

Standard Grading Rules for Southern Pine Lumber

Management of Change Form



Background Information

Name of Person Requesting the Change: Multiple

Date of Requested Change: Summer 2024

Request Title: Change “Slight” Shakes to Light Shakes in 2 occurrences

Printed Date: 2Q25

Change Category

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal to align with National Grading Rule | <input 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

Change two occurrences in the rule book that reference “slight” shakes, to “light” shakes.

Rationale

According to SPIB and the National Grading Rule, there is no shake size or type that is classified as “slight”. “Slight” is printed in two different places within the 2021 Standard Grading Rules for Southern Pine Lumber, once in the section for Premium Radius Edge Decking (sec. 422) and once in the section for D Finish (sec. 204).

The “slight” language has been present in the SPIB rule book for many years in some form or fashion. This issue was only partially corrected when the 2021 Standard Grading Rules were first released. This revision removes any remaining occurrences of the “slight” nomenclature. represents the

Proposal

Remove the “s” in both sections 422 and 204 where slight shake is referenced.

Supporting Information

Current NGR Excerpt showing shake types:

740 SHAKE - A lengthwise separation of the wood which occurs between or through the rings of annual growth.

(a) A light shake is not over 1/32" wide.

(b) A medium shake is not over 1/8" wide.

(c) A surface shake occurs on only one surface of a piece.

(d) A through shake extends from one surface of a piece to the opposite or to an adjoining surface.

(e) A pith shake (or heart shake or heart check) extends through the growth rings from or through the pith towards the surface of a piece, and is distinguished from a seasoning check by the fact that its greatest width is nearest the pith, whereas the greatest width of a season check in a pith-centered piece is farthest from the pith.

(f) A ring shake occurs between the growth rings to partially or wholly encircle the pith.

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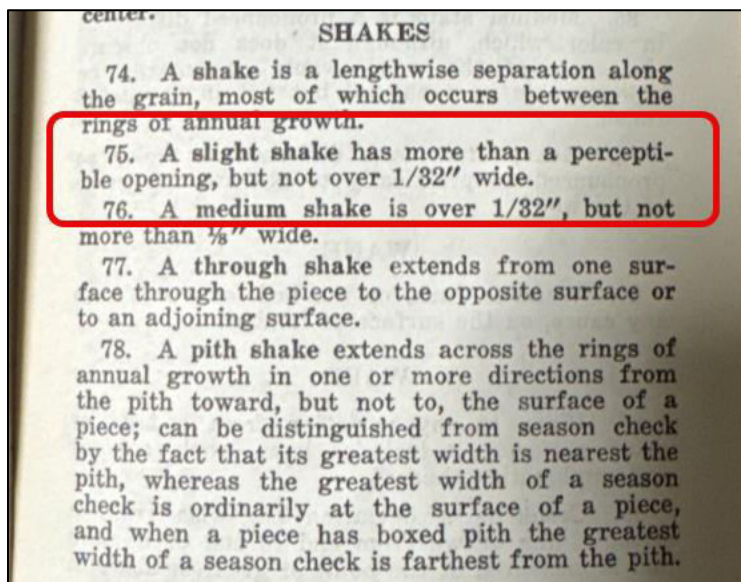
Supporting Information (Continued)

Rule book modified text example (section 204)

Pith – not longer than $1/6$ length of piece

Shakes – slight (not over $1/32$ " wide) if not through

Excerpt from "1939 Standard Specifications for Southern Pine Lumber"



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