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COMMERCIAL STANDARD FOR HARDWOOD PLYWOOD

On April 9, 1931, at the instance of the Plywood Manufacturers Association, a general conference of representative manufacturers, distributors, and users adopted a recommended commercial standard for hardwood plywood, which was subsequently accepted in writing by the trade, and published as Commercial Standard CS35-31. The standard was revised in 1942 and 1947.

On September 12, 1949, with the approval of the standing committee, a revision of CS35-47, proposed by manufacturers of hardwood plywood, was circulated to the trade for consideration and approval. Those concerned have since accepted and approved the revised standard as set forth herein.

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COMMERCIAL STANDARD CS35-49

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HARDWOOD PLYWOOD

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1. PURPOSE

1.1 These commercial standard rules are established to provide a universal basis of common understanding in the hardwood plywood industry. General adoption and use of this standard will facilitate procurement of the proper type and grade of plywood for its varied uses. Architects, engineers, contractors, and industrial users will be able to specify their needs from nationally recognized types and grades, and this should result in a better understanding between buyer and seller.

2. SCOPE

2.1 This standard provides minimum specifications for four standard types of hardwood plywood, based on the water resistance and durability of the bond, in four standard grades. It covers tests, densities, standard thicknesses, widths and lengths, tolerances, workmanship, packing, inspection, grade marking and certification, method of ordering, and nomenclature and definitions.

3. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Workmanship.—All plywood sold as of commercial standard quality shall be well manufactured and free from blisters, wrinkles, laps, or other defects not specifically permitted in the rules for the various grades. Veneers shall be tight and smoothly cut, uniform in thickness, and free from serious buckle.

3.2 *Packing.*—All commercial standard plywood shall be securely packed to insure delivery in a clean and serviceable condition.

4. DETAIL REQUIREMENTS

4.1 There are many factors entering into the manufacture of the different types of hardwood plywood, but since the quality of the plywood is definitely limited by the construction and the adhesive used, four standard types of hardwood plywood have been established as set forth in table 1.

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4.2 The specifications given in table 1 establish minimum requirements for each type of plywood; therefore, the majority of the panels manufactured as of commercial standard quality will exceed these minimum specifications.

Limiting factors	Technical	Type I	Type II	Type III
Bond	Fully water- proof. Specify 2 under 1 3 under 2. None No tape	Fully water- proof. Specify	Water-resist- ant. Specifydo 2 or 3 Specify Tape	Dry bond. Specify. Do. 2 or 3. Specify. Tape.
Maximum veneer thickness, in inches: High density Medium density Low density Percentage of wood in face direction Sanding Tests	1/12 1/10 1/5 1/5 1/5 1/5 1/5 1/5 1/5 1/5	14 No limit Specify	No limit do do Specify Cold soak de- lamination.	No limit: Do. Do. Specify. None.

TABLE	1Types	of hard	wood plywood
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4.3 Types of hardwood plywood.

4.3.1 Technical—fully waterproof bond.—The construction of this type is designed to satisfy requirements where plywood may be subjected to highly stressed conditions. The bond shall withstand full weather and marine exposure and shall be unaffected by microorganisms. The bond shall be of such quality that specimens will withstand the cyclic wet and dry test, and cyclic boil test described in paragraphs 5.4.1 and 5.4.2.

4.3.2 Type I—fully waterproof bond.—The bond shall withstand full weather exposure and shall be unaffected by micro-organisms. The bond shall be of such quality that specimens will withstand the cyclic wet and dry test, and cyclic boil test described in paragraphs 5.4.1 and 5.4.2.

4.3.3 *Type II—water-resistant bond.*—The bond shall retain practically all of its strength when occasionally subjected to a thorough wetting and drying. The bond shall be of such quality that specimens will withstand the cold soak test described in paragraph 5.5.

4.3.4 *Type III—dry bond.*—The bond is suitable for use where it will not be subjected to water, dampness, nor high humidities.

4.4 Densities.—Veneers are classified by density as follows:

High density	Medium density	Low density
Ash, commercial white. Beech, American. Birch, yellow, sweet. Elm, rock. Maple, black (hard). Maple, sugar (hard). Oak, commercial red.	Ash, black. Cherry, black. Elm, American (white or gray). Gum, sweet. Hackberry. Magnolia.	Basswood, American. Chestnut, American. Cottonwood, eastern, black. Poplar, yellow. Willow, black.

High density	Medium density Low	density
ak, commercial white. can, commercial.	Mahogany, African. Mahogany, American. Maple, red (soft). Maple, silver (soft). New Guinea wood. Oriental wood. Paldao. Prima Vera. Sycamore. Tupelo, water, black. Walnut, American.	

4.5 In determining density of other woods not mentioned above, use a specific gravity of 0.56 and above for high density, 0.41 up to and including 0.55 for medium density, and 0.40 and lower for low density. These are to be based on the oven-dry weight of the wood and the volume at 12-percent moisture content.

4.6 Grade of faces, backs, and inner plies.—The grade designates the quality of the face, back, or inner plies; and in grade 1 faces (see table 2) it also designates the matching of veneer, unless otherwise specified under the species.

4.7 Ash and Elm (rotary cut).

4.7.1 Grade 1 (Good).—Each face shall be matched for pleasing effect. Small burls, pin knots, mineral streaks, discolorations, inconspicuous small patches, and sapwood shall be admitted. Knots other than pin knots, worm holes, splits, and shake shall not be admitted.

4.7.2 Grades 2, 3, and 4.—See paragraphs 4.28 to 4.31, and table 3.

4.8 Basswood (rotary cut).

4.8.1 Grade 1 (Good).—Each face shall be made up entirely of sapwood, tight side exposed, not matched. A few small burls, one pin knot per 12-in. square, a few mineral streaks, and inconspicuous small patches shall be admitted. Knots other than pin knots, discolorations, worm holes, splits, and shake shall not be admitted.

4.8.2 Grades 2, 3, and 4.—See paragraphs 4.28 to 4.31, and table 3.

4.9 Birch (rotary cut).

4.9.1 Grade 1 (Good).—Each face shall be made up of tight, smoothly cut veneer, unselected for uniformity of color, but matched for pleasing effect. A few burls, one pin knot per 12-in. square, mineral streaks, slight discolorations, and inconspicuous small patches shall be admitted. Knots other than pin knots, worm holes, splits, and shake shall not be admitted.

4.9.2 Grades 2, 3, and 4.—See paragraphs 4.28 to 4.31, and table 3.

4.10 Gum, Tupelo, Magnolia, Bay, and Poplar (rotary cut-unselected for color).

4.10.1 Grade 1 (Good).—Each face shall be of tight, smoothly cut veneer, unselected for uniformity of color, but matched for pleasing

effect. A few burls, two pin knots (average) per 12-in. square, mineral streaks, slight discolorations, a few worm holes if inconspicuously patched or filled, and inconspicuous small patches shall be admitted. Knots other than pin knots, cross breaks, splits, and shake shall not be admitted.

