

RECLAIMED GRADING RULES

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 out & not charged for, or cut from the board.

NAILS & 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. Sometimes small metal fragments may be buried deep in the timber beyond detection. Nail holes are permitted. Where nails have to be 'dug out' of the boards, marks are permitted on one side of the board only. NB: Our full thickness carriage boards have not been de-nailed.

SPLITS



Splits on one side of the board which do not destabilise the board's structural integrity are permitted. Short longitudinal splits right through the thickness of the board are permitted up to 1/3 of the board length, 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



PLANED PINE (EG. VICTORIAN COLLECTION)

As far as possible great care is taken 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) & in any case before any boards are laid for flooring.

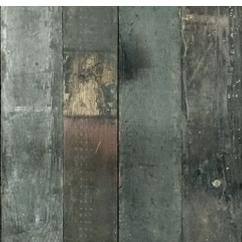
OLD OR ORIGINAL FACE PINE (E.G. WAREHOUSE COLLECTION)

Flight holes, and evidence of ancient wood worm (not live) is allowable, and considered part of the material's character.

OAK

Limited amounts of ancient woodworm are permitted. All boards must be sound & 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 considering a proprietary woodworm treatment. Our boards would never knowingly be sold with live infestation.

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 amongst the boards within the same floor, depending where they were originally 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, for clients who want to retain maximum authenticity, these features can be preserved but will not be charged for the material 'chalked out'.