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FOREWORD

The Policy Framework for Sustainable Forests

The overall context for forest management in Ontario is the Policy Framework for Sustainable Forests which was approved by Cabinet in 1994. The framework sets broad direction for forest policy and makes forest sustainability the primary objective of forest management.

Overview of the Crown Forest Sustainability Act

The Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994 (CFSA) came into effect on April 1, 1995. The CFSA is enabling legislation, and provides for the regulation of forest planning, information, operations, licensing, trust funds, processing facilities, remedies and enforcement, and transitional provisions. The CFSA is designed to allow for the management of all forest-based values, while providing for sustainability of Crown forests. The CFSA defines sustainability as long-term Crown forest health, and reflects the Policy Framework for Sustainable Forests.

A Manual Approach to Implementation of the Crown Forest Sustainability Act

The CFSA requires the provision of four manuals to guide various aspects of forest management in Ontario. These manuals are authorized by Section (68) of the Act and form part of the regulations as per Section (69(29)). The four manuals developed by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), in collaboration with non-government organizations, are:

1. The Forest Management Planning Manual (FMPM);
2. The Forest Information Manual (FIM);
3. The Forest Operations and Silviculture Manual (FOSM); and

The FMPM is the pivotal document that provides direction for all aspects of forest management planning on Crown lands in Ontario within management units designated under the CFSA, with the exception of the southern Ontario management unit.

The FIM describes the information requirements the MNRF has to support forest management. The FIM also provides for the sharing and exchange of forest-related information between the MNRF and Ontario’s forest industry.

The FOSM sets out the over-arching principles and accepted approaches for forest management in Ontario, the standards for forest operations and silvicultural practices, the minimum qualifications for forestry workers, and the procedures for the evaluation of forest management in Ontario.
The Scaling Manual contains instructions and standards for the measurement of Crown forest resources, provides instructions for the authorized movement of Crown forest resources and sets out the requirements for conducting scaling audits.

Manual Revision

The four manuals are revised, improved and updated based on experiences in using the manuals, and as new information becomes available. Revisions to the manuals will be made in accordance with the CFSA regulation.
AVANT-PROPOS

Le Plan d'action pour la durabilité des forêts

Le contexte général de la gestion forestière en Ontario est offert dans le Plan d'action pour la durabilité des forêts, qui a été approuvé par le Conseil des ministres en 1994. Le plan d'action établit une orientation générale pour la politique sur les forêts et définit la durabilité forestière en tant que premier objectif de la gestion forestière.

Aperçu de la Loi de 1994 sur la durabilité des forêts de la Couronne

La Loi de 1994 sur la durabilité des forêts de la Couronne est entrée en vigueur le 1er avril 1995. Il s’agit d’une loi habilitante qui prévoit la réglementation de la planification forestière, de l’information, des opérations, de la délivrance de permis, des fonds fiduciaires, des installations de traitement, des mesures de correction et d’application de la loi, et des dispositions de transition. La Loi est conçue pour permettre la gestion de toutes les valeurs associées aux forêts, tout en prévoyant la durabilité des forêts de la Couronne. La Loi de 1994 sur la durabilité des forêts de la Couronne définit la durabilité comme la vitalité d’une forêt de la Couronne à long terme, et reflète le Plan d’action pour la durabilité des forêts.

Une approche de la mise en œuvre de la Loi de 1994 sur la durabilité des forêts de la Couronne avec des manuels

La Loi de 1994 sur la durabilité des forêts de la Couronne exige la prestation de quatre manuels pour orienter divers aspects de la gestion forestière en Ontario. Ces manuels sont autorisés conformément à l’article 68 de la Loi et constituent une partie des règlements conformément au paragraphe 69 (29). Les quatre manuels rédigés par le ministère des Richesses naturelles et des Forêts (MRNF), en collaboration avec des organisations non gouvernementales, sont les suivants:

1. Manuel de planification de la gestion forestière
2. Manuel relatif à l’information forestière
3. Manuel relatif aux opérations forestières et à la sylviculture
4. Manuel de mesurage des ressources forestières

Le Manuel de planification de la gestion forestière est un document essentiel qui offre de l’orientation sur tous les aspects de la planification de la gestion forestière sur les terres de la Couronne en Ontario dans les unités de gestion désignées en vertu de la durabilité des forêts de la Couronne, à l’exception de l’unité de gestion du sud de l’Ontario.

Le Manuel relatif à l’information forestière décrit les exigences en matière d’information dont le MRNF dispose pour soutenir la gestion forestière. Ce manuel prévoit aussi la mise en commun et l’échange de renseignements sur les forêts entre le MRNF et l’industrie forestière de l’Ontario.
Le Manuel relatif aux opérations forestières et à la sylviculture établit les grands principes et les approches acceptées de gestion forestière en Ontario, les normes relatives aux opérations forestières et aux pratiques sylvicoles, les qualités minimales requises des personnes qui effectuent des opérations forestières, et les procédures d’évaluation de la gestion forestière en Ontario.

Le Manuel de mesurage des ressources forestières contient des instructions et des normes pour le mesurage des ressources forestières de la Couronne, des instructions pour le déplacement autorisé des ressources forestières de la Couronne, et définit les exigences relatives à la réalisation de vérifications du mesurage.

**Révision des manuels**

Les quatre manuels sont révisés, améliorés et mis à jour en se fondant sur les expériences d’utilisation, et au fur et à mesure que de nouveaux renseignements sont disponibles. La révision des manuels sera effectuée conformément au règlement de la Loi de 1994 sur la durabilité des forêts de la Couronne exigeant.
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I – INTRODUCTION

The Scaling Manual is authorized under Section 68(1) of the Crown Forest Sustainability Act (CFSA) and defines the methods of fulfilling the Ministry's scaling requirements.

This Manual provides instructions and standards for the authorized movement and determination of quantity and quality (measurement) of Crown forest resources harvested in Ontario.

The Manual also defines standards for the training, licensing and approval of scalers and scaling auditors in Ontario. It sets out the obligations of persons holding forest resource licences or receiving Crown forest resources, for the keeping of records, the completion of returns to the Ministry and other matters concerned with the measurement of Crown forest resources.

The Manual sets out the requirements for conducting scaling audits.
II – PRINCIPLES OF WOOD MEASUREMENT

The scaling of Crown forest resources is the measurement of harvested Crown forest resources and the determination of defects that affect their use. There are several methods of scaling which are approved for use in Ontario. They are cube scaling, tree length scaling, stack scaling, cube scaling by grade, mass measuring and standing tree.

The standing tree method may only be used where approved under certain conditions as defined in this Manual.

Hard maple and soft maple may be separated for the purpose of determining stumpage values. Species determination will be done according to procedures set by the Minister (Section 45(3) of the CFSA).

To account for the defects determined by scaling, either the volume or grade may be reduced. When volume reduction is used, scaling returns are made in net volumes; when quality is assessed returns are made in gross volumes for graded hardwoods and net volumes for white and red pine.

If deductions are being made for undersize material, this deduction must be made before any defect deduction is applied. Defect deductions are applied only to merchantable material. There are no deductions for defect in undersize material.

Crown forest resources may not be removed from the place of harvesting until they have been measured by a Ministry approved licensed scaler (Section 45(1) of the CFSA) unless the Minister directs the Crown forest resources to be measured, counted or weighed at a place other than the place of harvest and in such a manner as the Minister may direct (Section 45(3) of the CFSA).

Scalers must measure Crown forest resources according to the instructions in this Manual. They must be able to identify species, recognize defects and make only such deductions as authorized in this Manual. Scalers must provide true and accurate information and must not vary from the prescribed methods of measurement.

All sound or merchantable Crown forest resources, regardless of size or species must be measured and recorded. Only deductions defined by this Manual shall be shown on scale records returned to the Ministry.

The cubic metre is the recognized unit of timber measurement in Ontario. However, a cubic metre of timber does not always yield a consistent volume of manufactured product. This may be due to different machinery, manufacturing processes or skill of operating personnel. Variations are to be expected and the scaler must not alter scaling practices to adjust for them.
When identifying forest resources that have been scaled, the colours black and red are reserved for Crown purposes. No operator, individual or scaler who is not authorized or employed to measure timber for the Ministry may use these colours.

The following principles of rounding will apply in wood measurement; for example, when rounding to three decimal places:

If the last digit is less than 5, the third digit to the right of the decimal place remains the same.