4.10.2 Grades 2, 3, and 4.—See paragraphs 4.28 to 4.31, and table 3.

4.11 Gum, Tupelo, Magnolia, Bay, and Poplar (rotary cut-selected for color).

4.11.1 Grade 1 (Good).—Each face shall be of tight, smoothly cut veneer, selected for uniformity of color and matched for pleasing effect. A few burls, two pin knots (average) per 12-in. square, mineral streaks, slight discolorations, a few worm holes if inconspicuously patched or filled, and inconspicuous small patches shall be admitted. Knots other than pin knots, cross breaks, splits, and shake shall not be admitted.

4.11.2 *Grades 2, 3, and 4.*—See paragraphs 4.28 to 4.31, and table 3.

4.12 Red Gum (quarter sliced).

4.12.1 Grade 1 (Good).—Each face shall be made up of veneer matched for color and grain at the joints. A few pin knots, sapwood not to exceed 10 percent, and inconspicuous small patches shall be admitted. Knots other than pin knots, burls, mineral streaks, discolorations, worm holes, cross breaks, splits, and shake shall not be admitted.

4.12.2 *Grades 2, 3, and 4.*—See paragraphs 4.28 to 4.31, and table 3.

4.13 Mahogany (rotary cut).

4.13.1 Grade 1 (Good).—Each face shall consist of one or more pieces of veneer not matched for grain or color and with tight side exposed. Burls, pin knots, a few small mineral or gum streaks, worm holes if inconspicuously filled or patched, and inconspicuous small patches shall be admitted. Knots other than pin knots, discolorations, cross breaks, splits, and shake shall not be admitted.

4.13.2 Grades 2, 3, and 4.—See paragraphs 4.28 to 4.31, and table 3.

4.14 Mahogany (plain sliced or flat cut).

4.14.1 Grade 1 (Good).—Each face shall be matched for color and grain at the joints. Burls, pin knots, a few small mineral or gum streaks, worm holes if inconspicuously filled or patched, and inconspicuous small patches shall be admitted. Knots other than pin knots, discolorations, cross breaks, splits, and shake shall not be admitted.

4.14.2 Grades 2, 3, and $\hat{4}$.—See paragraphs 4.28 to 4.31, and table 3.

4.15 Mahogany (quarter sliced).

4.15.1 Grade 1 (Good).—Each face shall be matched for color and grain at the joints. A few small burls, a few pin knots and inconspicuous small patches, a few small mineral or gum streaks, and worm holes, if filled or patched, shall be admitted. Knots other than pin knots, discolorations, cross breaks, splits, and shake shall not be admitted.

4.15.2 Grades 2, 3, and 4.—See paragraphs 4.28 to 4.31, and table 3.

4.16 Maple (rotary cut).

4.16.1 Grade 1 (Good).—Each face shall be matched for pleasing effect. A few small burls and bird's-eyes, a few pin knots, occasional small mineral streaks, slight discolorations, and inconspicuous small patches shall be admitted. Knots other than pin knots, worm holes, splits, and shake shall not be admitted.

4.16.2 Grades 2, 3, and 4.—See paragraphs 4.28 to 4.31, and table 3.

4.17 Maple, Selected White (rotary cut).

4.17.1 Grade 1 (Good).—Each face shall be matched for pleasing effect to show uniform white color throughout. A few small burls and bird's-eyes, a few pin knots, occasional small mineral streaks, slight discolorations, and inconspicuous small patches shall be admitted. Knots other than pin knots, worm holes, splits, and shake shall not be admitted.

4.17.2 *Grades 2, 3, and 4.*—See paragraphs 4.28 to 4.31, and table 3.

4.18 New Guinea Wood (quarter sliced).

4.18.1 Grade 1 (Good).—Each face shall be matched for color and grain at the joints. Burls, pin knots not exceeding two per 12-in. square, inconspicuous small patches, worm holes if filled or patched, and sapwood not exceeding 10 percent shall be admitted. Knots other than pin knots, mineral streaks, discolorations, cross breaks, splits, and shake shall not be admitted.

4.18.2 *Grades 2, 3, and 4.*—See paragraphs 4.28 to 4.31, and table 3.

4.19 Oak, Red and White (rotary cut).

4.19.1 Grade 1 (Good).—Each face shall be made of tight, smoothly cut veneer matched for pleasing effect. Burls, pin knots, slight mineral streaks and discolorations, inconspicuous small patches and sapwood shall be admitted. Knots other than pin knots, worm holes, splits, cross breaks, and shake shall not be admitted.

4.19.2 Grades 2, 3, and 4.—See paragraphs 4.28 to 4.31, and table 3.

4.20 Oak, Red and White (half-round and plain sliced or flat cut). 4.20.1 Grade 1 (Good).—Each face shall be matched for color and grain at the joints. A few small burls, slight mineral streaks and discolorations, pin knots not exceeding two per 12-in. square, inconspicuous small patches, and sapwood not to exceed 10 percent shall be admitted. Knots other than pin knots, worm holes, splits, and shake shall not be admitted.

4.20.2 Grades 2, 3, and 4.—See paragraphs 4.28 to 4.31, and table 3.

4.21 Oak, White (quarter sliced or sawn, and comb-grain sliced or sawn).

4.21.1 Grade 1 (Good).—Each face shall be matched for color and grain at the joints. A few small burls, a few pin knots, mineral streaks not exceeding $\frac{1}{32}$ in. by 4 in. or $\frac{1}{16}$ in. by 2 in., and not more than one per 12-in. square, and inconspicuous small patches shall be

admitted. Sapwood, knots other than pin knots, discolorations, worm holes, splits, broken flake, and shake shall not be admitted.

4.21.2 Grades 2, 3, and 4.—See paragraphs 4.28 to 4.31, and table 3.

4.22 Oriental Wood (quarter sliced).

4.22.1 Grade 1 (Good).—Each face shall be matched for color and grain at the joints. Burls, pin knots not exceeding two per 12-in. square, inconspicuous small patches, worm holes if filled or patched, and sapwood not exceeding 10 percent shall be admitted. Knots other than pin knots, mineral streaks, discolorations, cross breaks, splits, and shake shall not be admitted.

4.22.2 Grades 2, 3, and 4.—See paragraphs 4.28 to 4.31, and table 3.

4.23 Paldao (quarter sliced).

4.23.1 Grade 1 (Good).—Each face shall be matched for color and grain at the joints. Burls, pin knots not exceeding two per 12-in. square, inconspicuous small patches, worm holes if filled or patched, and sapwood not exceeding 10 percent shall be admitted. Knots other than pin knots, mineral streaks, discolorations, cross breaks, splits, and shake shall not be admitted.

