

## DesignerPly Face Grades

Gunnensen Pty Ltd provides a large range of plywood from Australia, New Zealand, and all around the world. As different regions/countries often use different national/international manufacturing standards and different terms to describe plywood and veneer grades. The result can be confusing for anybody who is not aware of all the different world standards. In order to ensure the plywood you choose is fit for purpose it is important to understand the grading standards applicable to the type/class of plywood you require.

Gunnensen DesignerPly groups plywoods from around the world into 4 veneer grades based on their intended end use. From 'A' grade, suitable for clear finishing with little of no defect to a 'D' grade, a non-appearance grade suitable for non exposed back surfaces only

It is important to note that although different plywood standards use similar categories (e.g. A, B, C, D) actual grades may vary between plywood class/type. The actual grade is defined by a combination of veneer grade and product class/type.

Plywood/veneer grades are defined as a minimum specification. As plywood is a natural wood product differences within a grade will still exist between manufacturers, and production batches. In order to ensure your product is fit for purpose and meets your expectations all sheets should be inspected prior to use or remanufacture especially for appearance grade products.

End use / Fit for purpose	DesignerPly Grading	Actual Manufacturing Standard Grade Names							
		ASNZS 2270	ASNZS 2271	ASNZS 2272	GOST 15812	BS1088	ISO 2426-2	BS: 6566: Part 6: 1985	Malaysian Export Standard
Highest available grade with minimal defects. For transparent and semi-transparent finishing, lacquering and toning. An appearance grade suitable for high quality paint finishing.	A	A	A	A	B	OUTER PLYS	I	B	B
For paint and semi-transparent finishing, an appearance grade suitable for quality paint finishing	B	B	B	O	BB	-	II	BB	BB
For non-transparent finishing and over-laying or painting, a non-appearance grade with a solid surface.	C	C	C	-	CP	-	III	C	CC
A non-appearance grade with permitted open imperfections, core and back veneers	D	D	D	-	C	-	IV	CC	UTY
Special grades for a specific purpose	-	S	S	-	E	-	E	-	-