Example: 3.2343 = 3.234

If the last digit is greater than 5, the third digit to the right of the decimal place is raised to the next highest digit.

Example: 3.2346 = 3.235

If the last digit is 5, preceded by an even number, the third digit to the right of the decimal place remains the same.

Example: 3.2345 = 3.234

If the last digit is 5, preceded by an odd number, the third digit to the right of the decimal place is raised to the next highest digit.

Example: 3.2355 = 3.236

These principles also apply when rounding to two decimal places.
III – METHODS OF WOOD MEASUREMENT

A. Cubic Method

1. Introduction

All conifer, poplar and white birch of any length up to and including 5.7 m length class may be measured by this method.

2. Unit of Measure

Cubic metre

3. Measuring Procedure

(a) Diameters

Diameters are measured inside the bark (DIB) in 2 centimetre size class intervals, with the class boundary occurring on the odd centimetre, and recorded in even centimetre classes. A scaled log that coincides with the class boundary of two size classes belongs to the lower size class.

Example 1: A diameter that falls on the class boundary between 10 and 12 centimetres (cm) must be read as 10 centimetres.

If a log has a regular sawn surface, a fair diameter measurement must be taken without seeking the largest or smallest diameter (see Figure 1).
Logs with irregular sawn surfaces require at least two measurements taken at right angles to each other (through the shortest axis and longest axis of the sawn surface). When the average of two diameter measurements is an odd number, the diameter recorded is the closest even diameter divisible by 4 (see Figure 2).

Example 2: A diameter measuring 28 by 34 cm is recorded as 32 cm.

\[
\text{Diameter} = \frac{(28 + 34)}{2} = \frac{62}{2} = 31 \text{ cm}
\]

Since 31 is an odd number, it cannot be recorded. Therefore, the scaler would record either 30 or 32. Since 32 is evenly divisible by 4 and 30 is not, the scaler must record 32 cm.

Example 3: A diameter measuring 10 by 12 cm will be recorded as 12 cm.

\[
\text{Diameter} = \frac{(10 + 12)}{2} = \frac{22}{2} = 11 \text{ cm}
\]

Since 11 is an odd number, the scaler would record either 10 or 12, but only 12 is evenly divisible by 4. Therefore, the diameter recorded is 12 cm.

For timber piled in skidways up to and including 5.7 metres (m) in length, diameters are measured from one side of the skidway, provided that there is an equal distribution of large and small end diameters, or defects on each side. Sides of skidways to be measured will be chosen randomly and marked clearly.
Where there is unequal distribution of large and small end diameters or defects on one side of the skidway, alternate sides of the skidway must be measured unless directed otherwise by the Ministry. The scaler must ensure that an equal number of pieces are measured from both sides of the skidway to obtain a fair scale.

When individual logs are encountered, measure both ends of the log to obtain the mean diameter.

(b) Length

Length is either measured or determined by comparison with an adjacent measured log and recorded in metres and 20 centimetre classes with the class boundary occurring on the even centimetre. Lengths are recorded in the odd centimetre class (see Figure 3). Random length piles or skidways must be laid out in a suitable fashion to allow for accurate length measurements.

![Figure 3 - Diagram showing how length classes are determined](image)

Example 1: Logs greater than 5.0 m in length, up to and including 5.2 m in length, are recorded as 5.1 m logs.

4. Calculation of Volume

Timber up to and including 5.7 metres in length

Measure and record all logs by species, diameter class and length class.

The procedure for calculating volume is to determine the area of the sawn surface in square metres at the measured end of the log, then multiply that area by the length of log in metres.

\[
\text{Volume} = \left( D \times D \times 0.7854 \times L \right) / 10000 = \text{cubic metres correct to 3 decimal places}
\]

Where:
- \( D \) = diameter of log or defect in 2 centimetre size class intervals
- \( L \) = length of log or defect in metres and 20 centimetre classes
Appendix C, Table 2, shows the volume in cubic metres for logs of various lengths and diameter classes.

5. Defects

a) Common Defects

Heart Rot:

This is a very common defect. It may occur as a hole or as rotten wood. It may extend throughout the length of the log and appear on both ends (see Figure 4).

Figure 4 - Examples of heart rot

Stump Rot:

This defect, which occurs only in butt logs, seldom extends far into the log. Ordinarily, it reduces in size from the end of the log inward (see Figure 5).

Figure 5 - Examples of stump rot
Heart Check:

Over mature timber often shows a heart check, which may extend part way into the log or may appear on both ends. Heart check must not be confused with sun check or with checks resulting from the normal drying process (see Figure 6).

![Figure 6 - Examples of heart check on the end surface of a log](image)

Shake:

This is the complete separation of one or more annual rings in a log. Shake is believed to be caused before a tree is felled as a result of its swaying back and forth in the wind. If shake extends through the entire length of the log, it will appear on both ends. Before shake is considered a defect, it must form at least a half circle within the same ring or closely associated annual rings (see Figure 7).

In the cubic method of measurement, deductions for shake are made in white pine, red pine and hemlock species only.
Punk Rot:

This rot may be fully confined to the heart of the log or it may touch the outer surface (see Figure 8).

Note: In the Cubic Method of measurement:

- No deduction is made for crook, sweep or seams.
- No deduction is made for stain or mechanical damage.
- No deduction is made for sound worm holes with no associated rot.
- Sound dry wood is not considered a defect.
- Defects appearing at one end of a log up to and including 5.7 metres in length are assumed to extend through the entire length of the log.
b) Diameters of Defects

Defects are measured in the same way as gross diameters, in 2 centimetre size class intervals, with the class boundary occurring on the odd centimetre. Defects are recorded in even-centimetre classes. A measured defect that coincides with the boundary of two size classes belongs to the lower size class.

Example 1: A rot that falls on the class boundary between 8 and 10 cm must be read as an 8 cm defect.

Irregular defects (oblong) are measured as described in Measuring Procedure on page 11 (irregular sawn surfaces). Enclose the defect in the smallest rectangle possible and obtain the length and width of this rectangle. Add these measurements together and divide by 2 to obtain the mean. If the mean is an odd number, raise or lower the diameter to the closest even centimetre class that is divisible by 4.

Example 2: A log contains a defect that measures 10 by 14 cm.

Diameter of defect = (10 + 14) / 2 = 24 / 2 = 12 cm

The diameter of defect is 12 cm.

Example 3: A log contains a defect that measures 12 by 18 cm.

Diameter of defect = (12 + 18) / 2 = 30 / 2 = 15 cm

The diameter of the defect is 15 cm.

Since 15 is an odd number, the scaler must raise this diameter to 16 cm (16 is evenly divisible by 4 while 14 is not). Therefore, the diameter of the defect is 16 cm.

c) Long Narrow Defects

When the length of a defect is more than twice its width, the scaler must first calculate the area of the defect by multiplying the length by the width. The diameter of the defect is then determined by obtaining the square root of this number and raising or lowering it to the closest perfect square root that is an even number. Appendix C, Table 1, shows the squares of all even numbers from 4 to 90.

Example 1: A defect measures 10 by 30 cm. Since the length is more than twice the width, the area of the defect is determined by multiplying 10 x 30 = 300 cubic cm (see Figure 9).
Since the square root of 300 is 17.3 and 17 is an odd number, it must be raised or lowered to the closest perfect square root that is an even number, which is 18. Therefore, the diameter of the defect is recorded as 18 cm.

Alternatively, referring to Appendix C, Table 1, it will be noted that 300 falls between 256 (16\(^2\)) and 324 (18\(^2\)). Since 300 is closer to 324, the diameter of the defect is 18 cm.
d) Defects separated by 14 centimetres or less

If a log contains two separate defects that are separated by 14 centimetres or less of sound wood, they must be considered as one defect. The scaler must enclose them in a rectangle to obtain the diameter of the defect (see Figure 10).
Example 1: A log contains two defects that are separated by 6 cm of sound wood.

The scaler encloses these defects in a rectangle measuring 10 by 18 cm.

Diameter of defect = \((10 + 18) / 2 = 28 / 2 = 14\) cm

The diameter of the defect is 14 cm.