4.23.2 *Grades 2, 3, and 4.*—See paragraphs 4.28 to 4.31, and table 3.

4.24 Prima Vera (quarter sliced).

4.24.1 Grade 1 (Good).—Each face shall be matched for color and grain at the joints. Burls, a few pin knots, worm holes if filled or patched, inconspicuous small patches, and sapwood shall be admitted. Knots other than pin knots, mineral streaks, discolorations, cross breaks, splits, and shake shall not be admitted.

4.24.2 Grades 2, 3, and 4.—See paragraphs 4.28 to 4.31, and table 3.

4.25 Walnut (rotary cut).

4.25.1 Grade 1 (Good).—Each face shall be matched for pleasing effect. Burls, pin knots, slight discolorations, inconspicuous small patches, and sapwood shall be admitted. Knots other than pin knots, mineral streaks, worm holes, splits, and shake shall not be admitted.

4.25.2 *Grades 2, 3, and 4.*—See paragraphs 4.28 to 4.31, and table 3.

4.26 Walnut (half-round and plain sliced or flat cut).

4.26.1 Grade 1 (Good).—Each face shall be matched for color and grain at the joints. Burls, pin knots not exceeding two per 12-in. square (average), inconspicuous small patches, and sapwood not exceeding 10 percent shall be admitted. Knots other than pin knots, mineral streaks, discolorations, worm holes, splits, and shake shall not be admitted.

4.26.2 *Grades 2, 3, and 4.*—See paragraphs 4.28 to 4.31, and table 3.

4.27 Walnut (quarter sliced).

4.27.1 Grade 1 (Good).—Each face shall be matched for color and grain at the joints. Pin knots not exceeding two per 12-in. square (average), a few small cross bars, inconspicuous small patches, and sapwood not exceeding 10 percent shall be admitted. Knots other than pin knots, mineral streaks, discolorations, worm holes, splits, and shake shall not be admitted.

4.27.2 *Grades 2*, *3*, *and 4*.—See paragraphs 4.28 to 4.31, and table 3.

	Maple	· (IDUALY CUL)	No. Few, small. Few, small. Sight. No. Yes. No.	Walnut (quarter sliced)	No. 2 per sq ft. No. Few, small. No. Yes. No. No.
	Mahogany (quarter	sliced)	No-Few, small. Few, small. Few, small. Filled or No-do	Wahut (half- round and glaed or flat cut)	Noor 2 per sq ft Yes No
	Mahogany (plain sliced	or flat cut)	Yes Yes do No Few, small Filled or No Ve Yes	Walnut (rotary cut)	Yes No No Slight Yes No
	Mahogany	(IDUAL & CULI)	No Yes do Few, small No Pilled or Yes Vo Vo	Prima Vera (quarter sliced)	No Few No No filled or Vo Vo Vo Vo Vo
Species	Gum, red (quarter	sliced)	No. Few. No. do. do. do. No. No.	Paldao (quarter sliced)	No
Spe	Gum, Tupelo, Magnolia, Bay, and Poplar (rotary cut)	Selected for color	No set the set of the	Oriental wood (quarter sliced)	No. Specific No. Specific No. Specific No.
	Gum, Tupel Bay, and F (rotary cut	Unselected for color	No. 2 per sq ft. Few. Sight Filled or Pulled or No. Vo. Vo. No.	Oak, white (quarter sliced or sawn and comb grain sliced or sawn)	No Few Few Seby small Jás by sin, Jás by 2 in, Jás by 2 in, Jás by 2 in, Jos 2 in, No No No No No No No No No No No No No
	Birch	(וטומוץ כעון)	No read the No read of the No read of the No read of the No do No do No	Oak, red and white (half-round and plain sliced or flat cut)	No - off. 2 per sq ft. Few, small. Slight. do do Yes. Yes. 10%
-	Basswood	(IDIGI & CHI)	No	Oak, red and white (rotary cut)	Yes Slight No Yes No Yes No
	Ash and Elm	(IDIALY CUL)	No- Yes Smail Yes No- do Yes No- No- No-	New Guinea wood (quarter sliced)	No-rest ft- 2 per sq ft- Yes. No. do. No. Yes. No. No.
	Defects		Knots, other than pin knots/ Pin knots. Buils. Buils. Mineral streaks. Worm holes. Splits or open joints. Cross breaks. Sapwod. Sapwod.		Knots, other than pin knots Pin knots Burls Mineral streaks Discolorations Urons bars Vorm holes Cross breaks Cross breaks Patches Broken Broken Spitwood

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TABLE 2.-Summary of characteristics and defects permitted in Grade 1 (Good) veneer

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4.28 Grade 2.

4.28.1 Grade 2 applies to all species and is not matched for color or grain. The faces, backs, and inner plies shall be free from open defects to provide a sound, smooth surface. Veneer containing brashness, shake, doze, or any other form of decay is not permitted. Mineral streaks, stain, discoloration, patches, and sapwood shall not be considered defects. Permissible defects may appear singularly (one type only) or as a combination of more than one type. When more than one type of defect is present, their total limitation, computed according to the equivalent defects given in paragraphs 4.31.1 and 4.31.2, shall not exceed the limit specified for any one type.

4.28.2 Allowable defects.

- (a) Sound tight knots: No single knot shall exceed ¾ in. in average diameter. The sum of the diameters of the knots in any 12-in. square shall not exceed ¾ in.
- (b) Sound tight burls: A burl shall be considered equal to a knot of one-half of the diameter of the burl. No single burl shall exceed ¾ in. in average diameter. The sum of the diameters of the burls in any 12-in. square shall not exceed 1½ in.
- (c) Splits and open joints: Splits and open joints not exceeding $\frac{1}{44}$ in. in width are permitted.
- (d) Worm holes: Inconspicuous patched or filled worm holes are allowed. Pinworm holes are permitted.

4.29 Grade 3.

4.29.1 Grade 3 applies to all species and is not matched for color or grain. This grade may have the same permissible defects as grade 2 and, in addition, defects as described in paragraph 4.29.2. Veneer containing brashness, shake, doze, or any other form of decay is not permitted. Mineral streaks, stain, discoloration, patches, and sapwood shall not be considered defects. Permissible defects may appear singularly (one type only) or as a combination of more than one type. When more than one type of defect is present, their total limitation, computed according to equivalent defects given in paragraphs 4.31.1 and 4.31.2, shall not exceed the limit specified for any one type.

