

PLYWOOD - To help understand terms on specifications the following might be of use:

**UNDER THE EU DIRECTIVE FOR CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS - EN 13986,
ARE THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND EXPLANATIONS**

CE2+	For structural applications
CE4	Non structural applications
E1	Lower formaldehyde level
E2	Higher formaldehyde level
BS EN 636	Classification of the species of plywood
EN 636-1	Species for use in interior conditions
EN 636-2	Species for use in humid conditions, or exterior if sealed with oil based paint
EN 636-3	Species of plywood for use in exterior conditions
BS EN 314-2	Classification of the bonding/glue
EN 314-2 Class 1	Bond Class 1 - Glueline for interior conditions
EN 314-2 Class 2	Bond Class 2 - Glueline for humid conditions, or exterior if sealed with oil based paint
EN 314-2 Class 3	Bond Class 3 - Glueline for exterior conditions
BS EN 635	Classification of surface appearance
EN 635 Part 1	General matters common to hardwood and softwood wood species
EN 635 Part 2	Permissible defects in different grades of Hardwood face veneers
EN 635 Part 3	Permissible defects in different grades of Softwood veneers
Also refer to	GRADES – B/BB, BB/CC, B/B, B/C, C+/C, face and back grades
BS EN 335-3	Biological durability of veneer species
Hazard Class 1	Suitable for use in dry conditions
Hazard Class 2	Suitable for use in humid conditions
Hazard Class 3	Suitable for use in exterior conditions



Other useful terms

BS 5268 PART 2	Load bearing standard. Also BBA load bearing
BS1088	Marine Plywood standard
FSC	Forest Stewardship Council (scheme certifying sustainability and legality)
PEFC sustainability and legality)	Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification (scheme certifying

NB if to be used externally, **all** plywood must firstly be sealed on all edges and faces with an oil based paint or lacquer.

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