Example 2: A log contains two defects that are separated by 10 cm of sound wood. The rectangle enclosing these defects measures 12 by 28 cm. Since the length is more than twice the width (long narrow defect), the scaler must calculate the area of the defect, obtain the square root and raise or lower this number to the closest perfect square root that is an even number.

\[
\text{Area of defect} = 12 \times 28 = 336 \text{ cm}^2
\]

\[
\text{Square root of 336} = 18.3
\]

The diameter of the defect is therefore 18 cm.

Alternatively, referring to Appendix C, Table 1, it will be noted that 336 falls between 324 \((18^2)\) and 400 \((20^2)\). Since 336 is closer to 324, the diameter of the defect is 18 cm.

e) Defects separated by more than 14 centimetres

When two defects are separated by more than 14 centimetres of sound wood, the scaler must calculate the area of each defect, add them together, and obtain the square root of this total. This result will then be raised or lowered to the closest perfect square root that is an even number to determine the defect diameter.

Example 1: A log contains two defects. One measures 8 by 14 cm and the other measures 14 by 18 cm. They are separated by 16 cm of sound wood (see Figure 11).
Area of defects = 8 x 14 + 14 x 18 = 112 + 252 = 364 cm$^2$
Square root of 364 = 19.1

Therefore, the diameter of the defect is 20 cm. This can also be determined by referencing Appendix C, Table 1.

f) Sap Rot Defect

Sap rot is a defect confined to the outer circumference of the log where the heartwood may be unaffected and sound. Diameters must be determined for both the gross and the sound portions of the log. The square of the sound diameter, subtracted from the square of the gross diameter, represents the square of the defect. If the square of the defect is less than the square of the sound diameter, the log is not a cull and the diameter of the sound portion is recorded.
Example 1: A log in a skidway has a diameter of 40 cm and a sap rot on the circumference; leaving 32 cm of sound wood (see Figure 12).

Figure 12 - Example of sap rot

Gross diameter\(^2 = 40 \times 40 = 1600\) cm\(^2\)
Diameter\(^2\) sound wood = 32 \times 32 = 1024\) cm\(^2\)
Squared diameter of defect = 1600 – 1024 = 576\) cm\(^2\)

Since the squared diameter of the defect portion is less than the squared diameter of the sound portion, the log is not a cull. The diameter of the sound portion of the log is recorded as 32 cm.

g) Cull

Any log having more than one-half of its volume defective is considered to be a cull. Culls can easily be determined by comparing the square of the defect diameter with the square of the sawn surface diameter. If the square of the defect diameter is greater than one-half of the square of the sawn surface diameter, the log is a cull. Culls are indicated by a distinct mark (e.g. “X”, the word “Cull”, etc.) on the sawn surface and are tallied by species and pieces (see Figure 13).

Figure 13 - Examples of cull logs
Example 1:  A log with a gross diameter of 32 cm has a 26 cm defect on the measured end.

Gross diameter\(^2 = 32 \times 32 = 1024 \text{ cm}^2 \\
Defect diameter\(^2 = 26 \times 26 = 676 \text{ cm}^2 \\
Sound portion = 1024 – 676 = 348 \text{ cm}^2 \\

Since 676 is more than half of 1024, the log is a cull.

h) Applying Defect Deductions

All sound or merchantable pieces, regardless of their diameter, length and species, must be scaled and scale records submitted to the Ministry; they cannot be considered rejects or culls.

When measuring logs piled in skidways, deductions for defects are calculated by measuring the diameter of defects visible on the sawn surface on the measured side of the skidway. It is assumed that any such defect extends through the full length of the log and that there is an even distribution of defects on both sides of the skidway.

When individual logs are encountered, measure the defect on both ends of the log to obtain the mean defect diameter.

Deductions are made by reducing the diameter of the log either by referring to Appendix C, Table 3, by reading directly from the scaling sticks (MC-1 or MC-2), or through manual calculations.

Example 1:  A log in a skidway has a gross diameter of 36 cm and a rot of 12 cm.

Using Appendix C, Table 3, a 12 cm rot requires a 2 cm reduction off the gross diameter. Therefore, the net diameter of this log will be 34 cm.

OR

Reading from the MC-1 cube rule, a 36 cm log with a 12 cm defect reduces the gross diameter by 2 cm for a net diameter of 34 cm.

OR

Manual calculation:

Gross diameter squared = 36 \times 36 = 1296 \text{ cm}^2 \\
Defect diameter squared = 12 \times 12 = 144 \text{ cm}^2 \\
Difference = 1296 – 144 = 1152 \text{ cm}^2
The closest even square to 1152 is 1156. The square root of 1156 is 34; therefore, the scaler would record a net diameter of 34 cm.

6. **Undersize**

In the cubic method, undersize is defined as:

a) conifers other than white pine, red pine or hemlock that have a gross diameter less than 10 centimetres (diameter class)

b) white pine, red pine, hemlock, poplar or white birch that have a gross diameter less than 16 centimetres (diameter class).

When measuring undersize material, the scaler will record the gross diameter of the undersize pieces by species and length.

The scaler will not reduce the gross diameter of the undersize piece if defect is encountered.

7. **Specifications for Grading Red Pine and White Pine**

The cubic method (see Section III (A)) is used to assess diameters, lengths and defect for red pine and white pine. Only logs up to and including 5.7 metres in length will be graded. For logs exceeding 5.7 m go to Section III (A.9) long timber.

Piles or skidways must be laid out in a suitable fashion to allow for accurate measurements. In order to determine the minimum small end net diameter, both ends of the log must be assessed.

Log categories, which represent the quality of timber harvested, are derived using:

- the minimum small end net diameter of the log
- the total allowable percentage of deduction
- external knots or limbs
- external defects

Net diameters are determined and recorded on the measured end of the log by species, length class and grade.
The following detailed criteria are used by the scaler to determine the grade:

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A log that does not meet the above criteria for external knots, limbs or defects will be recorded as a grade 2 log.

A log of any length that measures 26 cm or greater net diameter on the small end that does not contain more than 25% total allowable deduction and is free of any external knots or limbs, or external defects will be deemed to be a grade 1 log.

Note: for grading purposes only:

- all diameters are measured inside the bark
- minimum small end net diameter is determined to set preliminary grade
- assess measured end for cull using the cube method
- all deductions are expressed in percentages
- total allowable deduction percentage of the log will be assessed using the cube grade method
- no end-surface defect will be considered to affect less than 10% of one end of a log
- external knots and limbs will be measured inside the bark the narrow way through the geometric centre flush with the log
• worm or ant holes on the sawn surface will be considered a defect when assessing total allowable percentage
• crook and sweep will be assessed using the cube grade method
• 2.5 m length free and clear is an exact measure

8. Grading Procedure

The following steps are used to determine the final grade of the log. Refer to decision key in Appendix G for additional guidance.

**Step 1: Establishing Preliminary Grade**

- Measure and determine the small end net diameter of the log to determine the preliminary grade.
- Logs that have a net diameter of 26 cm or more are classified as preliminary grade 1.
- Logs that have a net diameter of 24 cm or less are classified as preliminary grade 2.

**Step 2: Assess Measured End Defect for Cull**

- Logs that have more than 50% volume defective using the cube method of measure are classified as Cull.

**Step 3: Determine Total Allowable Percentage of Deduction**

- After the preliminary grade has been established and the assessment of cull on the measured end has been completed, the scaler must then assess defect to determine total allowable percentage of deduction using Step 2 of the grading procedure under the cube grade method to further assess grade using the following rules:
  - Not more than 25% deduction is recorded as a grade 1 log
  - More than 25% deduction is recorded as a grade 2 log

**Step 4: Determination of External Knots and Limbs**

- After Step 3 has been completed, the log must then be examined for external knots and limbs.
- Any log that has 2.5 m or more of its length, measured from either end of the log, free of individual knots or limbs 14 cm or greater in diameter (DIB) measured the narrow way through the geometric centre flush with the log is recorded as a grade 1 log.
- A log that does not meet the above criteria will be recorded as a grade 2 log.
Step 5: Determination of External Defect

- After Step 4 has been completed, the log must then be examined for external defect.
- Any log that has 2.5 m or more of its length, measured from either end of the log, free of the following defects will be recorded as grade 1:
  - Rot or holes 8 cm or greater in diameter
  - External stem breakage caused by natural break from a crotch or 2 stems
  - Crotch or fork that separates 2 stems on the sawn surface
9. **Long Timber, 5.9 metres and longer**

Long timber is defined as any log, 5.9 metres or longer in length, which has been cut to a defined product length (e.g. utility poles, logs for buildings).

