

Common Lumber Defects

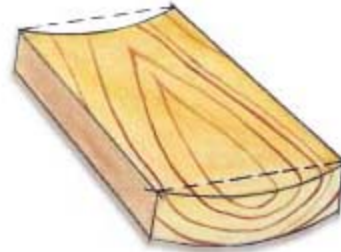
BOW

Warp on the face of a board from end to end.



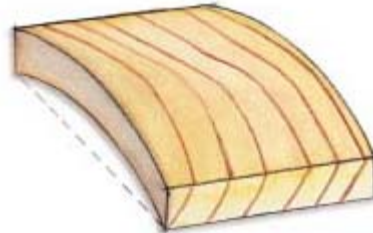
CUP

Hollow across the face of a board.



CROOK

Warp along the edge line; also known as crown.



KNOT or KNOTHOLE

A tight knot is usually not a problem; a loose or dead knot, surrounded by a dark ring, may fall out or may have already left a hole.



SPLIT

Crack going all the way through the piece of wood, commonly at the ends.



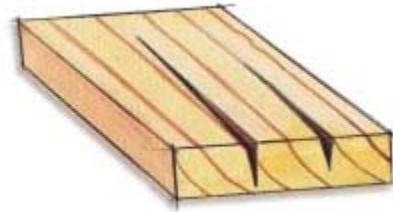
TWIST

Multiple bends in a board.



CHECK

Crack along the wood's annual growth rings, not passing through the entire thickness of the wood.



SHAKE

Separation of grain between the growth rings, often extending along the board's face, and sometimes below its surface.



WANE

Missing wood or untrimmed bark along the edge or corner of the piece.

