

Grading guidelines



As the demand for recycled timber increases across commercial and residential projects within Australia, the need for an industry-wide standard has never been more important.



Classic Aged Premium

This timber is the pinnacle of recycled timber. It will be graded to a minimum of F17 and contain a subtle blend of characteristics of its former use, such as nail and bolt holes and surface ageing. These give warmth and appeal to the finished product.

Large bolt holes and other evidence of former use can be either plugged or black resin-filled. This is available in a dressed, handbrushed, sawn, smokey grey, or sawtooth finish.

Some typical examples of premium grade include tight gum veins, black resin-filled bolt holes, and tight surface checking. Resin filling and timber plugging are available at an additional charge.



Classic Aged Character

This timber will be rich in character with a strong showing of the characteristics of its former use. These characteristics will be left 'as is'. This is available in a dressed, handbrushed, sawn, smokey grey or sawtooth finish.

Some typical examples of character grade include nail holes (some with tannin staining in nail holes), chisel marks, open gum pockets, surface checking, and open gum veins.

The Industry Standard for Recycled Timber offers manufacturers, suppliers, and users specific grading guidelines. Published by Forest and Wood Products Australia G02 2025 Edition 01, the primary objective of the guidelines is to provide the Australian recycled timber industry with a professional, consistent standard.

Important things to consider when choosing a grade of recycled timber:

- What is the end application?
- What is the finish required?
- What is the structural grading required?
- What colour and/or durability are required?
- Are bolt holes to be plugged/black resin filled?
- Is the timber to be used internally or externally?
- Will the timber receive any coating either prior to or after installation?
- Will your supplier provide a certificate of timber origin and grading compliance?