![Figure 15 - Examples of poles and building logs](image1)

**Figure 15 - Examples of poles and building logs**

a) **Diameters**

Measure and record all logs by species, diameter class and length class. Diameters are measured on both ends of each log and averaged to obtain the mean diameter. This mean diameter is raised or lowered to the nearest even diameter class divisible by 4.

**Example 1 (see Figure 16):**

- Butt diameter = 44 cm
- Top diameter = 14 cm
- Mean diameter = $\frac{58}{2} = 29$ cm

Since 29 is an odd number, it cannot be recorded. The scaler must record either 28 or 30. Since 28 is evenly divisible by 4, record 28 cm.

![Figure 16 - Example of long timber](image2)

**Figure 16 - Example of long timber**
b) Defects

If a defect appears on one end only, in a piece of long timber, it is assumed to extend 2.5 m into the piece (see Figure 17).

![Figure 17 - Example of long timber with defect affecting one end only](image)

If a defect appears at both ends, calculate the mean diameter of the defect and reduce the gross mean diameter of the log according to the volume of the defect.

c) Calculation of Volume

Volume = \( \frac{MD \times MD \times 0.7854 \times L}{10,000} \) (cubic metres correct to 3 decimal places)

Where:  
- \( MD \) = mean diameter in 2 centimetre size class intervals  
- \( L \) = length in metres and 20 centimetre classes

Example 1:  
A piece of long timber measuring 8.9 m in length, has a diameter of 42 cm on the butt end and 14 cm on the top end of the log. There is a defect showing on the butt that measures 16 cm in diameter. To determine the net diameter to tally, the following steps must be taken.

**Step # 1**  
Calculate the mean diameter of the log:

- Butt diameter = 42 cm  
- Top diameter = 14 cm  
- Mean diameter = \( \frac{(14 + 42)}{2} = \frac{56}{2} = 28 \) cm  
- Mean diameter of the log is 28 cm
**Step # 2** Calculate the gross volume of the log in cubic metres correct to 3 decimal places:

\[
\text{Gross volume} = \frac{\text{MD} \times \text{MD} \times 0.7854 \times L}{10,000}
\]

\[
\text{Gross volume} = \frac{28 \times 28 \times 0.7854 \times 8.9}{10,000} = 0.54802 = 0.548 \text{ m}^3
\]

Gross volume of log is 0.548 m³

**Step # 3** Calculate the defect volume of the log in cubic metres correct to 3 decimal places:

\[
\text{Defect volume} = \frac{\text{Defect D}^2 \times 0.7854 \times L}{10,000}
\]

\[
\text{Defect volume} = \frac{16 \times 16 \times 0.7854 \times 2.5}{10,000} = 0.05026 = 0.050 \text{ m}^3
\]

Defect volume of log is 0.050 m³

**Step # 4** Calculate the sound volume of log by subtracting the defect volume from the gross volume:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Gross volume} &= 0.548 \\
\text{Defect volume} &= 0.050 \\
\text{Sound volume of log} &= 0.548 - 0.050 = 0.498 \text{ m}^3
\end{align*}
\]

**Step # 5** After the sound volume is calculated, go to Appendix C, Table 2 and look up the volume closest to 0.498 m³ in the 8.9 m length class to obtain a diameter to record.

- 26 cm diameter log with a length of 8.9 m = 0.473 m³
- 28 cm diameter log with a length of 8.9 m = 0.548 m³

Since the sound volume of 0.498 m³ is closer to 0.473 m³, the scaler would record a net diameter of 26 cm in the 8.9 m length class.
10. Identification of Skidways

When a skidway (pile) or group of skidways (piles) is measured, the scaler must place the following information on the end of one or more conspicuous logs in each skidway (see Figure 18):

- skidway (pile) number
- date
- scaler's initials
- any other information requested by the Ministry's Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section

![Figure 18 - Example of skidway identification](image)

Skidways (piles) are numbered consecutively for each Approval to Commence Harvesting Operations (harvest approval). Closely situated skidways (piles) may be tallied together, provided the total number of measured logs does not exceed 1,000. These are known as groups of skidways (piles), and they must be properly identified. This grouping must not occur without prior approval from the Ministry's Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section.

All pieces of timber, when scaled, must be properly marked.

**Note:** If sample scaling in the cubic method, see Section III, H for detailed measuring procedures.
B. Tree Length Method

1. Introduction

All conifer, poplar and white birch may be measured by the tree length method. This method of scaling is used for harvesting operations where trees are felled, skidded, delimbed, piled and then measured before further processing is done (e.g. slashing or chipping).

2. Unit of Measurement

Cubic metre

3. Measuring Procedure

Butt diameters are measured inside the bark, in 2 centimetre class intervals, the narrow way through the geometric centre of the butt surface, following the natural taper of the stem, disregarding abnormal depressions and flares (see Figure 19).

Figure 19 - Measuring tree length butt diameters

All tree length pieces, regardless of size, must be measured and recorded. The tallies are entered into the Ministry’s computerized database where approved local tree length volume tables are utilized to establish gross volume.

No deductions are made by the scaler for undersize, cull or defect. These deductions are applied by the Ministry’s computer software. Deductions are determined from Ministry sampling data.
4. Calculation of Volume

Measure and record the tree length stems by species and butt diameter class.

Gross volume is calculated by the Ministry’s volume and value calculation computer software using data obtained from an appropriate tree length volume table.

Net volume is calculated by applying Ministry scaling factors for defect (including cull) to the gross volume.

These tables and factors are derived from the Ministry’s Provincial sampling program.

5. Identification of Skidways

When a skidway has been measured, the scaler must mark the following information on one or more conspicuous butt surfaces:

- skidway number
- date
- scaler's initials
- any other information requested by the Ministry's Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section

Skidways are to be numbered consecutively for each Approval to Commence Harvesting Operations (harvest approval). Closely situated skidways may be tallied together, provided the total number of measured tree length stems does not exceed 1,000. This grouping must not occur without prior approval from the Ministry's Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section.

Large skidways may be broken into smaller sections. Each section should have a separate skidway number and be recorded on a separate tally sheet.

Note: If sample scaling in the tree length method, see Section III, H for detailed measuring procedures.
C. Stacked Wood Method

1. Introduction

All conifer, poplar, white birch and grade 2 hardwoods up to and including 2.80 metres in length may be measured by this method. White pine and red pine must be graded and piled separately prior to stack scaling.

2. Unit of Measurement

Stacked cubic metre

A stacked cubic metre is one cubic metre of stacked wood (whole or split, with or without bark) containing wood and airspace with all bolts of similar length piled parallel to each other.

3. Measuring Procedure

Heights and lengths are measured on one side of the stack only, by means of a scaling stick (MS-1 or MS-2), graduated in 2 centimetre class intervals. The scaler must determine if there is an even distribution of large and small end diameters or defects on both sides of the stack. If there is not an equal distribution of large and small end diameters or defects showing on one side of the stack, alternate sides must be measured from stack to stack to obtain a fair scale.

a) Length

Length of the stack is measured in metres and 2 centimetre size class intervals with the break occurring on the odd centimetre. Lengths are recorded in the even centimetre class.

When a stack drops off in height at one or both ends, measure the length to a point on the slope of the stack where the area of the stack that is now cut off will fill the space required to square the stack (see Figure 20).

![Figure 20 - Measuring length of stack when stack drops at both ends](image)
On hillsides, measure the length of the stack parallel with the bottom of the stack (see Figure 21).

![Figure 21 - Measuring length of stack on a slope](image)

The maximum recordable length of a stack is 50.00 metres. Where exceedingly long stacks are encountered, separate them into sections no longer than 50.00 metres. Measure and record each section as a separate stack and mark each section of the stack clearly with a line.

b) Height

Height is measured in metres and 2 centimetre size class intervals with the break occurring on the odd centimetre and recorded in even centimetre classes. Heights are measured at equal intervals along the length of a stack, and averaged to two decimal places to obtain the average height of a stack (see Figure 22).

![Figure 22 - Measuring height of stack](image)
Figure 23 - Height measurements taken on a loaded truck

The maximum allowable height of a stack is 5.00 metres.