4.29.2 Allowable defects.—The following defects, in addition to those permitted in grade 2, are acceptable in grade 3:

- (a) Sound tight knots: No single knot shall exceed ¾ in. in average diameter. The sum of the diameters of the knots in any 12-in. square shall not exceed 1½ in.
- (b) Sound tight burls: A burl shall be considered equal to a knot of one-half of the diameter of the burl. No single burl shall exceed 1½ in. in diameter. The sum of the diameters of the burls in any 12-in. square shall not exceed 3 in.
- (c) Knotholes: No single knothole shall exceed $\frac{3}{2}$ in. in average diameter. The sum of the diameters of the knotholes in any 12-in. square shall not exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
- (d) Worm holes: No single worm hole shall exceed 2 in. in length along the grain, % in. in diameter, nor cut across the grain more than % in. The sum of their

widths across the grain shall not exceed 1½ in. Pinworm holes are not considered defects.
(e) Splits or open joints: Splits or open joints may extend

- (e) Splits or open joints: Splits or open joints may extend the full length of the panel but shall not occur more frequently than two in any 12-in. width. The width not to exceed $\frac{1}{16}$ in. for veneer $\frac{1}{16}$ in. and thinner, and for veneer over $\frac{1}{16}$ in. in thickness, the width shall not exceed the thickness of the veneer.
- (f) Cross breaks: Cross breaks are permitted.
- (g) Gum spots and bark pockets: The area of any gum spot or bark pocket shall be not more than ¼ sq. in. In any 12-in. square the sum of the areas shall not exceed 1 sq. in. Pockets shall be not closer than 24 in. on the same or adjacent grain lines.

4.30 Grade 4 (reject).

4.30.1 Grade 4 (reject) applies to all species and may contain any amount of brash wood, shake, compression failures, doze, nonopen defects, and loose or rough cutting. Open knotholes shall be limited to $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. in diameter, and the sum of their diameters in any 12-in. square shall not exceed 3 in. Splits shall not exceed $\frac{1}{4}$ in. in width, but may extend the full length of the panel.

 TABLE 3.—Summary of characteristics and defects permitted in Grades 2, 3, and 4 veneers

Defects	Grade 2 ¹	Grade 3 ¹	Grade 4 ¹
Sound tight knots	Max diam, 3% in. Sum diam, 34 in. in	Max diam, 34 in. Sum diam, 1½ in. in	Yes.
Sound tight burls	any sq ft.	any sq ft. Max diam, $1\frac{1}{2}$ in.	Do.
	Sum diam, 1½ in. in any sq ft.	Sum diam, 3 in. in any sq ft.	
Mineral streaks	Yesdo	Yes	Do. Do.
Knotholes	No.	Max diam, 3/8 in.	Max diam, 11/2 in. Sum
		Sum diam, 1½ in. in any sq ft.	diam, 3 in. in any sq ft.
Worm holes	Filled or patched if over 1/16 in. in diam.	Max 1/8 in. diam by 2 in. (See par. 4.29.2	Yes.
		(d).)	
Splits or open joints	1⁄64 in	Yes. (See par. 4.29.2 (e).)	¹ / ₄ in. in width by full length.
Cross breaks	No	Yes	Yes.
Patches	Yes	do	Do.
Sapwood Gum spots and bark pockets	do No	do	Do. Do.
oum spots and bark pockets	100	Max area, ¼ sq in. Sum of areas, 1 sq	10.
		in. in any sq ft.	
Brashness, shake, doze, and decay.	do	No	Do.
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¹ Defects permitted in Grade 1 (Good) shall be admitted in lower grades.

4.31 Equivalent defects.

4.31.1 Each of the following shall be regarded, with respect to its effect, as the equivalent of one ³/₄-in. sound knot:

One ³/₈-in. knothole.

One ³/₄-in. sound tight burl.

One worm hole ½ in. in diameter by 2 in. in length that cuts across the grain ¾ in.

One gum spot, with the product of the length and width equal to $\frac{1}{4}$ sq. in.

One bark pocket with the product of the length and width equal to $\frac{1}{4}$ sq. in.

One split or open joint 12 in. in length and $\frac{1}{16}$ in. in width.

4.31.2 Each of the following shall be regarded, with respect to its effect, as the equivalent of two ³/₄-in. sound knots:

One ³/₄-in. sound knot.

One 1¹/₂-in. sound burl.

One split or open joint 12 in. in length and $\frac{1}{6}$ in. in width.

4.32 Grade of lumber core.—The grade designates the quality of the lumber core and banding requirements, as follows:

4.32.1*Clear.*—A core of any wood, unless otherwise specifically designated, with any type of tight-glued joint and random width fulllength strips. The maximum width of the strips shall be such that warping tendencies are minimized, and it shall be based on the density of the species,¹ straightness of grain, and arrangement of strips with a view to well-balanced stresses. Discolorations shall be admitted, but the wood shall be clear of defects. Mixing of species is not permitted.

4.32.2Regular.—Same specifications as for "Clear" core, but in addition to discolorations, the following are admitted: Sound knots, open defects if securely patched or filled, and butt-joints other than at the edges. Brashness, doze, and mixed species are not permitted.

Clear edge.-A core of "Regular" grade with edges clear of 4.32.3defects to permit shaping or molding to a depth of 1½ in. on all edges.

4.32.4 Banded.—A core of any wood, unless otherwise specifically designated, in either "Clear" or "Regular" grade as may be specified, provided with bands to finish net width, as specified, clear of any defect that may prevent required shaping or molding. The purchaser may specify any suitable wood or woods for banded cores. Banded cores may be specified as follows:

Any designated wood:

B1E	Banded one end.
B2E	Banded two ends.
B1S	Banded one side.
B2S	Banded two sides.
B3	Banded two ends and one side.
B2S1E	Banded two sides and one end.
B4	Banded two sides and two ends.

Mitred bands or any construction requiring bands other 4.32.5than those described above are to be considered special banded cores, and complete details should appear in the specifications.

4.33

Edge joints. In Technical type and Type I, no tape shall be permitted in 4.33.1the glue line.

In Types II and III, tape is permitted; however, tape on 4.33.2faces and backs must be exposed.

4.34Construction.

4.34.1Maximum thickness of veneer (all-veneer construction).—This is governed by the type of plywood desired and the density of the

¹ The following maximum widths of strips are recommended: High density, 3 in.; medium density, 3¹/₂ in.; and low density, 4 in.

	Technical type	Type I	Type II	Type III
High density Medium density Low density	in. 1/12 1/10 1/8	in. 1/8 3/16 1/4	No limit do do	No limit. Do. Do.

TABLE 4.—Maximum thickness of veneer

individual ply. Table 4 specifies the maximum thickness of veneer permitted in the four types of commercial standard hardwood plywood.

4.34.2 Percentage of veneer in face direction.—For the Technical type, the total thickness of veneer running in the same direction as the face is limited to 45 to 70 percent of the total panel thickness. This factor helps to govern the stiffness and stability of the panel. For the other three types there are no limits.

