

BARK CONFORMANCE

ISPM 15 states in Annex 1: “**Use of debarked wood**”

Irrespective of the type of treatment applied, wood packaging material must be made of debarked wood. For this standard, any number of visually separate and clearly distinct small pieces of bark may remain if they are:

- less than 3 cm in width (regardless of the length) or
- greater than 3 cm in width, with the total surface area of an individual piece of bark less than 50 square cm.”
- This equates to less than 1-3/16” in width or if wider than this, less than an area about the size of a credit card. (See TP Bark Card)

We next need to understand what is considered bark on the wood.





Bark is made up of both outer and inner bark.

Outer bark protects the tree.

Inner bark transports food.

Both outer and inner bark must be removed to meet ISPM 15 conformance.



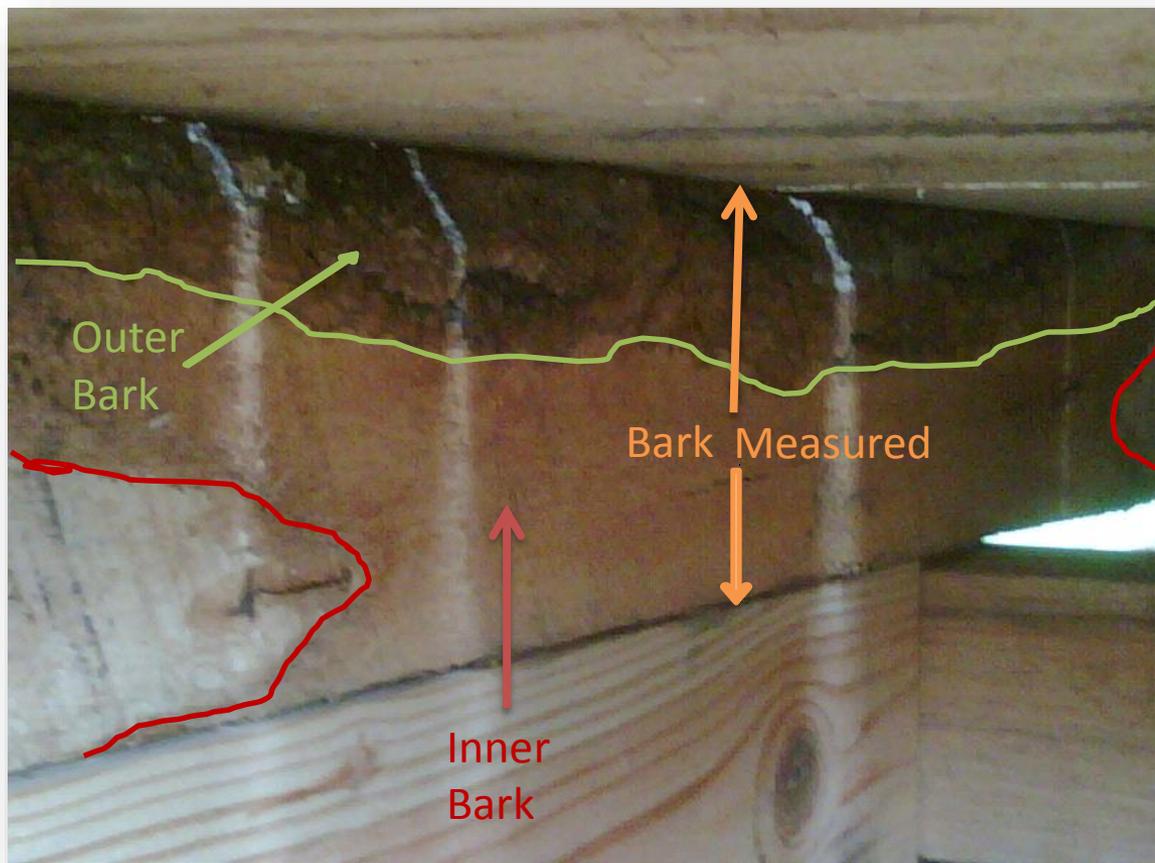


Bark contrasts for hardwood. Both inner and outer bark are included when measuring for conformance.

Bark must not exceed 1-3/16" in width. This is non-conforming unless the total connected area of bark is less than 50 sq. cm (credit card size)



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Bark contrasts for hardwood. Both inner and outer bark is measured to determine conformance. In this example, the bark measures across the entire width of the board (greater than 1-3/16") and would be non-conforming.





The bark is WIDER than the “Green” stripe, and the overall area EXCEEDS the size of the card.





The bark is WIDER than the 'Card Notch', and the overall area EXCEEDS the size of the 'Window'.



