

Character Grade English Oak Flooring Specification Sheet

Unfinished Flooring:

The timber is selected to give more variation in colour and texture and to contain more knots. The interpretation of the grade is quite loose and can vary from batch to batch. English Oak is a rare commodity and it does have more unique characteristics than standard European oak and is therefore slightly less regulation in appearance.

Permitted Characteristics:

Flooring is tongue and grooved all round and machined to a depth of 22mm to give super rigidity.

All natural colour variations allowed. (English Oak has superbly variable grain patterns and beautifully wild colour differences).

Wild grain and occasional slight surface checks/cracks.

A fair scattering of live, sound knots up to 30mm in diameter.

Burrs and other character marks & flashes of colour. A few small black knots may be apparent and slight machining defects which are easily sanded out.

Oak knots sometimes crack a little during the kiln drying process but are otherwise sound, unfinished flooring is unfilled and un-sanded ready for your chosen filler and finish.

Pre-Finished Flooring:

As above but with all knots filled.

The flooring is then sanded first with 180 grit, finally it is sanded with 140 grit to achieve a smooth finish.

We then apply 2 coats of either a water based flooring grade lacquer or 2 coats of a flooring grade hard wax oil for additional resilience, the final (hard wax oil) coating is hand applied for a perfect finish.

All the coatings both meet and exceed the relevant European norms.