4.34.3 Number of plies.—This is dependent upon the density and maximum thickness of the veneer, the percentage of veneer in the face direction, the stiffness and stability desired. 4.34.4 Lumber-core construction.—Lumber-core plywood is gener-

4.34.4 Lumber-core construction.—Lumber-core plywood is generally used in the manufacture of case goods and for interiors. It is not intended for use where exposed to weather or water. Under severe humidity conditions it may be necessary to use the type of adhesives required in fully waterproof plywood to overcome the problem of micro-organisms, though normally commercial standard lumbercore plywood is manufactured to meet the requirements set up in the "minimum specifications" for Types II and III only. In lumber-core construction, the core or central layer is of lumber usually edge-glued together from narrow strips. Lumber cores are usually ½ in. or more in thickness, and provision can be made for machining the edges. When exposure requirements are high, all-veneer construction, often 7-, 9-, or 11-ply, to equal the thickness of standard lumber-core plywood is suggested.

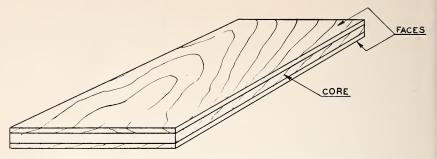
4.34.5 Standard construction.—In general, plywood shall be constructed with an odd number of plies. All interior plies, except the core or center ply, shall occur in pairs, and the two plies of each pair shall be of the same species, thickness, and direction of grain, but placed on opposite sides of the core. The grain of all plies shall be at right angles to the grain of the adjacent plies and to the ends and edges of the panel. Construction other than the above is considered special construction.

4.35 Sanding.—The type of sanding required and number of surfaces to be sanded shall be specified by the purchaser.

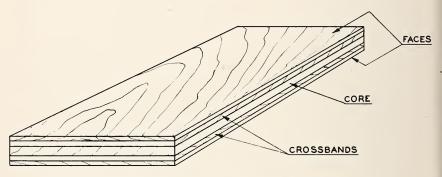
4.35.1 No sanding.—Surfaces need not be sanded nor tape removed. 4.35.2 Rough sanding.—Sanding hit-and-miss. Tape removal not required.

4.35.3 *Regular sanding.*—Surfaces shall be sanded clean and free of tape. Sander streaks considered no defect.

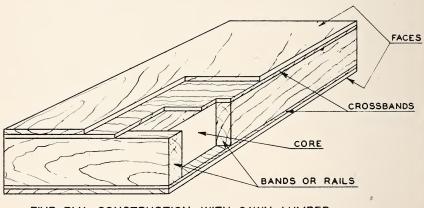
4.35.4 Polish sanding.—Surfaces shall be clean and sanded to a polish. Sander streaks shall be considered defects.



THREE-PLY CONSTRUCTION WITH VENEER CORE.



FIVE-PLY CONSTRUCTION WITH VENEER CORE.



FIVE-PLY CONSTRUCTION WITH SAWN LUMBER CORE AND BANDING OR RAILING.

FIGURE 1.—Plywood construction.

5. TESTS²

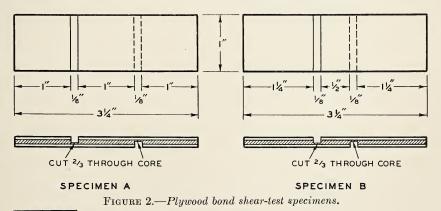
5.1 The manufacturer shall, at the purchaser's request, certify that the panels furnished on the purchaser's order will pass the tests set up in the commercial standard for the particular type or types of hardwood plywood involved. If, in lieu of the certification, the purchaser requires that tests be made, the appropriate standard procedure, as given in paragraphs 5.2 to 5.7, shall be used.

5.2 Sampling.—Samples shall be taken at random from 1 percent of the panels in any shipment, but not less than 5 and not more than 10 panels shall be selected. A test piece shall be cut from each end approximately at midwidth of the panel, and from each edge approximately at midlength of the panel, and a fifth piece shall be cut from near the center of the panel. Each piece shall be of sufficient size to provide the required number of test specimens as set forth for the specified type. Purchaser must accept the panels from which test pieces are taken unless the specified tests prove them defective.

5.3 Shear test.—Shear tests shall be conducted on specimens of the form shown in figure 2. The ends of the specimen shall be gripped in jaws of the type shown in figure 3, and the load applied at a rate of 600 to 1,000 pounds a minute. Plywood consisting of more than three plies shall be stripped of all except any three selected plies, and then prepared as shown in figure 2. In plywood with face plies thicker than $\frac{1}{20}$ in., the shear area shall be 1 sq in., as shown in figure 2, specimen A. Specimens of plywood with face plies $\frac{1}{20}$ in. or less in thickness shall be of the form shown in figure 2, specimen B, in which the shear area shall be reduced, without changing the width of the specimen, to $\frac{1}{2}$ sq in. Test machine loads obtained from specimens, of $\frac{1}{2}$ sq in. shear area shall be multiplied by 2, to convert to pounds per square inch, then reduced by 10 percent before comparing with the requirements set forth in tables 5 and 6.

5.4 Tests for fully waterproof bond (for Technical type and Type I plywood).

5.4.1 Cyclic wet and dry test.—Five specimens of the form shown in figure 2 shall be cut from each of the five test pieces from each sample panel. The specimens shall be submerged in water at room tempera-



² Tests shall be made only when requested by the purchaser.

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ture for 48 hr and dried for 8 hr at a temperature of 145° F ($\pm 5^{\circ}$ F) and then followed by two cycles of soaking for 16 hr and drying for 8 hr under conditions described above. The specimens shall then again be soaked for a period of 16 hr and tested, while wet, in a shear testing machine (as described in paragraph 5.3) to failure. Minimum and average wood failure, based on the average strength of the specimens, shall meet the requirements of table 5. The specimens shall also meet the requirements for minimum shear values given in table 6, and shall show no separation of plies at the glue line. If the number of plies exceeds three, at least one-half of the test shall include the innermost joints.

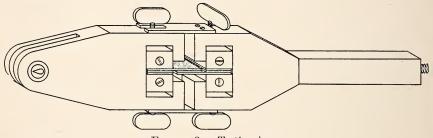


FIGURE 3.— Testing jaws.

5.4.2 Cyclic boil test.—Five specimens of the form shown in figure 2 shall be cut from each of the five test pieces from each sample panel, and the shear specimens shall be boiled in water for 4 hr and then dried for 20 hr at a temperature of 145° F ($\pm 5^{\circ}$ F). They shall then be boiled again for 4 hr, cooled in water, and tested while wet. Specimens shall meet the requirements of tables 5 and 6. There shall be no separation of the plies at the glue line. If the number of plies exceeds three, at least one-half of the test shall include the innermost joints.