Example 1: Determining stack height from measurements taken at equal intervals along the length of a stack:

3 height measurements recorded as follows: 1.78 m, 1.84 m, 1.84 m
Average height of stack = \((1.78 + 1.84 + 1.84) / 3 = 5.46 / 3 = 1.82\) m

Record the height as 1.82 m

When a number of height measurements are averaged to two decimal places, odd numbers may be recorded for the height measurement. Rounding of numbers does not apply to averaged stack heights. The third and subsequent decimal places are disregarded.

Example 2: Height measurements, taken at equal intervals along the length of a stack resulting in an odd number:

4 heights recorded as follows: 1.52 m, 1.58 m, 1.58 m, 1.54 m
Average height of stack = \((1.52 + 1.58 + 1.58 + 1.54) / 4 = 6.22 / 4 = 1.555\) m

Record the height as 1.55 m (the third decimal place is disregarded)

More height measurements are required on stacks with irregular heights.

Where wood is stacked on a slope, the height measurements are taken at right angles to the slope (see Figure 24).
c) Width

The width of a stack is the length of the bolts in metres and 2 centimetre size class intervals with the break occurring on the odd centimetre and recorded on the even centimetre class. All the wood in one stack must be the same length. Wood more than 2.80 metres in length cannot be stack scaled.

4. Calculation of Volume

To calculate the number of stacked cubic metres in a stack, multiply the height of the stack by the length of the stack by the width of the stack (see Figure 25).
Volume = H x L x W = stacked cubic metres correct to 2 decimal places

Where:

H = height of stack in metres and 2 centimetre size class intervals
L = length of stack in metres and 2 centimetre size class intervals
W = width of stack (length of bolt) in metres and 2 centimetre size class intervals

Example 1: A stack of wood measuring 2.50 m in height, 4.00 m in length and 2.60 m in width has a volume of 2.50 x 4.00 x 2.60 = 26.00 m³ (st) (see Figure 26).

Figure 26 - Example of stacked wood

Appendix C, Table 6, gives the volume in stacked cubic metres of 1.26 m and 2.54 m wood in stacks of various lengths and heights.

5. Defects

Deductions for defects are calculated from diameter measurements of defects visible on the sawn surfaces of the wood on the side of the stack being measured. It is assumed that any visible defect extends through the full length of the bolt and that there is an equal distribution of defects on both sides of the stack.

(a) Culls and Deductions in Conifer, Poplar and White Birch

Any bolt having more than one-half of its volume defective is considered to be a cull. A bolt is a cull if the square of the defect diameter is greater than one-half of the square of the sawn surface diameter. Culls are indicated by a distinct mark (e.g. “X”, the word “Cull”, etc.) on the sawn surface.

There is no deduction for defect on undersize bolts.
**Procedure for determining defect volume when stack scaling conifer, poplar and white birch:**

Measure gross diameter and defect diameter of the major species using the cube scaling stick (MC-1) (see Section IV (g)).

Using the cubic method, determine whether the defective bolt is a cull. If it is a cull, use the gross diameter of the bolt to calculate the volume of the defect.

If the bolt is not a cull, use the defect diameter to calculate the volume of the defect. This can be derived in two ways. It can be read directly from the cube scaling stick (for 2.54 m length bolts) marked in hundredths of a stacked cubic metre or it can be found in Appendix C, Tables 4 and 5, which gives volumes in stacked cubic metres, by diameter class, for wood 1.26 m or 2.54 m in length.

Reduce the gross volume of a stack by the volume of defect to obtain the net volume of a stack by species.

**Example 1:** A 2.54 m rough balsam fir bolt with a diameter of 38 cm has a 16 cm rot on the measured end that is not large enough to cull the bolt. Appendix C, Table 4, shows a volume of 0.08 m³ (st) for a 16 cm defect. Therefore the gross volume of the stack would be reduced by 0.08 m³ (st).

**Example 2:** A stack of 2.54 m rough spruce contains one bolt 26 cm in diameter with a 20 cm defect. Since this defect is large enough to cull the bolt, the volume of the deduction will be based on the 26 cm gross diameter. Appendix C, Table 4, shows a volume of 0.20 m³ (st) for a 26 cm bolt, 2.54 m long. Therefore, the gross volume of the stack would be reduced by 0.20 m³ (st).

**(b) Culls and Defects for Grade 2 Hardwoods**

There are no deductions for defect or cull logs when stack scaling grade 2 hardwoods.

**6. Voids**

A void is an unnecessary air space, large enough to accommodate an average size bolt in the stack.

For a large void with an average diameter equal to or greater than twice the diameter of the average size bolt in the stack, the number of average size bolts required to fill the void will be estimated and deductions made based on their volume.
The volume of a void, in stacked cubic metres, can be read directly from the cube scaling stick (MC-1), for 2.54 m length bolts, marked in hundredths of a stacked cubic metre or it can be found in Appendix C, Tables 4 and 5.

Deductions for voids are made in the same manner as for culls and recorded in hundredths of stacked cubic metres.

7. Undersize Bolts

In the stacked method, undersize is defined as:

- Conifers other than white pine, red pine or hemlock that have a gross diameter less than 10 centimetres (diameter class).
- White pine, red pine, hemlock, poplar or white birch that have a gross diameter less than 16 centimetres (diameter class).
- Grade 2 hardwoods that have a gross diameter less than 20 centimetres (diameter class).

All undersize bolts in the stack will be scaled on the side of the stack being measured and their gross volume recorded in stacked cubic metres. Deductions are made in the same manner as for culls.

The diameter of an undersized bolt is measured with the cube scaling stick (MC-1). Its volume, in stacked cubic metres, can be read directly from the cube scaling stick for 2.54 m length bolts or it can be found in Appendix C, Tables 4 and 5.

8. Minor Species

All minor species in the stack will be measured on the side of the stack being scaled and their net volumes recorded in stacked cubic metres.

The diameters of minor species bolts are measured with the cube scaling stick (MC-1). The net volume, in stacked cubic metres, can be read directly from the cube scaling stick for 2.54 m length bolts or it can be found in Appendix C, Tables 4 and 5.

Note: The volumes by diameter class for defect, void, undersize and/or minor species shown on the MC-1 stick are for wood 2.54 m in length. If the length of wood being measured is different than 2.54 m, and volumes of defect, void, undersize and/or minor species are being calculated manually, the volumes shown on the MC-1 stick or found in Appendix C, Tables 4 and 5, will have to be adjusted. To make this adjustment, multiply the volumes shown by the length of the wood being measured and divide by 2.54.

Example 3: A stack of 2.80 m rough spruce contains one bolt 26 cm in diameter with a 20 cm defect.
Since this defect is large enough to cull the bolt, the volume of the deduction will be based on the 26 cm gross diameter. Appendix C, Table 4, shows a volume of 0.20 m³ (st) for a 26 cm bolt, 2.54 m long. To determine the volume for a 2.80 m bolt, multiply the volume of 0.20 m³ (st) by 2.80 and divide the result by 2.54.

Volume of the 2.80 m bolt = \(0.20 \times \frac{2.80}{2.54} = 0.22 \text{ m}^3 \text{ (st)}\)

The gross volume of the stack would be reduced by 0.22 m³ (st).

9. Procedure for Determining Net Volume of a Stack

When calculating the net volume of the major species, determine the sound portion of the stack by subtracting the total volume of all deductions from the gross volume of the stack. Subtracting the net volume of each minor species from the sound portion of the stack will result in the determination of the net volume of the major species.

When recording stacked wood, all volumes are recorded in stacked cubic metres by species. Culls, defects, undersize and voids are recorded in stacked cubic metres only. When determining the volume of any minor species, make sure that only the net volume of the bolts of that particular species is included.

Example 1: A stack of 2.54 m rough wood is 7.32 m long and 1.28 m high. In addition to sound spruce, it contains the following minor species, defects and undersize bolts (see Figure 27):

- two 8 cm undersize jack pine bolts
- one 30 cm spruce bolt with a 24 cm defect
- one 26 cm balsam fir bolt with a 16 cm defect
- four 16 cm sound balsam fir bolts
To determine the net volume of spruce in this stack:

**Step # 1**  Gross Volume of stack in cubic metres correct to 2 decimal places is:

\[
\text{Gross volume} = H \times L \times W = 1.28 \times 7.32 \times 2.54 = 23.79898 \approx 23.80 \text{ m}^3 (\text{st})
\]

Gross volume of the stack is 23.80 m$^3$ (st).

