



B&F SPECIALIST TIMBER

GRADE & QUALITY DESCRIPTION

Select Premium Yellow Balau – PrimeDeck

Grading Criteria

Yellow Balau (*Shorea laevis*) Hardwood Decking.

General Notes

Also known as Bangkirai.
Select Premium grade.
Air-dried to below 22% moisture content.
Virtually knot-free appearance.
SVLK Certified.

Wood Fibre

Manufactured in Indonesia from high quality 'standard & better' grade Yellow Balau.

Knots

Virtually non-existent

Almost all boards are entirely free of knots. Occasional tiny pin knots may be present.

Sapwood

Virtually non-existent

Occasional thin slivers may be present on a very small percentage of boards.

Pin Hole

Permitted

Some boards may contain a light scattering of tiny (1–1.5mm) pinholes, which are caused by a small boring beetle in the living tree or freshly cut logs. The beetles cannot live in dried timber and the presence of pinholes is not indicative of active infestation. Pinholes are not detrimental to the structural qualities of the timber.

Sticker Shadow

Permitted

At the point of manufacture deck boards are stacked in packs with thin slips of wood called 'stickers' between each layer to facilitate airflow around the boards. Sticker shadow is a result of the oxidation of naturally occurring chemicals within the wood causing a noticeable shadow mark across the width of the board.

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Shakes

Permitted

Occasional shakes permitted up to 25% of the length of a piece.

Wane

Permitted on back only

Occasional wane permitted on a small percentage of boards.

Deformation (Warp)

Permitted

Boards with minor curvature and twisting, as far as proper installation is ensured. A medium degree of warp expected with this wood species.

Moisture Movement

High Shrinkage Rate

This species experiences a high level of shrinkage from green to dry (usable) state. Shrinkage rate will vary between boards according to the orientation of the grain, therefore minor variances in board width are to be expected.

Checks

Permitted

Occasional small surface checks permitted.

Splits

Permitted

Short splits permitted in occasional boards.

End splits may be present in a small percentage of boards.

Torn or Raised Grain

Permitted

Light torn or raised grain permitted.

Machining / Handling Marks

Permitted

Minor marks/blemishes may be present.

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Colour Variation

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Colour can vary between boards and within boards.

Typical colour range: yellow-brown tones, varying to brown and dark reddish-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.
- 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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