TABLE	5P	ercentage	of u	vood failure
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Average shear strength	Minimum wood failure	A verage wood failure
<i>lb/in.</i> ²	Percent	Percent
Under 250	25	50
250 to 350	10	30
Above 350	10	15

TABLE 6.—Minimum shear values required for cyclic and boil tests

Density of veneers	Strength (wet)
High Medium Low	${lb/in.^2\over 290}\ {210}\ {120}$

5.5 Test for water-resistant bond (for Type II plywood) (cold soak for delamination).—One specimen, 6 in. by 6 in., from each test piece from each sample panel shall be submerged in water at room tempera-

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ture for a period of 4 hours, and then dried at a temperature between 70° to 100° F for a period of 20 hours. The cycle shall be repeated, after which the specimens must not show a visible delamination between any two layers of veneer totaling more than 2 in. in continuous length and over ½ in. in depth at any point. When this test is applied to lumber-core plywood, the bulk of the lumber core shall be cut away to eliminate the possiblity of delamination due to the expansive power of the thick core.

5.6

Dry bond (for Type III plywood).—No test required. Interpretation of tests.—For Technical type and Type I ply-5.7wood, the average and minimum requirements, tables 5 and 6, apply to the five specimens from each of the five test pieces. For Type II plywood, the minimum test requirements apply to each of the test pieces. Test specimens cut through localized defects permitted in the grade or tape permitted in the type shall be discarded. If, on the above basis, there is a failure of more than one test piece for any panel, that panel shall be rejected, and five additional panels shall be selected and tested under the conditions described. All five panels of this second set must pass the required test.

6. STANDARD SIZES AND THICKNESSES

6.1 The standard sizes and thicknesses of finished hardwood plywood shall be:

(a) Widths: 24, 30, 36, 42, and 48 in. Tolerance $\pm \frac{1}{32}$ in.

- (b) Lengths: 48, 60, 72, 84, and 96 in. Tolerance $\pm \frac{1}{32}$ in. (c) Thicknesses: $\frac{1}{8}$, $\frac{3}{16}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{5}{16}$, $\frac{3}{8}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{5}{8}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{13}{16}$, $\frac{7}{8}$, and 1 in. Tolerance: unsanded panels $\pm \frac{1}{32}$ in., sanded panels ± 0 in., $-\frac{1}{32}$ in.

Commercial standard hardwood plywood panels shall be square 6.2within 1/16 in., measured on the short dimension.

7. INSPECTION AND GRADE-MARKING

Inspection.—All hardwood plywood guaranteed to conform to 7.1this commercial standard is sold subject to inspection in the white only, and prior to fabrication. Complaints regarding the quality of any shipment must be made within 15 days from receipt thereof.

7.2 Grade-marking and certification.—In order to assure the purchaser that he is getting hardwood plywood of the type and grade specified, manufacturers may, individually or in concert with their trade associations, issue certificates with each shipment or grademark each panel as conforming to the commercial standard.

8. METHOD OF ORDERING

The established procedure in ordering hardwood plywood is to 8.1list the number of pieces, type of plywood, number of plies, thickness, width across the grain, length with the grain, species or density of face ply, density of inner plies in Technical type and Type I only, grade of face, grade of back, grade of lumber core if required, whether sanded or unsanded, and use to which plywood will be put.

8.2 For special types of service, special construction features may be desirable, in which case all applicable standard specification data together with the special construction features should be itemized.

9. NOMENCLATURE AND DEFINITIONS

Back.—Veneer sheet on under side of plywood panel, corresponding in thickness to face veneer on upper or exposed surface. Grain running parallel to grain of face.

Banding.—Also referred to as "railing." Portion of wood of specified kind, extending around one or more sides of piece of core, usually with grain extending the long way. This banding of solid wood facilitates shaping the edges of the piece, or it may be finished flat to cover the several colors presented in the end or side grain of the core.

Bands, cross.-See definition under "Crossbanding."

Bark pocket.—Comparatively small area of bark around which normal wood has grown.

Bird's-eye.—Local sharp depressions in annual rings, accompanied by considerable fiber distortion. Once the depressions are formed, succeeding growth rings follow the same contour for many years. In plain-sawn lumber and rotary veneer the depressions are cut through crosswise and show a series of circlets (portions of annual rings) suggesting rather remotely a bird's eye.

Blister.—Spot or area where veneer does not adhere and bulges like a blister.

Brashness.—Condition of wood characterized by low resistance to shock and by abrupt failure across the grain without splintering.

Burl.—A swirl or twist in the grain of the wood, which usually occurs near a knot but does not contain a knot.

Centers.—See definition under "Cores."

Centers, banded.-See definition under "Cores, banded."

Checks.—Small splits running parallel to grain of wood, caused chiefly by strains produced in seasoning.

Comb grain (sliced or sawn).—Also termed "rift sliced" or "rift sawn." A method of producing veneer by slicing or sawing at an angle of approximately 45° with the annual rings to bring out certain figures produced by the medullary rays, which are especially conspicuous in oak.

Compression failures.—Minute ridges formed by crumpling or buckling of the cells, resulting from excessive compression stresses along the grain.

Cores, also referred to as centers, are the innermost portions of plywood. They may be of sawn lumber, either one piece or several pieces joined and glued, or they may be of veneer.

Cores, banded.—Cores that have been made with banding on one or more sides. See definition under "Banding."

Crossbanding.—Veneer used in the construction of plywood with five or more plies. In five-ply construction, it is placed at right angles between the core and faces.

Cross-bar.—Type of figure or irregularity of grain resembling a dip in the grain, running at right angles, or nearly so, to the length of the veneer.

Cross break.—Separation of the wood cells across the grain. Such breaks may be due to internal strains resulting from unequal longitudinal shrinkage, or to external forces.

Defects, open.-Checks, splits, open joints, cracks, loose knots, worm holes, or other defects interrupting the smooth continuity of the surface.

Density.—Mass of a body per unit of volume. When expressed in the cgs system, it is numerically equal to the specific gravity of the same substance.

Discolorations.—Stains in wood substances. Common veneer stains are sap stains, blue stains, stains produced by the chemical action caused by the iron in the cutting knife coming in contact with the tannic acid in the wood, and those resulting from the chemical action of the glue.

Doze.—A form of incipient decay characterized by a dull and lifeless appearance of the wood accompanied by a lack of strength and a softening of the wood substance.

Flake, broken.—A breaking or loosening of the flake (medullary ray) or quartered material; most frequent in oak.

Flat cut.—Flat-cut veneer sliced parallel to the pith of the log and approximately tangent to the growth rings. Also termed "plain sliced."

Grain.—Term applied to the vertical elements of wood as they occur in the living tree. Grain is perhaps most easily delineated in certain woods by the presence of annual layers of more densely aggregated cells or by groups of prominent vessels which form the well-known growth rings. When severed, they may become quite pronounced and the effect referred to as "grain."

Gum spots.—Well-defined openings between rings of annual growth, usually containing more or less gum.

