

Summary of Victorian Ash Grading Rules

DEFECT	SELECT	STANDARD	SUPA 17	MERCH
<i>Graded to:</i>	2 faces/2 edges	1 face/2 edges	Worst face	Worst
Internal checking	Not permitted	Not permitted	No limitation	No limitation
Surface checking	Not permitted	Not to exceed 2mm in depth	No limitation(*)	No limitation
Sound knots / burls	No greater than 20mm wide or 1/6 of width. One per 2m in length	No greater than 30mm wide or ¼ of width. One per 1m in length	No limitation(*)	No limitation
Tight gum vein	Not greater than 2mm wide, and not exceeding ½ aggregate length of board	Not greater than 5mm wide, and not exceeding aggregate length of board	No limitation	No limitation
Loose gum vein	Not permitted	Not greater than 3mm wide, not intersecting an end. Agg. length 1/6 of board	Not greater than 5mm wide, not intersecting an end. Agg length ¼ of board.	Not greater than 5mm wide, and not exceeding aggregate length of board.
Brown stain	Slight	No limitation	No limitation	No limitation
Hobnail	No limitation	No limitation	No limitation	No limitation
Gum pockets	Not permitted	No greater than 6mm wide. Max length 75mm. Not exceeding 1 per 1500mm of length.	No greater than 6mm wide and 75mm in length.	No limitation
Black speck	Slight	No limitation	No limitation	No limitation
Pinholes and holes	Not permitted	No greater than 3mm in diameter 6 per 100x100 area and not associated with rot.	Scattered	Scattered
Rot / Decay	Not permitted	Not permitted	On surface only and slight	Not permitted
Heart wood	Not permitted	Not permitted	Not permitted	No limitation
End splits	Not exceeding 12mm in length	Not exceeding 12mm in length	Up to 150mm in length	Up to 150mm in length

(*) Low occurrence due to Ash specie or quarter sawn cutting pattern.