**Step # 2**  Calculate the volume of undersize, defect, and minor species in the stack:

*Undersize Deduction*

Jack pine (2): Bolt numbers 7 and 8, each bolt is 8 cm in diameter
- 8 cm diameter = 0.02 m$^3$ (st) as read from MC-1 stick
- Undersize volume = 0.02 x 2 = 0.04 m$^3$ (st)

Undersize volume of the stack is 0.04 m$^3$ (st).

*Defect Deduction*

Spruce (1): Bolt number 6, 30 cm in diameter is a cull
- 30 cm diameter = 0.27 m$^3$ (st) as read from MC-1 stick
- Defect volume of this bolt is 0.27 m$^3$ (st).

Balsam fir (1): Bolt number 5, 26 cm in diameter with a 16 cm defect.
- This is not a cull.
16 cm diameter = 0.08 m³ (st) as read from MC-1 stick
Defect volume of this bolt is 0.08 m³ (st).

Total defect volume of the stack = 0.27 + 0.08 = 0.35 m³ (st).

**Minor Species Deduction**

Balsam fir (4): Bolt numbers 1 to 4, each bolt is 16 cm in diameter
- 16 cm diameter = 0.08 m³ (st) as read from MC-1 stick
- Volume of the bolts = 0.08 x 4 = 0.32 m³ (st)

Balsam fir (1): Bolt number 5, sound portion of bolt that measures 26 cm in diameter with a 16 cm defect
- 26 cm diameter = 0.20 m³ (st) as read from MC-1 stick
- 16 cm diameter = 0.08 m³ (st) as read from MC-1 stick
- Gross volume = 0.20 m³ (st)
- Defect volume = 0.08 m³ (st)
- Net volume = 0.20 − 0.08 = 0.12 m³ (st)
- The net volume of the bolt = 0.12 m³ (st)

Minor species (balsam fir) volume of stack is 0.32 + 0.12 = 0.44 m³ (st).

**Step #3** Calculate the net volume of spruce in the stack:

Gross volume of stack = 23.80
Undersize volume = 0.04
Defect volume = 0.35
Net volume of stack = 23.80 − 0.04 − 0.35 = 23.41 m³ (st)

Minor species volume = 0.44

Net volume of spruce = 23.41 − 0.44 = 22.97 m³ (st)

10. **Identification of Stacks**

When a stack has been measured, the scaler must mark the following information on one or more conspicuous bolts (see Figure 28):

- stack number over sheet number
- date
- scaler's initials
- any other information requested by the Ministry’s Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section
Each stack must be marked randomly along its length, from top to bottom, with the letter “S”.

Stacks are numbered consecutively for each Approval to Commence Harvesting Operations or as approved by the Ministry’s Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section.

11. Conversions Factors for Rough and Peeled Bolts

Sampling has determined that, on average, a stacked cubic metre of wood is made up of the following:

- 66.667% solid wood
- 11.458% bark
- 21.875% air

Solid wood, bark and air account for 100% of the stacked volume.

a) Rough Wood Factor

In order to calculate the volume of stacked cubic metres of rough wood represented by a single bolt, undersize, defect, cull or void, the solid cubic metre volume must be multiplied by the rough wood factor 1.50.

The factor is derived as follows:

\[
\text{Solid wood percentage} = 66.667\%
\]
\[\text{Rough wood factor} = \frac{100\%}{66.667\%} = 1.50\]
Example 1: A single bolt has a volume of 0.063 m³. To determine the volume of the single bolt in stacked cubic metres correct to 2 decimal places:

\[ \text{Volume} = 0.063 \text{ m}^3 \times 1.50 = 0.09 \text{ m}^3 \text{ (st)} \]

b) Peeled Wood Factor

In order to calculate the volume of stacked cubic metres of peeled wood represented by a single bolt, undersize, defect, cull or void, the solid cubic metre volume must be multiplied by the peeled wood factor 1.28.

This factor is derived as follows:

- Solid wood percentage = 66.667%
- Bark percentage = 11.458%
- Peeled wood factor = \( \frac{100\%}{66.667\% + 11.458\%} = \frac{100\%}{78.125\%} = 1.28 \)

Example 2: A single peeled bolt has a volume of 0.063 m³. To determine the volume of the single bolt in stacked cubic metres peeled correct to 2 decimal places:

\[ \text{Volume} = 0.063 \text{ m}^3 \times 1.28 = 0.08 \text{ m}^3 \text{ (st)} \]

12. Conversion Factors for Stacks

To convert stacked cubic metres to solid cubic metres, multiply the volume in stacked cubic metres (correct to 2 decimal places) by the following conversion factors:

- 0.67 for rough wood
- 0.78 for peeled wood

Round all volumes in solid cubic metres correct to 3 decimal places.

Example 1: A stack of rough wood has a volume of 36.05 m³ (st). To determine the volume in solid m³:

\[ \text{Volume} = 36.05 \text{ m}^3 \times 0.67 = 24.154 \text{ m}^3 \]

To convert solid cubic metres to stacked cubic metres, divide the volume in solid cubic metres (correct to 3 decimal places) by the following conversion factors:

- 0.67 for rough wood
- 0.78 for peeled wood
Round all volumes in stacked cubic metres correct to 2 decimal places.

Example 2: A skidway of rough wood has a volume of 358.909 m³. To determine the volume in stack m³:

\[
\text{Volume} = \frac{358.909}{0.67} = 535.69 \text{ m}^3 \text{ (st)}. 
\]
D. Cube Grade Method

1. Introduction

All hardwood species, except poplar and white birch, up to and including 5.7 metres in length, may be measured by this method.

2. Unit of Measurement

Cubic metre

3. Measuring Procedure

a) Diameter

Diameters are measured inside the bark, in the same manner as described under “Diameters” in Section III (A), “Cubic Method”. Logs with irregular sawn surfaces require at least two measurements taken at right angles to each other (through the shortest axis and longest axis of the sawn surface). When the average of two diameter measurements is an odd number, the diameter recorded is the closest even diameter divisible by 4.

b) Length

Length is either measured or determined by comparison with an adjacent measured log, and recorded in metres and 20 centimetre classes, with the class boundary occurring on the even centimetre. Lengths are recorded in the odd centimetre class.

4. Calculation of Volume

Volume = \( \frac{D \times D \times 0.7854 \times L}{10,000} \) = cubic metres correct to 3 decimal places

Where:

- \( D \) = diameter of the log in 2 centimetre size class intervals
- \( L \) = length of the log in metres and 20 centimetre classes

Appendix C, Table 2, shows volumes in cubic metres for logs of various lengths and diameter classes.

5. Grading Principles

Log grades represent the quality of timber harvested. The following criteria are used by the scaler to determine the grade:

- the minimum small end diameter
• the total allowable percentage of deduction
• external knots or limbs
• external defects

Gross diameters are recorded on the measured end by species, length class and grade. There is no diameter or volume reduction for defect when applying the cube grade method.

6. Specifications for Grading Hardwood Logs

The following criteria will be used for grading hardwood logs:

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Criteria</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Minimum small end diameter</td>
<td>28 cm and greater gross diameter</td>
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<tr>
<td>Minimum small end diameter</td>
<td>26 cm and less gross diameter</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total allowable percentage of deduction</td>
<td>Not more than 25%</td>
<td>1</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total allowable percentage of deduction</td>
<td>More than 25%</td>
<td>2</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total allowable percentage of deduction</td>
<td>More than 66 2/3%</td>
<td>Cull</td>
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<tr>
<td>External knots or limbs</td>
<td>2.5 m length measured from either end free of individual knots or limbs 18 cm or greater in diameter</td>
<td>1</td>
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<tr>
<td>External defect (rot or holes)</td>
<td>2.5 m length measured from either end free of rot or holes 8 cm or greater in diameter</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>External defect (crotch)</td>
<td>2.5 m length measured from either end free of external stem breakage caused by natural break from a crotch or 2 stems</td>
<td>1</td>
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<tr>
<td>External defect (crotch)</td>
<td>2.5 m length measured from either end free of crotch or fork that separates 2 stems on the sawn surface</td>
<td>1</td>
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<tr>
<td>External defect (open seam)</td>
<td>2.5 m length measured from either end free of open seam of any length</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>External defect (lesion / sap rot)</td>
<td>2.5 m length measured from either end free of dry sound lesion and/or sap rot measuring 18 cm or greater</td>
<td>1</td>
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A log that does not meet the above criteria for external knots, limbs or defects will be recorded as a grade 2 log.
A log of any length that measures 28 cm or greater gross diameter on the small end that does not contain more than 25% total allowable deduction and is free of any external knots or limbs, or external defects will be deemed to be a Grade 1 log.

