

Alder Grades at a Glance



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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, panels and millwork)

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. Combo of Cabinet and Custom Shop

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)

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 staves.

NHLA = #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)

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 includes 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.

Alder NWH Proprietary Grades	Alder NHLA Equivalents
Superior (SUP)	FAS
Superior 1 Face (SUP1F)	SEL
Cabinet (CABINET)	#1Com (upper)
Cab (CAB)	#1Com (mid)
Custom Shop (CSHP)	#1Com (lower)
Custom Shop Common Paint (CS/COMPT)	#2Com (blend #1 & #2 Com)
Common #2 (COM/#2)	#2Com (mid)
Economy #3 (ECO/#3)	#3Com
Premium (PREM)	Rustic (upper)
K-Strip (KSTRP)	Rustic (narrow strips)
Standard Frame (STD FRM)	Rustic (lower)
Premium Frame Paint (PRFRPT)	#3Com (upper)

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* Primary Sort

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NWH		NHLA	Cabinets			Furniture						Millwork			
			Doors/Comp	Drawer Fronts	Face Frames	Appearance	FJ	Frames	Casegoods	Table Tops	Table Legs	Chairs	Doors	Windows	Moldings
Upper Cutting Grades	Grade Abbreviation	Grade Abbreviation													
Superior	SUP	FAS	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Superior-S	SUP S	FAS	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Superior 1 Face	SUP1F	FAS				•			•	•			•	•	•
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)			•	•							•	•	•
Low Cutting Grades															
Com/#2	COMSHP#2	#2Com (mid)			•	•	•	•	•					•	•
CustomShop/Cpm Paint	CSCOMPT	#2Com (blend #1 & #2 Com)			•	•	•	•	•						
Econo/#3	ECO/#3	#3Com			•	•	•	•	•						
Appearance Grades															
Premium	PREM	Rustic (upper)	•	•	•	•			•	•			•	•	•
K-Strips 4-5"	KSTRP	Rustic (narrow strips)	•	•	•	•			•	•				•	•
Premium Wide 6"+	PREMW	Rustic	•	•	•	•			•	•			•	•	•
Furniture Frame Grades															
Standard Frame	STD FRM	Rustic (lower)	•	•	•	•		•					•		
Premium Frame Paint	PRFRPT	#3Com (upper)						•							

* Grades listed are 4/4, inquire about thicker grade differences.