### **LOW CUTTING GRADES**

# **Custom Shop Common Paint (CS/COMPT)**

Yields: Mix of Custom Shop & Com#2. Color no defect.

**Uses:** Good for low end furniture frames and panel manufacturers with small staves.

NHLA = #2Com (blend #1 & #2 Com)

### Common #2 (COM/#2) \*

Yields: 50% yield to clear one-face, sound back cuttings.

**Uses:** Good for low end furniture frames and panel manufacturers with small staves and clear cuttings.

NHLA = #2Com (mid)

## Economy #3 (ECO/#3)

Yields: 33 1/3% sound cutting.

**Uses:** Good for low end furniture frames and panel manufacturers with small stayes.

NHIA = #3Com

### **APPEARANCE GRADES**

# Premium (PREM) \*

Yields: 83 1/3% cuttings structurally sound.

Uses: Good for rustic appearance cut from the heart

of high grade logs.

Also available in PREMW sorted to width 6"+.

NHLA = Rustic (upper)

### K-Strip (KSTRP) \*

Yields: 66 2/3% structurally sound, sorted to width 4"-5".

**Uses:** Good for rustic appearance cut from the heart of high grade logs

NHLA = Rustic (narrow strips)

### Character Mark (CM)

Yields: 66 2/3% structurally sound fiber

Uses: Finger joint applications and rustic/distressed appearance

NHLA = #2Com (mid to lower)

# FURNITURE FRAMES

# Standard Frame (STD FRM) \*

Yields: Graded on best face with 66 2/3% cuttings.

**Uses:** Good for balance of long rails and shorter frame parts incfludes larger defects than PREM.

NHLA = Rustic (lower)

### **Premium Frame Paint (PRFRPT)**

Yields: 66 2/3% yield to structurally sound cuttings. Mix of Premium Frame and Standard Frame with color no defect.

**Uses:** Good for rustic appearance or smaller cuttings

NHLA = #3Com (upper)



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NWH Alder is available as PEFC certified, FSC Mix Credit, FSC Controlled Wood or PEFC Controlled Sources.

	NHLA							
Propriatary Grades	Equivalents							
Superior (SUP)	FAS							
Superior 1 Face (SUP1F)	SEL							
Cabinet (CABINET)	#1Com (upper)							
Cab (CAB)	#1Com (mid)							
Custom Shop (CSHP)	#1Com (lower)							
#1 Jacket Board	Blend of #1 and #2 Com							
Common #2	#2Com							
(COM/#2)	(mid)							
Economy #3 (ECO/#3)	#3Com							
Premium (PREM)	Rustic (upper)							
K-Strip (KSTRP)	Rustic (narrow strips)							
Character Mark (CM)	#1Com (mid to lower)							
Custom Shop Common	#2Com							
Paint (CS/COMPT)	(blend #1 & #2 Com)							
Standard Frame (STD FRM)	Rustic (lower)							
Premium Frame Paint (PRFRPT)	#3Com (upper)							

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# **Explanation of Alder Grades**

NWH proprietary alder grades are more precise than standard NHLA grading rules. This offers better cutting yields and ultimately delivering higher value.

# **UPPER CUTTING GRADES**

# Superior (SUP) \*

Yields: Best face minimum 83 1/3% up to 100% clear cuttings. Back is Cabinet+.

**Uses:** Long and wide clear face cuttings with high yield for rips.

Also available in Seasonal (SUP S)

NHLA = FAS

# Superior 1 Face (SUP1F)

Yields: Best face minimum 83 1/3% clear cuttings. Back is Premium+.

Uses: Long and wide clear face cuttings with high yield for rips.

NHLA = SEL

# **MID CUTTING GRADES**

## Cabinet (CABINET)

Yields: Worst face minimum of 66 2/3% up to 83 1/3% clear 2 face. Pulled to 2 face cuttings, graded on the worst face.

Uses: Good for cabinet doors and panels)

Also available in CABINET S Seasonal.

NHLA = #1Com (upper)

### Cab (CAB) \*

**Yields:** Best face minimum 66 2/3% up to 83 1/3% clear cuttings. Combination of clear cuttings and sound cutting backs.

**Uses:** Good for customers who need some higher and some lower grades.

Also available in CAB S Seasonal.

NHLA = #1Com (mid)

### **Custom Shop (CSHP)**

**Yields:** Best face minimum 66 2/3% clear cuttings with sound back cuttings. Pulled for rip first applications.

Uses: Good for casegoods and cabinets.

NHLA = #1Com (lower)

### #1 Jacket Board (#1JB) \*

Yields: Minimum 50% clear two face cuttings, widths 3 3/8 - 5 1/4"

**Uses:** Good for single rip options with wane on edges to clean up.

NHLA = Blend of #1 and #2 Common

# Alder Grades at a Glance

	NHLA Cabinets				Furniture							Millwork			
			Doors/Comp	Drawer Fronts	Face Frames	Appearance	FJ	Frames	Casegoods	Table Tops	Table Legs	Chairs	Doors	Windows	Mouldings
Upper Cutting Grades	Grade Abbreviation	Grade Abbreviation													
Superior	SUP	FAS	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Superior-S	SUP S	FAS	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Superior 1 Face	SUP1F	SEL				•			•	•			•	•	•
Mid Cutting Grades															
Cabinet	CABINET	#1Com (upper)	•	•		•							•		
Cabinet-S	CABINETS	#1Com (upper)	•	•		•							•		
CAB	CAB	#1Com (mid)	•						•						
CAB-S	CABS	#1Com (mid)	•		•	•			•					•	
Custom Shop	CSHP	#1Com (lower)			•	•							•	•	•
#1 Jacket Board	#1JB	Blend of #1 and #2	•	•		•			•				•	•	•
Low Cutting Grades															
Com/#2	COMSHP#2	#2Com (mid)			•	•	•	•	•					•	•
CustomShop/Cpm Paint	CSCOMPT	#2Com (blend #1 & #2 Com)			•	•	•	•	•						
Economy/#3	ECO/#3	#3Com			•	•	•	•	•						
Appearance Grades															
Premium	PREM	Rustic (upper)	•	•	•	•			•	•			•	•	•
K-Strips 4-5"	KSTRP	Rustic (narrow strips)	•	•	•	•			•	•				•	•
Premium Wide 6"+	PREMW	Rustic	•	•	•	•			•	•			•	•	•
Character Mark 7 3/4"+	CM	#1Com (mid to lower)	•	•	•	•			•	•			•	•	•
Furniture Frame Grades															
Standard Frame	STD FRM	Rustic (lower)	•	•	•	•		•					•		
Premium Frame Paint	PRFRPT	#3Com (upper)						•							

<sup>\*</sup> Grades listed are 4/4, inquire about thicker grade differences.