



Checking in Green Beams & Timbers

When utilizing green timbers or beams of any specie (fir, cedar, pine, cypress and hardwoods), checking and splitting are a common occurrence. Other natural defects including knots and bark pockets should be anticipated as well.

While we endeavor to source green timbers and beams from the most reliable suppliers with consistent grade and quality, there is no way to ensure that a beam will not split or check in service. This is a natural occurrence resulting from internal moisture being released as the wood "seasons".

Large timbers and beams cannot be kiln dried due to the thickness and extensive time required to slowly remove moisture through the kilning process, therefore can only be acquired in a green/air dried product.

Fir beams, with some limitations, can be sourced in a radio frequency dried product, but the lead times can be extensive and the prices are greatly elevated.

For these reasons, Mason's Mill & Lumber cannot be held responsible for movement or checking in service of any green beams, boards or timbers.

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