

WLW Glossary of Timber Terms

1st	First Quality
1/2	Is a mix of 1st and 2nd quality timber. This can contain some sap wood, sound knots, cross grain, natural discolouration/streaking.
1/S/E	One Square Edge, One waney edge.
1+2 white	This term is used for the general description of Maple, white on one side, and on the reverse slight discolouration.
AD	Air drying
Billet Sawn	Growth ring 45-90° to face of board – heart split
BM	Board Measure
Bow	Centre of board raised higher than ends when on flat surface
Brown Oak	Quercus Robur with fistulina fungus
Case Hardening	Tension set/ Compression set
Cats paw	Epicormic growths
CND	Colour No Defect
CTS	Cut to the nominal sizes required
Cupping	Board in tension on one face
Dead Knots	Evidence of ingrown bark - unstable
DM	Decimetre – square area of board
FAS	First & Seconds (clean 1 Face)
FIN	Finish size
FS	Fresh Sawn
FSC	Forest Stewardship Council
FOM	Free on motor, this is the term loaded safely onto the customers vehicle, but deemed ex-yard
FSP	Fibre Saturation Point
Half a Knats	50% of a knats (see below)
Heart Shake	A separation between adjacent layers of fibre, radial and due to shrinkage through seasoning or old age
KD	Kiln dried
Knats	A very small measure (northern term)
Live Knots	Absence of ingrown bark – stable

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M/C	Moisture Content
Merchantable	Can include knots and face checks, constructionally sound
NHLA	North American Hardwood Lumber Association
NOM	Nominal size
P/2/S	This refers to board being planed on two faces.
PAR	Planed on all four faces (from the nominal sizes)
PEFC	Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification
PTG	Planed, Tongue and Groove
PTGV	Planed, Tongue and Groove and 'V'
Proforma	Payment prior to order being actioned
Quarter Boards	These boards are radially cut which expose the medullary rays
Ring Shake	Separation of one annual growth ring from another
SE	Square Edges
Smidgeon	Similar to Knats see above (southern term)
1SE	One square edge, one waney edge
Spp	Species
Spot B*****K	Near as damn it!!!!
Spring	Board laid flat but curved
Star Shake	Excessive cross sectional drying in logs
STM	Sufficient timber to make the order
Tangential Boards	These are boards from the Outside of the log
T/T	Through and Through
Twist	Propeller shaped board
Weatherboard	This can have a 1/S/E or square edge usually fresh sawn for external cladding.
WE	Waney Edged