

GRADING FOR SOLID HARDWOOD FLOORING

Premium (BEST):

Premium is the clearest grade of hardwood flooring offered by Clairewood Flooring. This grade generally has the most consistent color, limited character marks and longer average piece lengths. The shortest piece of flooring allowed in the Premium grade is **12 inches** and the longest pieces are approximately **6.5 feet** in length. There are no open characteristics in the Premium grade so therefore the floor does not require any wood filler. The **25 year limited warranty** applies to this grade.

Select and Better (BETTER):

The Select & Better grade by ClaireWood allows only minor natural color variation and small pin knots. More prominent natural hardwood characteristics are not allowed in the Select & Better grade. This grade is mostly clear resulting in a fairly consistent appearance in the floor. The **25 year limited warranty** applies to this grade.

Classic and Better (BETTER):

This grade combines the natural beauty and unique characteristics of traditional mid-grade flooring along with the top grades of flooring to produce a floor that displays more character than our Premium grade offers. Depending on the species of hardwood you will see some of the following characteristics in the Classic & Better grade; small knots, streaks, and unlimited natural color variation. Colored wood filler is used on any open characteristics that occur in this grade to produce a smooth surface of flooring. This grade is often chosen because of the natural character it will bring to a room! The **25 year limited warranty** applies to this grade.

Plank (GOOD):

Have you heard the saying “everything that’s old is new again” lately? This grade of hardwood flooring takes you back in time to the days of wide and long length plank flooring! This style of floor was popular in the past and now it is making its comeback to modern homes and cottages! This grade of flooring contains all of the natural wood characteristics that occur in hardwoods such as; color variation, knots of all shapes and sizes, mineral streaks, checks, worm holes and grain burls. The majority of the open characteristics in the Plank grade are filled with non-shrink wood filler, with the exception of those that are on the edge or end it produces a unique and appealing solid hardwood floor! The wider width of flooring in the Plank grade accentuates the wood grain beauty of the floor. The **25 year limited warranty** applies to the Plank grade.

GRADE COMPARISON CHART

Type	Average Floor Board Length	Character Marks Ranking	Natural Color Variation	Use of Wood Filler	% of Clear Planks
Premium	2'6" to 3'	1	Minimal	No	95-100%
Select & Better	2'9" to 3'4"	2	Moderate	No	60-80%
Classic & Better	2'6" to 3'	3	Unlimited	Yes	40-60%
Plank	2'9" to 3'4"	4	Unlimited	Yes	30-50%

NOTE:

Character Marks Ranking (1 represent the fewest and smallest character marks)

Data provided above is for comparison purposes only and is not guaranteed.