



03. Technical Specifications

03.08b GRADING

Timber is graded according to quality, generally by the absence of, or the presence of, naturally occurring features that come from each tree. As certain species tend to exhibit more or less of certain features, consideration of these factors is important when deciding upon both **colour** and **grade**.

Generally speaking, the higher the quality of floor desired, the better the quality of timber that should be selected.

If however one is seeking to achieve a very rustic or rural effect, then selection of a specie with plenty of knots, gum vein (darker blood lines) insect markings and mineral pockets, with the resultant savings of purchasing a lower grade of timber, will not only save money, but achieve a great deal of unique character in the floor which you construct.

Remember, when choosing multiple species of timbers for use in your floor design; be guided by your specialist contractor in relation to complimentary expansion/contraction and hardness rates.