REJECT off-grade shake and shingle products. Off-grade, non-code-compliant products are subject to a building code official’s red tag/stop work order and imminent tear off.
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2. Product Grade
3. Product Type
4. Independent, 3rd Party, Quality Control Agency
5. This Number Shows Compliance with Total Quality Manufacturing System
6. Mill Name, Location and Phone Number
7. Industry Product Description
8. Product Dimensions
9. Cedar Bureau Label Number
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Be Aware of Questionable Labels

This is a fictitious label showing an amalgamation of misleading information seen in the marketplace.

CERTI-FAKE
MILL NAME

#1 GRADE

Inspected by In-House Inspectors

UBC        CSA

Blue Label

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24" x 1/2"

RESAWN       SHAKES

Copying CSSB Members’ label design, font style, and color is misleading and tries to fool the consumer. Make sure what you are buying is legitimately Certi-label® product.

Is not a legitimate third party inspection agency

Does not imply “government certification”

Specific code number references should be listed. Is inspection agency accredited by these standard organizations?

Blue Label® is a registered trademark of the CSSB. Non-Members are not permitted to use this on their labels.

CSSB Registered Trademarks

CSSB registered trademarks include the following found on CSSB Member Manufacturer product labels: Certigrade®, Certi-Sawn®, Certi-Split®, Certigroove®, Certi-Cut®, Certi-Ridge®, Blue Label®, Envirosmart® and Cedar Shake and Shingle Bureau® are also registered trademarks of the CSSB.

CSSB registered trademarks include the following found on CSSB Member Treater labels: Certi-Last® or Certi-Guard®. CSSB Member Treater labels will appear in addition to a CSSB Member Manufacturer product label. Certi-Label® and Certi-Wood® are registered trademarks of the CSSB referring to the family of trademarks only available for Member use.
COVERAGE

Some manufacturers cheat by not putting the correct amount of ON-GRADE coverage (i.e. lineal inches) in bundles and/or cartons. Others make cartons that look full but are actually smaller than standard size. Read the official grading rules and compare them with how much the bundle or carton holds: http://www.cedarbureau.org/green-products/supporting-documents/grading-rules.asp. Much like serving quantities of food, the calorie count doesn’t always match the full contents of the container.

EDGE GRAIN versus FLAT GRAIN

Here are some diagrams to help explain what to look for:

FLAT GRAIN
Flat grain is restricted by grade. No flat grain is permitted in Premium Grade shake or Number 1 Grade shingle products. Up to 20% per bundle is allowable in Number 1 Grade shake products.

Coverage is the amount of roof or wall area the on-grade product in a bundle or carton will cover.

COVERAGES

Good Coverage
Low Coverage (look out for substandard sized cartons too)

Low Coverage
Good Coverage
REJECT THIS:

Unpermitted knots within a bundle

Thin Product, Off Grade
REJECT THIS:

18” x 5/8” Tapersawn Shakes. Bundle was opened and when graded was found to contain excessive narrow shakes.

Excessive Flat Grain
1) Annual growth rings form an angle of less than 45° with the face of the piece
2) Number 1 Grade Shakes – no more than 20% of the on-grade lineal inches in any bundle may be flat grain
3) Premium Grade Shakes & No 1 Grade Shingles do not permit any flat grain.
REJECT THIS:

Short Shim Off Grade

Narrow Off Grade

Bark Off Grade

Knot Off Grade
REJECT THIS:

Cross Grain Off Grade

Worm Hole Off Grade

Bundle with no label or label without legitimate third party inspection. If you do specify CSSB member product, then ONLY Certi-label® brand product meets your specification for this job. The top of each label will have a Certi-brand name such as Certi-Split®, Certi-Sawn®, Certigrade® etc.; the CSSB logo * is displayed at the center of the Certi-label®. The code-mandated, independent third party inspection agency is also displayed on the Certi-label®.

* Cedar Shake & Shingle Bureau
BUYING ON PRICE?
SHORT-TERM THINKING RESULTS IN:

- Off-grade material at job site that violates building code
- Buying additional product to make up for short coverage
- Increased number of culls
- Extra labor hours
- Call backs
- Legal costs to distributors
- Accusations of fraudulent business practices

VERSUS

BUYING ON QUALITY.
LONG-TERM THINKING RESULTS IN:

- Longer lasting, best value products
- Longer life expectancy with products inspected by an accredited third party agency
- Homeowner can obtain a viable limited warranty
- Satisfied customers
- Positive word of mouth advertising and reputation
- Long-term industry success

Code Required /Recognized Grading Rules:

Contact a member: http://www.cedarbureau.org/purchasing

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