



# BEAUTY & QUALITY... NATURALLY BY



## YELLOW CEDAR SHAKES AND SHINGLES (*Chamaecyparis nootkatensis*)

Yellow Cedar, also known as Alaskan Yellow Cedar or Western Cypress, is popular due to its unique properties and appearance. Graded to the same exacting quality control product standards as Western Red Cedar, these products weather to a lighter, more silvery gray than Western Red Cedar.

Yellow Cedar grows in the Pacific Coast Region of North America from the Southeastern part of Alaska southward through Washington and into southern Oregon. Yellow cedar is usually found at high elevations on the coast and north of Knight Inlet, British Columbia.

Historically, Yellow Cedar was used in a variety of marine lumber applications. Today, Yellow Cedar shakes and shingles are becoming more widely specified and used in the market for sidewall and roof applications. It has several unique characteristics including the following:

- Uniform pale yellow color when new, will weather to a light silver gray patina.
- Fine texture, straight grain.
- Excellent strength and wear.
- Naturally durable and naturally resistant to insects.
- Extremely stable with little shrinkage.
- Heavier and more dense than Western Red Cedar.
- Can be finished with a stain, paint, or left natural. Check with the coatings manufacturer for the best finish product option.
- Popular in historical applications due to the closeness in appearance to scarce Juniper, Bald Cypress or Southern State Cypress, or White Oak.



**Yellow Cedar  
Shingles**



**Handsplit and Resawn  
Yellow Cedar Shakes**



**Tapersawn  
Yellow Cedar Shakes**

**Watkins  
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Beautiful • Durable • Insulative • Wind Resistant  
Withstands Thermal Shock • Impact Resistant • Light Weight

# YELLOW CEDAR SHINGLES

## NUMBER 1 GRADE, BLUE LABEL®

**Description:** Nominal length, 18-inch (Perfection); width 4" minimum, with 10% of bundle content allowed down to 3"; 5/2 ¼" thick (5 butts together measure 2 1/4" thick). Clear heartwood; 100% edge grain; no defects.

**Recommended Use:** For walls and roofs on 3:12 pitch and steeper where a premium quality product is desired.

Roof Exposure Table

Minimum exposure recommended for roofs	
SLOPE	LENGTH
	No. 1 Grade 18"
3:12 to 4:12	4 1/4"
4:12 and steeper	5 1/2"

Wall Exposure Table (Number One Grade)

Max. Weather Exposure		
Shingle Length	Single Course	Double Course
18"	8"	14"

# HANDSPLIT AND RESAWN YELLOW CEDAR SHAKES

## PREMIUM GRADE ONLY

**Description:** Nominal length 18-inch; width 4" minimum; nominal thicknesses 1/2" (medium) and 3/4" (heavy); clear heartwood; 100% edge grain; no defects.

**Roof Exposure:** 7 1/2" for 18-inch shakes.

**Wall Exposure:** Single course: 8" for 18-inch shake; double course: 14" for 18-inch shake.

**Recommended Use:** For walls and roofs on 4:12 slope and steeper where a premium quality product is needed or desired. The 100% edge grain requirement exceeds the national industry standard.

# TAPERSAWN YELLOW CEDAR SHAKES

## PREMIUM GRADE ONLY

**Description:** Nominal length 18-inch shakes shall be of random widths, minimum width shall be 4", with 5% allowed down to 3 1/2". Thickness shall be nominal 5/8" or 3/4" with a minus tolerance of 1/16" in 10% of the bundle. Clear heartwood; 100% edge grain; no defects.

**Roof Exposure:** 7 1/2" for 18-inch shakes. Interlaid felt is required.

**Wall Exposure:** Single course: 8" for 18-inch shake; double course: 14" for 18-inch shake.

**Recommended Use:** For walls and roofs on 4:12 slope and steeper where a high quality, durable and uniform appearance is desired.

**Starter-finish Course:** Length 15-inch. For use on the underlying starter course at eave lines and for the final course at ridges where trimming would otherwise be necessary and full-length shakes are not needed.

- Contact the treatment company for pressure impregnated fire retardant or preservative treatment warranty information and product data.
- Contact the treatment company for treatment warranty information, accessory product requirements (including recommended fastener types) and application details for treated cedar material.
- Products are manufactured and graded in accordance with UBC Standards No. 15-4 and/or CSA 0118.1.
- This is only a product description necessary for selection of materials and grades. For a new roof construction manual and/or wall manual please contact:

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