, slight imperfections in milling, reasonable amount of slightly open checks. Brown streaks should not extend the entire length of a piece. Small amounts of torn grain in face work are permitted. Average board length: 3¼'
#1 Common	As above plus readily fillable checks and open knots under ½" in diameter, flag worm holes, sticker stain, heavy streaks and prominent variations in coloration. Average board length: 2¾'
#2 Common	Will admit any figure or natural variations of the forest product except shattered or rotten ends, large broken knots, excessive bad millwork or advanced rot. Average board length: 2¼'

Hard Maple Grades	Appearance Characteristics Allowed
#1	An occasional small, firm pin knot, not over 1/8" in diameter, occasional green or black spots or streaks not over ¼" wide and 3" long, tight check not over ½" long provided it is boxed within the piece, bird's eyes and small burls and slightly torn grain which can be readily removed by ordinary floor sanding. Average board length: 3'
#2	All above plus distinct color variations, sticker stain, numerous green or black spots or streaks, provided they do not occur in combination with predominantly dark heartwood, slight checks not exceeding 3" in length, dark spots or streaks with slight checks in center and small amounts of torn grain which cannot be removed by sanding. Average board length: 2¾'
#3	May contain all the defects common to maple except knot holes over 3/8" diameter, unsound knots, voids on ends or edges, shake, heart checks or badly split ends. Average board length: 2¼'