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Specify and purchase Certi-label[®] on-grade, code-compliant cedar shakes and shingles.

Know the FACTS.



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.

SHAKE LABEL: WHAT TO LOOK FOR

HOW TO READ A CERTI-LABEL®



- 1. The "Certi" Brand Name Your Quality Assurance
- 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
- 10. Building Code Compliance Numbers
- 11. Product Performance Tests Passed
- 12. Label Identification Number
- 13. UPC Code
- 14. Coverage Chart and Recommended Exposure
- 15. Application Instructions on Reverse Side

SHINGLE LABEL: WHAT TO LOOK FOR

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Be Aware of Questionable Labels

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



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EDGE GRAIN versus FLAT GRAIN

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





Flat Grain Surface

COVERAGE

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

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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.





Unpermitted knots within a bundle



Thin Product, Off Grade



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 <u>any</u> flat grain.



Short Shim Off Grade



Narrow Off Grade



Bark Off Grade



Knot Off Grade



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 codemandated, independent third party inspection agency is also displayed on the Certi-label®.



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:

http://www.cedarbureau.org/green-products/supporting-documents/grading-rules.asp



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