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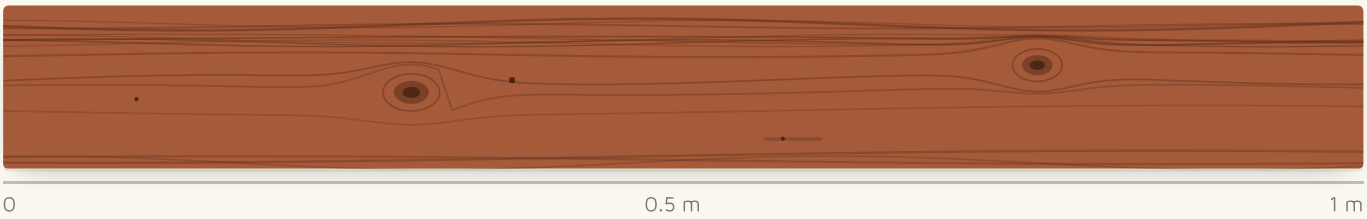
GRADE SHEET · NOVEMBER 2026

RED HEART BEECH DECKING

Decking

Red and hard beech heartwood, for outdoors. The same knot and pinhole limits as Natural, and no sapwood.

WHAT A METRE CAN LOOK LIKE

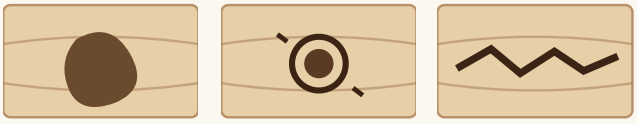


Up to 3 knots in any metre, across a face that is all heartwood. Drawn to show the grade, not a photo of one board.

YOU MAY SEE

- ✓ Heartwood of red beech or hard beech
- ✓ Up to 3 tight, sound knots per metre
- ✓ A few small pinholes on some boards
- ✓ Warm red-brown, with darker streaks

WHAT WE GRADE OUT



Rot or soft spots | Loose or dead knots | Open cracks

We cut these out, or leave the board out. Natural timber can still surprise us, so if a board arrives with one, send us a photo before laying and we'll replace it.

Why heartwood

Heartwood is the durable part of the log. We grade out the last of the paler sapwood after the boards are kiln dried and profiled.

Every board is different

Natural timber, graded by eye. Colour shifts from board to board and within a board.

Fixings

Use stainless steel or silicon bronze. Not iron: it stains beech wherever it can get wet.

Our promise

We grade every board by eye. If any arrive outside this grade, send us photos before laying and we'll replace them.

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