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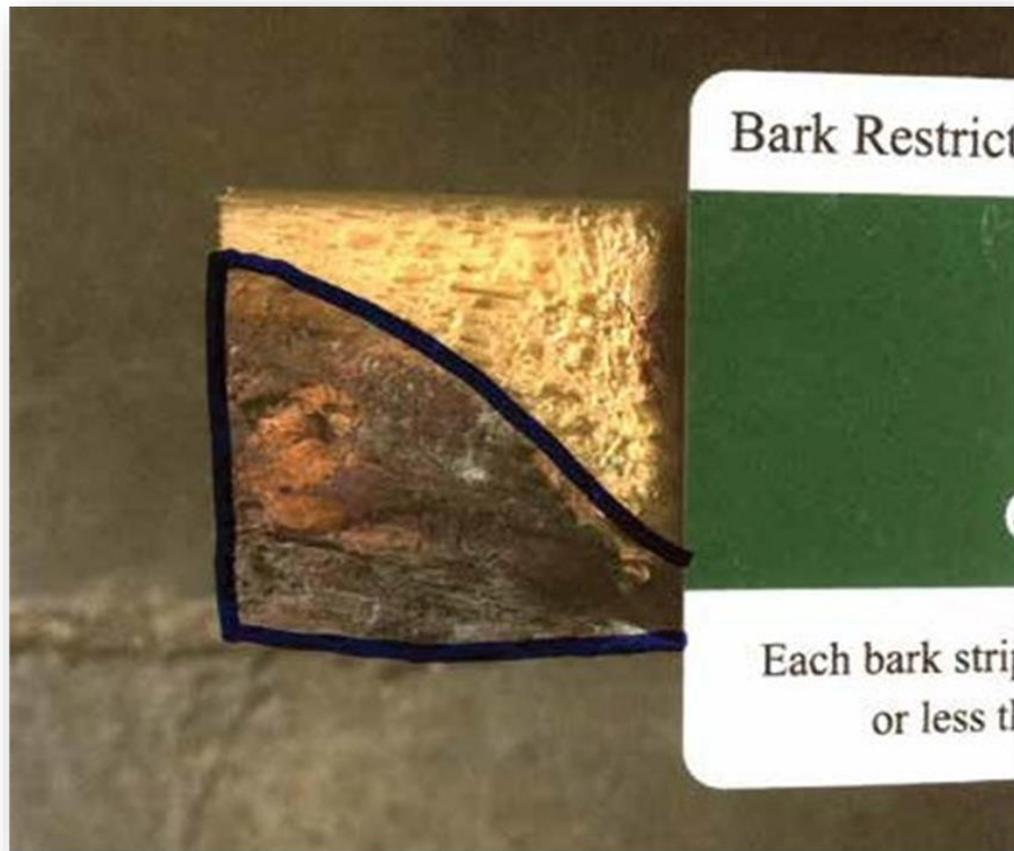
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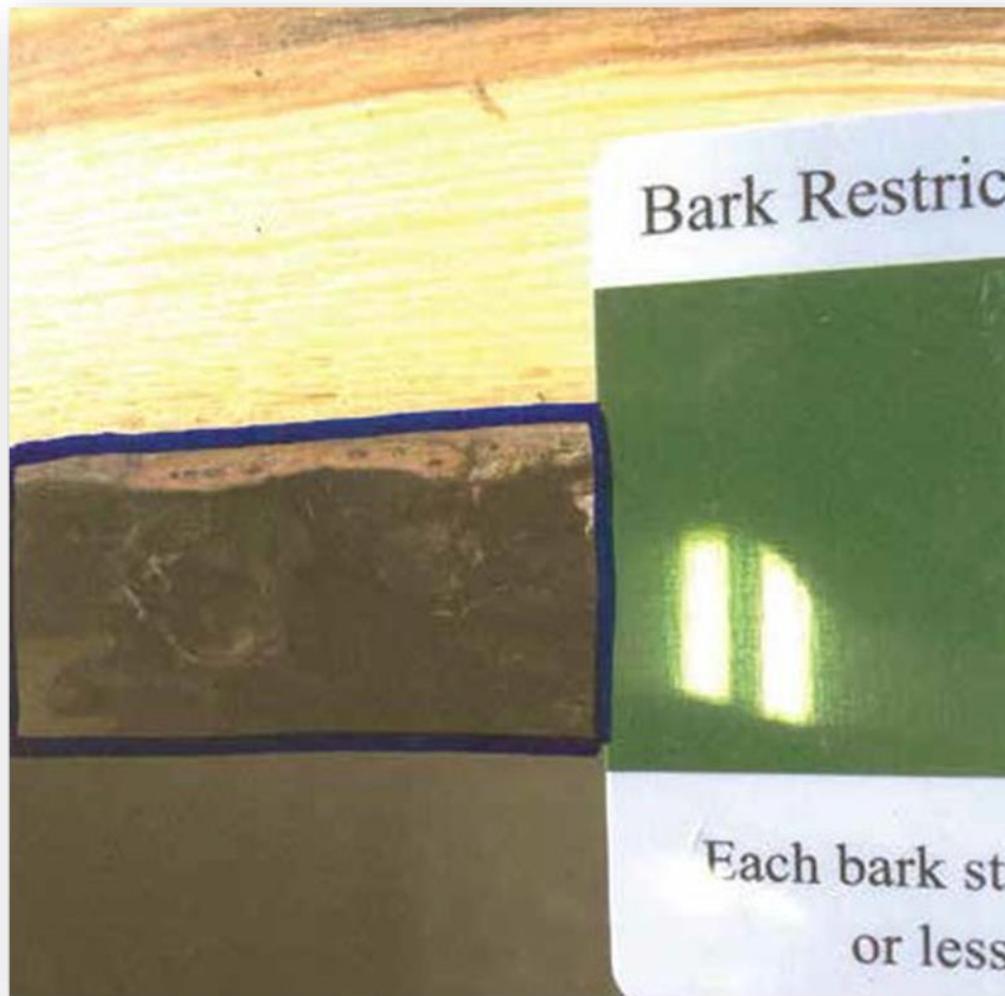
The bark is WIDER than the “Green” stripe, but the overall area is LESS THAN the size of the card.





The bark is WIDER than the “Green” stripe, but the overall area is LESS THAN the card.





Bark is SMALLER than the 'Green' stripe on the card.



Bark is SMALLER
than the 'Notch' on
the card.



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Bark has been scraped enough so that each section of bark DOES NOT EXCEED the card size.



In summary, when reviewing for bark conformance, if in doubt cut it out.