**Note (for grading purposes only):**
- all diameters are measured inside the bark at the small end of the log
- all deductions are expressed in percentages
- assess the entire log, including both end surfaces, to obtain the total deduction percentage
- no end-surface defect will be considered to affect less than 10% of one end of a log
- external knots and limbs will be measured inside the bark the narrow way through the geometric centre flush with the log
- 2.5 m length free and clear is an exact measure

7. **Grading Procedures**

Logs must be laid out in a suitable fashion to allow for accurate measurements.

The following steps are used to determine the final grade of the log. Refer to decision key in Appendix H for additional guidance.

**Step 1: Establishing Preliminary Grade**

- Measure the gross diameter at the small end of the log to determine the preliminary grade.
- Logs that have a gross diameter of 28 cm or more are classified as preliminary grade 1.
- Logs that have a gross diameter of 26 cm or less are classified as preliminary grade 2.

Figure 29 illustrates a sound maple log, 5.1 metres in length with a small end gross diameter of 36 centimetres. Since the small end gross diameter is 28 centimetres and greater, it is a grade 1 log.
Figure 29 - A grade 1 maple log

Figure 30 illustrates a sound oak log, 3.1 metres in length with a small end gross diameter of 26 centimetres. Since the small end diameter is less than 28 centimetres, it is a grade 2 log.

Figure 30 - A grade 2 oak log

Step 2: Determine Total Allowable Percentage of Deduction

- After the preliminary grade has been established, the scaler must then assess defect to determine total allowable percentage of deduction based on the following rules:
  
  o Not more than 25% deduction remains grade 1
  o More than 25% deduction is classed as grade 2

Heart rot, stump rot, heart check, shake and punk rot as described in the Cubic Method, Section III (A.5) (Defects), are also applicable to graded hardwoods.

Defects are classified as either partial or continuous. Partial defects are those that appear on only one end of a log. It is assumed they extend halfway through the log.
Continuous defects are those that appear on both ends of a log. They are assumed to extend through the entire length of the log.

Seams, shake and rot may be either partial or continuous defects. Individual deductions are made on a percentage basis as 10%, 25%, 33⅓%, 50%, 66⅔% or 100%.

Crook and sweep are considered continuous defects, and the deductions are 10%, 25%, 33⅓% or 50% of the whole log.

The minimum percentage deduction for a log is 10%.

a) Culls

Any log having more than two-thirds (66⅔%) of its volume defective is considered a cull log. Culls are indicated by a distinct mark (e.g. “X” or the word “Cull”) on the sawn surface and are tallied by species and piece.

b) Partial defects

When a defect is encountered in one end of a log, the scaler estimates the percentage of defect on the sawn surface being assessed. Since the defect is assumed to extend half way through the log, this percentage is divided by 2 to obtain the necessary deduction for the log.

Example 1: A log having a defect affecting 10% of one end will require a 10% deduction of the whole log.

\[ \text{Deduction} = \frac{10}{2} = 5\% \]

Since the minimum deduction in grading is 10% we record a 10% deduction of the whole log.

Example 2: A log having a defect affecting 25% of one end will require a 12½% deduction of the whole log.

\[ \text{Deduction} = \frac{25}{2} = 12\frac{1}{2}\% \]

Example 3: A log having a defect affecting 50% of one end will require a 25% deduction of the whole log.

\[ \text{Deduction} = \frac{50}{2} = 25\% \]

Example 4: A log having a defect affecting more than 66⅔% of one end is considered to have a cull end. The deduction of the whole log is:

\[ \text{Deduction} = \frac{100}{2} = 50\% \]
Figure 31 illustrates a preliminary grade 1 maple log that contains a 10% defect on one end and no defect on the other end. Since the defect affects 10% of one end only, the partial defect percentage must be divided by 2 which results in a deduction of 5%. As the minimum deduction in grading is 10%, this log remains as grade 1.

Figure 31 - A grade 1 maple log containing a partial defect

Figure 32 illustrates a preliminary grade 1 oak log that contains a 50% defect on one end and no defect on the other end. Since the defect affects 50% of one end only, the partial defect percentage must be divided by 2 which results in a deduction of 25% of the whole log.

Total allowable percentage of deduction = 50% / 2 = 25%

Since grade 1 logs can be up to and including 25% defective, the log remains a grade 1.

Figure 32 - A grade 1 oak log containing a partial defect

Figure 33 illustrates a preliminary grade 1 beech log that contains a defect in one end large enough to cull that end (100% deduction). Since the defect is in one end
only, the partial defect percentage deduction must be divided by 2 which results in a deduction of 50% of the whole log.

Total allowable percentage of deduction = \( \frac{100}{2} = 50\% \)

Since defect in grade 1 logs cannot exceed 25%, the log is a grade 2.

![Figure 33 - A grade 2 beech log containing a defect](image)

c) Continuous Defects

When defects are encountered in both ends of a log, the scaler estimates the percentage of defect in each end. These percentages are added together and divided by 2 to obtain the necessary percentage of defect to determine the log grade.

Example 1: A log has a 25% deduction in one end and a 10% deduction at the other end. The percentage of defect used to determine the log grade is:

\[
\text{Percent deduction} = \frac{25 + 10}{2} = \frac{35}{2} = 17\frac{1}{2}\%
\]

Example 2: A log has a 25% deduction in one end and a 25% deduction at the other end. The percentage of defect used to determine the log grade is:

\[
\text{Percent deduction} = \frac{25 + 25}{2} = \frac{50}{2} = 25\%
\]

Example 3: A log contains a 50% deduction at one end and a 10% deduction at the other end. The percentage of defect used to determine the log grade is:

\[
\text{Percent deduction} = \frac{50 + 10}{2} = \frac{60}{2} = 30\%
\]
Example 4: A log contains a 50% deduction at one end and a 25% deduction at the other end. The percentage of defect used to determine the log grade is:

\[
\text{Percent deduction} = \frac{50 + 25}{2} = \frac{75}{2} = 37\frac{1}{2}\%
\]

Example 5: A log contains a 66\(\frac{2}{3}\)% deduction at one end and a 33\(\frac{1}{3}\)% deduction at the other end. The percentage of defect used to determine the log grade is:

\[
\text{Percent deduction} = \frac{66\frac{2}{3} + 33\frac{1}{3}}{2} = \frac{100}{2} = 50\%
\]

Example 6: A log contains one cull end and a 50% deduction at the other end. The percentage of defect used to determine the log grade is:

Since the log is more than 66\% defective, the log is considered a cull.

Figure 34 illustrates a preliminary grade 1 maple log that contains a 25% defect (seam and rot) in one and 10% defect (rot) in the other end. The percentage of defect used to determine the log grade is:

\[
\text{Percent deduction} = \frac{25 + 10}{2} = \frac{35}{2} = 17\frac{1}{2}\%
\]

Since the total allowable defect percentage is less than 25%, the log would remain a grade 1.

Figure 34 - A grade 1 maple log containing defects at both ends
d) Seams or Lightning Scars

Seams or lightning scars are other common defects that affect log grade. They may extend straight along the outside of the log or have a spiral shape. In either case, they generally penetrate the wood to some depth, reducing lumber yield. The scaler must estimate the percentage of the log that is affected. The scaler must consider the natural taper of the log and the normal slab when assessing seams. Seams that will be eliminated in the manufacturing process are not considered defects.

If a seam or seams appear in one end of a log only, they will be considered as partial defects. The scaler estimates the percentage of defect in relation to the whole end. This percentage is divided by 2 to obtain the percentage of defect necessary to determine the log grade (see Figure 35).

Figure 35 - Various seams with the required percentage deductions
If the same seam or related seams appear in both ends of a log, they will be considered continuous defects and a percentage deduction necessary for the whole log is determined. This deduction will not be divided by 2 (see Figure 36).

![Figure 36 - The required percentage deductions](image)

If unrelated seams in the same plane appear on both ends of the log, they will be considered as partial defects which are added together and divided by 2 (see Figure 37).