Half-round.—A manner of cutting veneer to bring out certain beauty of figure, accomplished in the same manner as rotary cutting, except that the piece being cut is secured to a "stay log," a device that permits the cutting of the log on a wider sweep than when mounted with its center secured in the lathe.

Hardwood.—General term used to designate lumber produced from broad-leafed or deciduous trees in contrast to softwood produced from evergreen or coniferous trees.

Hairline.—Thin perceptible line usually showing at the joint.

Holes, worm.—Holes resulting from infestation of worms.

Holes, pinworm.—Holes resulting from infestation of worms, and not exceeding $\frac{1}{16}$ in. in diameter.

Joint.—The line between the edges or ends of two adjacent sheets of veneer or strips of lumber core in the same plane.

Joint, edge.—Joint running parallel to the grain of the wood. Joint, open.—Joint in which two adjacent pieces of veneer do not fit tightly together.

Knot.—Cross section of branch or limb with grain usually running at right angles to that of the piece in which it occurs.

Knotholes.—Voids produced by dropping of knots from the wood in which they were originally embedded.

Knot, open.—Opening where a portion of the wood substance of the knot has dropped out or where cross checks have occurred to present an opening.

Knots, pin.—Sound knots less than ¼ in. in diameter.

Lap.—A condition where the veneers used are so misplaced that one piece overlaps the other and does not make a smooth joint.

Loose side.—See definition under "Tight side."

Patches.—Insertions of sound wood placed and glued into panels from which defective portions have been removed.

Plywood.—A cross-banded assembly made of layers of veneer, or veneer in combination with a lumber core or plies joined with an adhesive. Two types of plywood are recognized, namely, veneer plywood and lumber-core plywood. (Generally, the grain of one or more plies is approximately at right angles to the other plies, and almost always an odd number of plies is used.)

Quartered.—Method of manufacturing veneer by slicing or sawing to bring out certain figures produced by the medullary or pith rays, which are especially conspicuous in oak. The log is flitched in several different ways to allow the cutting of the veneer in a radial direction. Railing.—See "Banding."

Rift sliced, rift sawn.—Also termed "comb-grain." Method of producing veneer by slicing or sawing at an angle of approximately 45° with the annual rings to bring out certain figures produced by the medullary rays, which are especially conspicuous in oak.

Rotary cut.—Manner of cutting veneer by which the entire log is centered in a lathe and turned against a broad cutting knife, which is set into the log at a slight angle.

Sapwood.—Light-colored wood substance occurring in the outer portion of the tree.

Shake.—A separation along the grain, the greater part of which occurs between the rings of annual growth.

Sliced.—Manner of cutting veneer by which logs or sawn flitches are held securely in a slicing machine and thrust downward into a large knife, which shears off the veneer in sheets.

Species.—A distinct kind.

Splits.—Separations of wood fiber running parallel with the grain. Streaks, mineral.---Natural discolorations of the wood substance.

Swirls.—Irregular grain usually surrounding knots or crotches. Tape.—Strips of gummed paper or cloth used to hold the edges of the veneer together at the joints prior to gluing.

Tape, perforated.-Tape perforated for better plywood adhesion. Tape perforated to permit veneers to bond directly to each other through the perforations.

Tight side.—Term used with its opposite, "loose side," to refer to veneer cut with a knife. The product as it is cut by the wedgeshaped or beveled knife may be curved, thus producing small ruptures on the convex side, known as the "loose side." The opposite surface, strained slightly in compression but free from any ruptures, is known as the "tight side."

Worm holes .- See definitions under "Holes, worm," and "Holes, pinworm."

10. EFFECTIVE DATE

10.1 Having been passed through the regular procedure of the Commodity Standards Division, and 'approved by the acceptors hereinafter listed, this commercial standard was issued by the United States Department of Commerce, effective from December 1, 1949.

EDWIN W. ELY,

Chief, Commodity Standards Division.

11. HISTORY OF PROJECT

11.1 Pursuant to a request from the Plywood Manufacturers Association, a general conference of manufacturers, distributors, and users of plywood made from hardwoods and Eastern red cedar, was held in Chicago, Ill., on April 9, 1931, to consider the adoption of standard grading rules for the guidance of the trade.

11.2 The proposed standard was thoroughly discussed, and after several constructive changes were made the conference recommended that it be circulated to the trade for written acceptance. Accordingly, the recommended standard was submitted to producers, distributors, and users under date of May 29, 1931. Following receipt of written acceptances from a satisfactory majority, an announcement was made August 1, 1931, that the standard would become effective for new production on September 1, 1931.

11.3 First revision.—On February 6, 1942, the Hardwood Plywood Institute submitted a proposed revision, which included requirements and tests for three types of adhesive bondage having a high, moderate, and low resistance to moisture, as well as a number of changes in the defects which are or are not permissible in the various species and grades. These changes were approved by the standing committee and the recommended revision was circulated on May 1, 1942, to those directly concerned for written acceptance. Following acceptance by a satisfactory majority, the success of the revision was announced on June 15, 1942, and the revised standard became effective for new production on July 15, 1942, as CS35-42.

11.4 Second revision.—Pursuant to a request for revision of the standard, received from the Hardwood Plywood Institute on June 4, 1946, and following approval by the standing committee, the second revision was circulated on September 6, 1946, to the trade for written acceptance. The purpose of this revision was to add one type of bondage to the three already covered, establish requirements for minimum shear strength for fully waterproof bond and high-water-resistance bond, and to revise all grades to bring them abreast of current manufacturing practice and use, with a better description of the defects permitted. Following acceptance by a satisfactory majority, the establishment of the revision was announced on January 20, 1947, as Commercial Standard CS35–47.

11.5 *Third revision.*—Pursuant to a joint request from the Southern Plywood Manufacturers Association and the Hardwood Plywood Institute, and following approval by the standing committee, the third revision was circulated to the trade for consideration and acceptance on September 12, 1949. The purpose of this revision was to include grades for magnolia, bay, and poplar plywood; to increase the maximum thickness of veneer permitted in Type 1 plywood; and to strengthen the bondage test requirements. Following acceptance by a large majority, the establishment of the revision was announced on November 1, 1949, as Commercial Standard CS35-49, to become effective for new production from December 1, 1949.

12. STANDING COMMITTEE

The following individuals comprise the membership of the 12.1standing committee, which is to review, prior to circulation for acceptance, revisions proposed to keep the standard abreast of progress. Comment concerning the standard and suggestions for revision may be addressed to any member of the committee or to the Commodity Standards Division, National Bureau of Standards, which acts as secretary for the committee.

