

Table 1: Plywood - Standard Grades

| Grade | Governing Canadian Standard | Individual Veneer Grades | | | Characteristics | Typical Applications |
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| | | Face | Inner Plies | Back | | |
| Good Two Sides (G2S) | CSA O121 (DFP) | A | C | A | Sanded. Best appearance both faces. May contain neat wood patches, inlays or synthetic patching material. | Used where appearances of both sides is important. Furniture, cabinet doors, partitions, shelving, and concrete formwork. |
| Sanded | Poplar | | | | | |
| Good One Side (G1S) | CSA O121 (DFP) | A | C | C | Sanded. Best appearance one side only. May contain neat wood patches, inlays or synthetic patching material. | Used where appearance on one side is important. Furniture, cabinet doors, partitions, shelving, and concrete formwork. |
| Select-Tight Face (SEL TF) | CSA O121 (DFP) or CSA O151 (CSP) | B+ | C | C | Unsanded. Permissible face openings filled. May be Cleaned and Sized (C&S). | Underlayment, combined subfloor and underlayment, sheathing, and hoarding. |
| Select (SEL) | CSA O121 (DFP) or CSA O151 (CSP) or Poplar | B | C | C | Unsanded. Uniform surface with minor open splits. May be Cleaned and Sized (C&S). | Underlayment, combined subfloor and underlayment, sheathing, hoarding and packaging. |
| Sheathing (SHG) | CSA O121 (DFP) or CSA O151 (CSP) | C | C | C | Unsanded. Face may contain limited size knots and other defects. | Roof, wall, and floor sheathing. |
| Medium Density Overlay (MDO) | CSA O121 (DFP) or CSA O151 (CSP) or Poplar | | | | Smooth, resin-fibre overlaid surface. Best paint base. | Siding, soffits, paneling, built-in fittings, signs, or any use requiring a superior paint surface. |
| MDO 1 Side | | C ¹ | C | C | | |
| MDO 2 Side | | C ¹ | C | C ¹ | | |
| Notes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Permissible openings filled with wood patches or putty. All grades are bonded with waterproof phenolic glue. Veneer grades: A: highest appearance grade; B: medium appearance grade; and C: low appearance grade. | | | | | | |