

Standard Grading Rules for Southern Pine Lumber

Management of Change Form



Background Information

Name of Person Requesting the Change: Multiple

Date of Requested Change: 4Q2024

Request Title: 200 Section Clarifications

Printed Date: 2Q25

Change Category

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Proposal to align with National Grading Rule | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal to align with SPIB governance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proposal to align with ALSC Enforcement Regs | <input type="checkbox"/> Proposal based Resource Monitoring Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proposal to align with PS 20 | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade Rule - Addition |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Editorial change to existing content | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade Rule – Removal |

Description of Proposed Change

Various clarifications are needed for the Finish sections and Boards sections of the 2021 Standard Grading Rules for Southern Pine Lumber. These changes are primarily editorial in nature. They reflect the current practice of the SPIB concerning 6 rules.

Rationale

SPIB has long interpreted these rules as described above, but the clarifications and additions to the rule book ensure that all reading these rules have a clear understanding of the requirements.

Proposal

Implement 6 changes to the 200 section. Proposed changes are summarized by grade below:

C Finish (202)

- Clarify that a timber break is limited to the **sound** knot size instead of the “knot size”.
- Clarify that the reverse side may include “decayed small knots **and cavities** up to ¾”.

D Finish (204)

- Clarify that a timber break is limited to the “**sound** knot size” instead of the “knot size”.

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Proposal (Continued)

No. 1 Boards (261)

- Clarify that a timber break is limited to the “**sound** knot size” instead of the “knot size”.

No. 2 Boards (262)

- Clarify that both heart-center decay **and** unsound red heart are not to exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ ” wide by $\frac{1}{4}$ the length of the piece **or equivalent**. The current phrasing of the rule could be interpreted to mean that heart-center decay is not allowed to be graded on an equivalent basis: “in streaks of heart-center decay not to exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ ” wide by $\frac{1}{4}$ length of piece, or equivalent in unsound red heart”
- Clarify that worm-eaten pitch is limited to the area occupied by the allowable **sound** knot, rather than the “knot size”.

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