

QAI GOLD STANDARD

The QAI Gold Standard Labels are available to all QAI certified shake and shingle mills that can produce shakes and shingles that always comply with the QAI Gold Standard for shake and shingle grading.

QAI guarantees that the Gold Standard labelled product exceeds the UBC 15-4, UBC 15-3, CSA 0118.1 and CSSB-97 grading standards. QAI guarantees the QAI Gold Standard labelled product meets the QAI Gold Standard.

Shakes

- Shakes must meet UBC 15-3 and CSSB-97 grading rules in addition to these QAI Gold Standard Grading Rules.
- All shakes must be 100% edge grain (No flat-grain shakes are allowed in QAI Gold Standard labelled product)
- Shakes must be consistently on-grade (QAI guarantees that this product meets and exceeds these standards)
- Shakes must be flat laying wood with a maximum of 1/2 inch out of a level plane
- Shakes must be packed in square good looking bundles with gaps covered and pallets must be square
- Shakes must have consistent thickness with no corrugations exceeding 1/4 inches
- Shakes must have smooth butts without torn grain. (QAI visual samples supplied to mills for verification)
- Each bundle of shakes must contain minimum 50% percent of two pack. (in other grading standards the entire bundle may be packed with 4 inch shakes)
- Product must be tight grain with a minimum of 10 grains per inch measured across the face of the piece

Shingles

- Must be 100% edge grain.
- Must be consistently on-grade (QAI guarantees that this product meets or exceeds these standards)

- Shingles must have A faces and A butts. (QAI Visual Grading samples supplied to mill)
- Shingles must be packed in square good looking bundles with all gaps covered and pallets must be square.
- Shingles must be of consistent thickness and be ready to be used as Groover Stock.
- Shingle bundles must contain a minimum of 3 pack in all courses (Four pack not allowed)
- Product must be tight grain with a minimum of 10 grains per inch measured across the face of the piece

Re-manufactured shingles

- Shingles must be 100% edge grain
- Shingles be consistently on-grade (QAI guarantees that this product meets or exceeds these standards)
- Shingles must have A faces and A butts. (QAI Visual Grading samples supplied to mill)
- If Shingles are painted the painting process must be certified by QAI as to paint mill thickness.
- If Shingles are grooved all grooves must be straight with no skipped grooves
- Shingles must not have torn grain. (QAI Visual Grading samples supplied to mill)
- Product must be tight grain with a minimum of 10 grains per inch measured across the face of the piece

QAI GOLD STANDARD Certification procedures:

Mills are never given the QAI gold standard label unless another regular QAI certification label is used in the mill. We only allow the Gold Standard Labels to be placed on the best product the mill produces.

Mills must be consistently on-grade prior to QAI considering an application for the QAI GOLD STANDARD LABEL.

If QAI Gold Standard labels are found on product that does not comply with the QAI GOLD STANDARD, labels are immediately suspended from the mill. Labels will not be returned until the mill has satisfied the Inspector, the QAI Shake and Shingle Division Manager and that the cause of the problem has been fixed and the problem will not occur again.

Mills that qualify for the QAI Gold Standard Label are under the QAI microscope. They are inspected more often and more rigorously than mills under any other certification program. It is the Shake and Shingle industries highest level of shake and shingle mill certification.