- DAWSON ZAUG, American Plywood Corp., New London, Wis. (Chairman).
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- C. O. CHRISTENSON, Property Requirements Section, Federal Housing Administration, Washington 25, D. C.
- THEODORE I. COE, American Institute of Architects, 1740 New York Ave. NW., Washingon, D. C. TINSLEY W. RUCKER, Dixon-Powdermaker Furniture Co., P. O. Box 2700,
- Jacksonville 3, Fla.
- J. T. RYAN, Southern Furniture Manufacturers Association, High Point, N. C.
- WALTER M. SCHALL, Kroehler Manufacturing Co., Bradley, Ill. (representing National Association of Furniture Manufacturers, and National Retail Furniture Association).

ACCEPTANCE OF COMMERCIAL STANDARD

If acceptance has not previously been filed, this sheet properly filled in, signed, and returned will provide for the recording of your organization as an acceptor of this commercial standard.

Date_____

Commodity Standards Division, National Bureau of Standards, Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

We believe that the Commercial Standard CS35–49 constitutes a useful standard of practice, and we individually plan to utilize it as far as practicable in the

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testing ¹

of hardwood plywood.

We reserve the right to depart from it as we deem advisable.

We understand, of course, that only those articles which actually comply with the standard in all respects can be identified or labeled as conforming thereto.

Signature of authorized officer______(In ink)

(Kindly typewrite or print the following lines)

Name and title of above officer_____

Organization_____(Fill in exactly as it should be listed)

Street address_____

City, zone, and State_____

¹ Underscore which one. Please see that separate acceptances are filed for all subsidiary companies and affiliates which should be listed separately as acceptors. In the case of related interests, trade associations, trade papers, etc., desiring to record their general support, the words "General Support" should be added after the signature.

The following statements answer the usual questions arising in connection with the acceptance and its significance:

1. Enforcement.—Commercial standards are commodity specifications voluntarily established by mutual consent of those concerned. They present a common basis of understanding between the producer, distributor, and consumer and should not be confused with any plan of governmental regulation or control. The United States Department of Commerce has no regulatory power in the enforcement of their provisions, but since they represent the will of the interested groups as a whole, their provisions through usage soon become established as trade customs, and are made effective through incorporation into sales contracts by means of labels, invoices, and the like.

2. The acceptor's responsibility.—The purpose of commercial standards is to establish for specific commodities, nationally recognized grades or consumer criteria, and the benefits therefrom will be measurable in direct proportion to their general recognition and actual use. Instances will occur when it may be necessary to deviate from the standard and the signing of an acceptance does not preclude such departures; however, such signature indicates an intention to follow the commercial standard where practicable, in the production, distribution, or consumption of the article in question.

3. The Department's responsibility.—The major function performed by the Department of Commerce in the voluntary establishment of commercial standards on a Nation-wide basis is fourfold: First, to act as an unbiased coordinator to bring all interested parties together for the mutually satisfactory adjustment of trade standards; second, to supply such assistance and advice as past experience with similar programs may suggest; third, to canvass and record the extent of acceptance and adherence to the standard on the part of producers, distributors, and users; and fourth, after acceptance, to publish and promulgate the standard for the information and guidance of buyers and sellers of the commodity.

4. Announcement and promulgation.—When the standard has been endorsed by a satisfactory majority of production or consumption in the absence of active valid opposition, the success of the project is announced. If, however, in the opinion of the standing committee or the Department of Commerce, the support of any standard is inadequate, the right is reserved to withhold promulgation and publication.

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ACCEPTORS

The organizations listed below have individually accepted this standard for use as far as practicable in the production, distribution, testing, or purchase of hardwood plywood. In accepting the standard, they reserved the right to depart from it as they individually deem advisable. It is expected that articles which actually comply with the requirements of this standard in all respects will be regularly identified or labeled as conforming thereto, and that purchasers will require such specific evidence of conformity.

ASSOCIATIONS

(General Support)

American Specification Institute, Chicago, Ill.
Building Officials Conference of America, Inc., Washington, D. C.
Carolina Lumber & Building Supply Association, Charlotte, N. C.
Furniture Manufacturers Association of Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Greater New York Lumber Industries, Inc., New York, N. Y.
Hardwood Plywood Institute, Chicago, Ill.
Kansas City Chapter, The American Institute of Architects, Kansas City, Mo.
Mississippi Retail Lumber Dealers Association, Inc., Jackson, Miss.

Jackson, Miss. National Building Material Distributors Associa-

tion, Chicago, Ill National Hardwood Lumber Association, Chicago,

TIL National Plywood Distributors Association, Chi-

cago, Ill. National Woodwork Manufacturers Association,

National WoodWork Manufacturers Association, Chicago, Ill. Northern Hemlock & Hardwood Manufacturers Association, Oshkosh, Wis. Prefabricated Home Manufacturers' Institute, Washington, D. C.

Southern Hardwood Producers, Inc., Memphis, Tenn.

Southern uthern Plywood Manufacturers Association, Atlanta, Ga.

Southwestern Lumbermen's Association, Kansas City, Mo. Veneer Association, The, Chicago, Ill. Wood-Ply Research Foundation, Inc., Chicago, Ill.

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Abbott Co., Antrim, N. H. Aberdeen Plywood Corp., Aberdeen, Wash. Accepted Materials Co., Los Angeles, Calif. Adams, Franklin O., Tampa, Fla. Adleta Show Case & Fixture Manufacturing Co., Dalkac Har Adleta' Show Case & Fixture Manufacturing Co., Dallas, Tex. Aetna Plywood & Veneer Co., Chicago, Ill. Albany Plywood Co., Inc., Albany, N. Y. Algoma Plywood K Veneer Co., Algoma, Wis. Allison & Rible, Los Angeles, Calif. Altfillisch, Charles, Decorah, Iowa. American Chair Co., Sheboygan, Wis. American Plywood Corp., New London, Wis. American Seating Co., Grand Rapids, Mich. Anderson-Tully Co., Memphis, Tenn., and Vicks-burg, Miss. Andrews, Jones, Biscoe & Goodell, Boston, Mass.

Andrews, Jones, Biscoe & Goodell, Boston, Mass. Andrews, C. E., Lumber Co., New Bethlehem, Pa. Angelus Furniture Manufacturing Co., Los Angeles, Calif.

Atlanta Oak Flooring Co., Atlanta, Ga. Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co., Wilmington,

N. C. Atlantic Plywood Co., Inc., New York, N. Y. Back Panel Co., Los Angeles, Calif. Bacon McMillan Manufacturing Co., Stockton, Ala. Bakelite Corp., New York, N. Y., and Bloomfield,

N. J. Baldwin Plywood & Veneer Co., Gillett, Wis. Barthmaier, Eugene V., Philadelphia, Pa. Bay View Furniture Co., Holland, Mich. Beck Plywood & Lumber Co., Inc., Chicago, Ill. Beuttler, William, Sioux City, Iowa. Bianculli, Palm, Purnell & Russell, Chattanooga, Tenn.

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