

## Jointed oak cladding



Oak grows widely across the British Isles and continental Europe and for centuries has been used in all aspects of construction, including external cladding. Being naturally durable, hard and attractive, oak remains a popular choice for both traditional rustic cladding as well as more contemporary installations.

Because of the relative instability of oak, as well as the inconsistent grade of British logs, we tend to offer our dry oak cladding in finger-jointed boards. This allows us to tightly control the grade by cutting out any undesirable knots and reduce movement by removing angled grain.

We firmly believe that using our native oak is an essential part of ensuring that our local woodlands are managed and nurtured for the future.

Produced to comply with the harmonised standard for construction products regulation BSEN14915:2013 and to conform to BS8605-1:2014 External timber cladding: Method for specifying.

Trade Name	Air-dried oak
Base timber	English oak
Species	Quercus Robur
Process	Finger jointed
Origin	Legal and well-managed forests in England and Wales.
Intended use	External cladding
Other uses	None
Appearance	Newly machined boards will display the full range of yellowish-brown colours associated with oak. Being jointed from shorter lengths, the colour variation will be more exaggerated and the zigzag joints will be noticeable.
Weathering	As the boards weather the colour will change to a silver-grey. On shaded elevations or in areas of higher pollution the oak may weather to more of a black colouring. In semi-shaded areas such as under eaves the exuding tannin may leave unsightly stains.
Profiles	Shiplap, Halflap and Splayed
Dimensions	20 × 70mm, 20 × 95mm, 20 × 120mm, 20 x 145mm
Lengths	Jointed at either 4.0mt or 6.0mt allowing for a small % of cutbacks
Moisture content	16 – 20%
Natural durability (EN350-2)	Durable Class 2
Insect attack	Sapwood can be attacked by the powder post beetle (Lyctus spp). However, sap is normally excluded from cladding boards.
Desired service life: (BS8417)	Occasionally wet 60yrs Frequently wet 30yrs
Treatability class	Resistant
Movement class	Medium (effect reduced due to finger-jointed format)
Resistance to impact	Medium to high
Resistance to fixing	High. Pre-drilling recommended.
Mean density	670 – 760 kg / M3
When to fix	Ideally Autumn / Winter only. Avoid hottest months.
How to fix	Face fix only with stainless steel ringshank nails. Secret fixing not advised. Pre-drill boards.





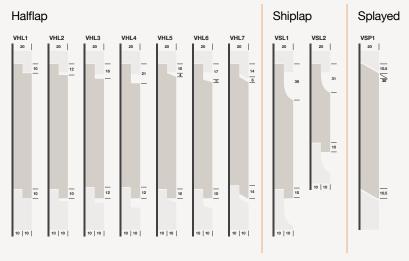




Grading	BS1186-3 1990 Class 2. EN942:2007. J30. CE grade A. Clean with a few sound knots up to 30mm and regular small pips.
Working properties	Average workability. Takes fixings satisfactorily.
Extractives	Oak contains tannic acid, which will corrode ferrous metals. When the two come into contact, a blue sludge is formed that will stain the oak and anything else it meets. All fixings used in conjunction with oak should be stainless steel. Tannic acid could also leave unsightly brown stains on the surface of the cladding and will stain any porous materials below the cladding. The reactivity of tannin makes oak cladding unsuitable for polluted areas and shaded areas.
Emission of formaldehyde (EN14915)	E1 (Not significant)
Reaction to fire (EN14915)	Euroclass F (Untested). D-s2, d0
Fire treatment	Possible by impregnation
CE compliant	Yes

While the utmost care has been taken to provide accurate information, Vastern Timber shall not be held responsible for any consequences arising from any errors or omissions on this document nor for any damages resulting from the use of the information.

## Cladding profiles - machined range



Visit our website for fixing details. Contact us for full technical drawings.

## **Vastern Timber**

**British hardwood sawmillers** and timber merchants

We also offer hardwood flooring, engineered flooring, timber decking and oak beams. Please visit our showroom or contact us for further details.

**Showroom** Wootton Bassett Swindon Wiltshire SN4 7PD

**T** +44 (0)1793 853 281 E sales@vastern.co.uk 

The Sawmills Studley Calne Wiltshire SN11 9NH **T** +44 (0)1249 813 173 E studley@vastern.co.uk

vastern.co.uk