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Foreword

This European Standard has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 175 "Round and sawn timber", the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

This standard is one of a series of standards concerning round timber (softwoods and hardwoods).

Other parts of this standard are :

EN 1316-1 : Hardwood round timber - Qualitative classification - Part 1 : Oak and beech

prEN 1316-3 : Hardwood round timber - Qualitative classification - Part 3 : Ash and maples

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a qualitative classification and grade designations for felled round timber of poplar in the form of long poles or logs.

The classifications describe quality classes of round timbers for which the intended use is not known.

This classification is applicable to all merchantable clones of poplar.

2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard, only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references, the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

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| EN 844-1 | Round and sawn timber - Terminology - Part 1 : General terms common to round and sawn timber. |
| EN 844-2 | Round and sawn timber - Terminology - Part 2 : General terms relating to round timber. |
| EN 844-5 | Round and sawn timber - Terminology - Part 5 : Terms relating to dimensions of round timber. |
| EN 844-7 | Round and sawn timber - Terminology - Part 7 : Terms relating to anatomical structure of timber. |
| EN 844-8 | Round and sawn timber - Terminology - Part 8 : Terms relating to features of round timber. |
| prEN 1309:1994 | Round and sawn timber - Method of measurement of dimensions. ¹⁾ |
| EN 1310 | Round and sawn timber - Method of measurement of features. |
| EN 1311 | Round and sawn timber - Method of measurement of biological degradations. |

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this standard, the definitions in the standards EN 844-1, EN 844-2, EN 844-5, EN 844-7 and EN 844-8 apply .

¹⁾ EN 1309 has been divided into two parts: Part 1 is already published and is applicable to sawn timber; Part 2, still in preparation, will be applicable to round timber.

4 Qualitative classification

4.1 Grading principles

Each long pole, log or portion of a round timber individualized by a theoretical crosscut point, is qualified according to its dimensions and to the presence, size, and distribution of specific characteristics.

4.2 Designation of grades

Standardized designation of classes includes 3 characters, the last one separated by a dash :

- the first and second characters are the genus initial and first letter in latin ;
- the third character indicates the quality class.

The classification of poplar is divided in three quality classes :

- Po-A is an exceptional quality class ;
- Po-B is a normal quality class ;
- Po-C is a quality class which includes long poles, logs or portions of long poles not permitted in the other quality classes.

For class Po-C, more than 40 % of the volume of the wood shall be useable.

4.3 Characteristics to be taken into account for the classification

Table 1 gives the characteristics taken into account in this classification and these shall be measured according to prEN 1309:1994, EN 1310 and EN 1311.

A long pole, log or portion of roundwood shall be downgraded by its failure to meet the requirements of any single characteristic.

Length and diameter shall be measured using the method stated in prEN 1309:1994.

A culling may be specified by contract for the following characteristics:

bark pocket, burl, buckle, felling shake, shear, dote, rot, canker, carbonized wood, scar, foreign bodies mistletoe, bird peck, dry side.