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1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard establishes the classification, by quality, of non-assembled solid fir and spruce parquet strips.

2 Reference

ISO 1072, *Solid wood parquet — General characteristics*.

3 Manufacture, characteristics, delivery conditions

3.1 The regulations for the manufacture, the characteristics and the delivery conditions are fixed by ISO 1072.

3.2 The minimum dimensions and the mean lengths for deliveries of non-specified lengths shall be the subject of agreement between the interested parties.

3.3 Solid fir and spruce parquet strips may be treated to give effective protection to all parts of the strip liable to be attacked by insects, without impairing subsequent use of the strips, the parquet appearance or its maintenance.

4 Classification

4.1 Solid fir and spruce parquet strips shall not contain more defects than those allowed under 4.5, for each grade.

4.2 Solid fir and spruce parquet strips are divided into three grades :

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4.3 Strips containing more defects than those allowed for the last grade (★) shall not be delivered under the designation "ISO solid fir [or spruce] parquet strips", nor under any other designation which may lead to confusion with one of the grades given.

4.4 Strips entirely free of defects are not covered by this classification.

4.5 The three grades shall correspond to the conditions stated in tables 1, 2 and 3.

Table 1 – General characteristics

Wood or sawing defects		Grades		
		***	**	*
Decay and suffocated wood		none		
Texture		regular		all textures permitted
Slope of grain		appreciably straight grain and parallel to the axis of the piece	slope of grain not exceeding 10 %	
Planing imperfections (areas not planed and traces of planing machine)	on face and edges	none (on examination with the naked eye)	permitted, if localized, not exceeding 0,2 mm in depth	
	on tongue	on 20 %	maximum permitted on 30 %	on 40 %
	on back	0,3 mm	permitted up to a maximum depth of 0,5 mm	1,0 mm
Planing waves	on face	permitted up to a maximum depth of 0,2 mm		
	on back	permitted		
Incomplete tongue		maximum permitted on 1/3 of the length on 1/2 of the length provided that the width of the tongue is not reduced to less than 3 mm		

Table 3 – Back, ends and edges

Wood defects		Grades		
		***	**	*
Pith traces		none	permitted in the form of discontinuous rays if they are not cleft	permitted
Curls		permitted		
Shakes	checks	permitted		
	shallow	permitted, not exceeding 4 mm in depth		
	through	none		
Round and oval knots	sound, of normal colour, even darker	20 mm	permitted, provided that the diameter does not exceed 30 mm	
	black, inter-grown, dead or burst	10 mm	permitted, provided that the diameter does not exceed 20 mm	
Wane (dull edge)		20 %	maximum permitted in length and in width 30 % in depth 20 % of the thickness of the piece	40 %
Defects not mentioned		permitted provided that they do not impair the strength and the durability of the parquet		