

Reclaimed Wood Floor Guide

Below we have listed the main grading rules which we use when selecting and measuring our reclaimed boards.



Knots:

Knots are not restricted by size, colour or number. If knots are broken or split, but they are fill-able, then they are permitted. Knots that have fallen out or are missing will be either chalked or cut from the board.

Nails and nail holes:

We do our best to ensure that no metal remains in the boards however it is not feasible to offer a complete guarantee when sometimes small metal fragments may be buried deep in the timber beyond detection. Nail holes are permitted except where they are seriously discoloured (over 10mm radius around the hole). Where nails have to be 'dug out' of the boards, marks are permitted on one side of the board only.



Splits

Small splits are permitted. End splits up to a length equivalent to the width of the board are permitted. If end splits are longer than this, they will be chalked out **. Splits on one side of the board which do not destabilize the board's structural integrity are permitted. Short longitudinal splits right through the thickness of the board are permitted up to 600mm long provided that the split does not weaken the board when laid as flooring. Boards with full length splits which would allow 'flexing' of the board around its longitudinal centre would not be permitted.



Woodworm Flight Holes:

Pine: As far as possible we endeavour to cut out any board that shows any flight holes but we cannot guarantee this. If you spot any wormy boards, please let us know as soon as possible (within 2 weeks of delivery) and in any case before any boards are laid for flooring.

Oak: Limited amounts of woodworm are permitted. All boards must be sound and in no part of the boards must the flight holes compromise the board's stability. Where the reclaimed oak boards have been kiln dried this is most likely to have destroyed any life in the boards but we cannot guarantee this. If you have concerns about flight holes, we would suggest that clients consider using proprietary woodworm treatments. Flight holes in excess of 4mm will be excluded.

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Colour Variation:

Because these boards are reclaimed, it is usually impossible to ensure uniform board colour. This is especially true where we have been able to supply boards with the original face preserved where colour can vary widely depending where exactly the board has come from. You can get wide colour variation within the boards on the same floor, depending where they were located (e.g. by windows or doorways etc).

** CHALKED OUT: When we grade reclaimed boards we allow some characteristics (such as splits) to remain in the board but they are not measured as part of the consignment. Thus clients who want to retain maximum authenticity are able to retain these features

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