



Reclaimed Fir VatBase Scar'dFace Flooring

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product information

wooden pickle and wine vats were constructed of two to three inch thick staves and planks; this wood was premium stock, with no knots and tight grain as, of course, the vat needed to be water tight; the base of these vats was always submerged in liquid leaving more consistent mineral deposits; while the color varies significantly, the minerals tend to darken the boards, and the overall appearance of a Fir VatBase Floor is that of a deep, warm brown; additional character is found in deep checking of some of the boards; when these boards are combined with cleaner boards a nice combination of rustic elements converge with a very refined look, to create a floor that can anchor rustic or refined designs

specie

primarily Douglas Fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*)

source :: antique 100% recycled

industrial salvage including Spiegel Catalog Warehouse

moisture content

kiln-dried to 6-8% moisture content

hardness

janka hardness rating: 710

character rating

our character rating: 5.9 (rustic elements)

our character scale rates floors on a 1 - 10 scale; a low number is a refined floor and a high number is very rustic

grade scope

unless otherwise stated the grade standards apply to an entire floor and not to individual boards which allows for a more natural look even in the refined products

knots

virtually clear; occasional pin knots allowed

holes

rare small nail holes; no visible bolt holes; partial dowel holes allowed on the edge of the back of the board

cracks/checks

unlimited as long as the board is sound; end cracks to extend not more than 6" into the board; some boards have dark checking

color

the color variances are unlimited, but predominately range from red to brown to dark brown to yellow

grain

the majority of the wood will be flat or cathedral grain; some rift cut or quarter sawn boards may be included

millwork

¾" thick; the tongue and groove will be milled on the edges; the back of the board is milled with back outs; the ends of the boards will be cut square

widths

3" to 7" faces milled on the ¼" for best yeild; floors are produced with a combination of 3 or more face sizes with enough of each size to create a random pattern

lengths

2' to 8' with no more than 5% of the footage to be less than 4'

surface

the face is planed smooth, but may have variances and deep checks

**issues**

these boards will have been saturated with pickle juice which has deposited salt and other minerals in the wood; as a result of the salt in the wood DO NOT USE WATER BASED FINISHES OR ADHESIVES; this wood can have a corrosive effect on metal fasteners, machinery and saw blades; this wood can absorb moisture more readily than standard Douglas Fir; the wood may have a pickle smell as it is being milled or cut; the smell tends to dissipate after all milling is complete; the product may leach some salt/minerals; standard sand and finish significantly reduces the chance of continued leaching

installation

basic principles of installation for solid wood floors apply to this product and it should be installed according to the standard professional practices of your area; although, installers should be well experienced with custom wood floors and have artistic skill in board placement

unfinished

this flooring product comes unfinished and is designed to be prepped and finished on site