![Figure 37 - The required percentage of deductions for the log where two related seams are in the same plane](image)
If unrelated seams appear in different planes on both ends of a log, the necessary percentage deduction for each end of the log are added together. The total is not divided by 2. Since both seams are in different planes and impact the yield of lumber from each plane, two separate deductions are required (see Figure 38).

![Figure 38](image)

Figure 38 - The required percentage of deductions for the log where two unrelated seams are in different planes

e) Crook or Sweep (Continuous Defect)

In order to make deductions for crook or sweep, the scaler must estimate the percentage of the log that will be lost in the lumber manufacturing process. An imaginary line is extended along the longest straight section of the log, on the inside of the crook or sweep, to determine where this line bisects the other end of the log.

When the log has been aligned, and the imaginary line bisects the opposite end of the log at a point up to and including the centre of that end, the required deduction will be 10% (see Figure 39).

![Figure 39](image)

Figure 39 - Illustration of a 10% crook
When the imaginary line bisects the opposite end of the log at a point beyond the centre of the log, but not completely off the end, the required deduction will be 25% (see Figure 40).

![25% Crook](image)

Figure 40 - Illustration of a 25% crook

When the imaginary line cuts off the other end of the log at a point 30 centimetres or less from the sawn surface, the required deduction will be 33 ⅓% (see Figure 41).

![33 ⅓% Crook](image)

Figure 41 - Illustration of a 33 ⅓% crook

When the imaginary line cuts off the other end of the log at a point greater than 30 centimetres from the sawn surface, the required deduction will be 50% (see Figure 42).

![50% Crook](image)

Figure 42 - Illustration of a 50% crook
More severe crooks or sweeps will require a 50% deduction (see Figure 43).

![50% Crook](image)

**Figure 43 - Illustration of a serious crook or sweep requiring 50% deduction**

When a crook appears in one end of a log and rot is contained in the other end, the crook is a continuous defect and the rot a partial defect. It is necessary to calculate the total percentage of defect affecting the log in order to determine the grade.

**Example 1:** A hardwood log contains a crook in one end affecting 25% of the log, and a rot affecting 66⅔% of the other end (see Figure 44). The total percentage of the log affected is:

\[
\text{Percent deduction whole log} = 25 + \left(\frac{66\frac{2}{3}}{2}\right) = 25 + 33\frac{1}{3} = 58\frac{1}{3}\%
\]

![25%](image)

![66⅔% deduction](image)

**Figure 44 - Illustration of crook and rot**

**Example 2:** A hardwood log contains a crook in one end affecting 10% of the log, and a rot affecting 10% of the other end (see Figure 45). The total percentage of the log affected is:

\[
\text{Percent deduction} = 10 + \left(\frac{10}{2}\right) = 10 + 5 = 15\%
\]
Figure 45 - Illustration of crook and rot

If a rot or defect appears at one end of a log and a crook or sweep in the log completely cuts off this rot or defect, then the percentage deduction for the rot or defect is disregarded (see Figure 46).

Figure 46 - Illustration of crook cutting off rot

If a rot or defect more than 10 centimetres in diameter appears on one end of a log, and a crook in the log partially cuts off this rot, then a percentage deduction of 10% or 25% for crook or sweep will be increased to the next highest deduction. When a 33⅓% or 50% deduction for crook is made, no further increase will be necessary.

Example 3: If a 10% deduction is necessary for crook and if a 14 centimetre defect in one end of the log is partially cut off by the crook, the percentage deduction of 10% will be raised to 25% (see Figure 47).

Figure 47 - Illustration of partial defect cut off by a 10% crook

Example 4: If a 25% deduction is necessary for crook and if a 12 centimetre defect in one end of the log is partially cut off by the crook, the percentage deduction of 25% will be raised to 33⅓% (see Figure 48).
Example 5: If a 33⅓% or 50% deduction is necessary for crook, and a defect greater than 10 centimetres appears in the end of the log that was entirely cut off by the crook, no further increase is necessary (see Figure 49).

A 10%, 25% and 33 1/3% crook in a log that contains a cull end, there would be no deduction for crook as the cull end eliminates the crook.

**Step 3: Determination of External Knots and Limbs**

- After Step 2 has been completed, the log must then be examined for external knots and limbs.
- Any log that has 2.5 m or more of its length, measured from either end of the log, free of individual knots or limbs 18 centimetres or greater in diameter (DIB) measured the narrow way through the geometric centre flush with the log is a grade 1 log. See Figure 14 for an example of a grade 1 log.
**Step 4: Determination of External Defect**

- After the Step 3 has been completed, the log must then be examined for external defect.

- Any log that has 2.5 m or more of its length, measured from either end of the log, free of the following defects will be recorded as grade 1:
  - rot or holes 8 cm or greater in diameter
  - external stem breakage caused by natural break from a crotch or 2 stems
  - crotch or fork that separates 2 stems on the sawn surface
  - open seam of any length
  - dry sound lesion and/or sap rot measuring 18 cm or greater

**Note:** A log of any length, up to 5.7 m, that measures 28 cm or greater gross diameter on the small end that does not contain more than 25% total allowable deduction and is free of any external knots or limbs, or external defects will be deemed to be a grade 1 log.

8. **Undersize**

In the cube grade method, undersize is defined as hardwoods, other than poplar and white birch, that have a gross diameter less than 20 centimetres (diameter class).

9. **Field Application of Cube Grade Method**

Cube grade method is applied as follows:

a) When individual logs are encountered, measure both ends of the log to obtain the mean diameter. The whole log (minimum small end diameter total allowable percentage of deduction, external knots or limbs and external defects) is used for grading purposes. The scaler records species, length and mean diameter by grade for each log. Each log will be marked with an "S" and the assigned grade.

b) When a skidway or load of logs is encountered, diameters are measured from one side of the skidway or load, provided there is an equal distribution of large and small ends on both sides. These diameters will be used for volume calculation. The whole log (minimum small end diameter, total allowable percentage of deduction, external knots/limbs and external defects) is used for grading purposes. The scaler records species, length and diameter by grade for each log. The measured end will be marked with an "S" and the assigned grade.
c) When a factor for grade distribution is to be applied, diameters are measured from one side of the skidway or load, provided there is an equal distribution of large and small ends on both sides. These diameters will be used for volume calculation. The scaler records species, length and diameter for each log. Grade distribution factors are applied by the Ministry’s computer software. Grade distributions are determined from Ministry sampling data. Prior approval is required from the Ministry’s Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section before measurement occurs in this manner. The measured end will be marked with an "S".

10. Identification of Skidways

When skidways or groups of skidways are measured, the scaler must place the following information on the end of one or more conspicuous logs:

- skidway number
- date
- scaler's initials
- any other information requested by the Ministry’s Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section

Skidways or piles are numbered consecutively for each Approval to Commence Harvesting Operations. Closely situated skidways may be tallied together, provided the total number of measured logs does not exceed 1,000. These are known as groups of skidways, and they must be properly identified. This grouping must not occur without prior approval from the Ministry’s Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section.
E. Mass Method

1. Introduction

All conifer, poplar and white birch of all lengths, as well as graded hardwoods, chip fibre/grindings and fuelwood, may be measured by this method. Units of mass are converted to units of volume by using mass/volume ratios developed for each species.

Attended and unattended weigh scales are acceptable means of measurement, provided they meet Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry standards as specified through the signed Mass Scaling Agreement. The Ministry’s Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section, in consultation with the appropriate forest industry representatives, must ensure scale operations meet all regulatory requirements.

Weighing devices, their manufacture, installation and use are regulated by the Weights and Measures Act of Canada. The Act states that all weighing devices must be approved and certified prior to use and that any commodity, traded based on weight, must be measured within the prescribed limits of error as defined in the regulations.

The Weights and Measures Act specifies those regulations pertaining to:

- the design, configuration and construction of weighing devices
- installation and use
- their performance

The minimum specifications for weigh scales used in the mass measurement of Crown forest resources, as well as the standards required for purchase, installation, maintenance and operation, are listed in Ministry procedure (FOR 05 05 61).

The Manager, Wood Measurement Section must approve all exceptions to the minimum standards.

All weighing devices will be operated within the standards as specified in the Weights and Measures Act. Scales will be maintained in good operating condition. The deck must be kept clear of ice, snow and other material that may accumulate during the hauling operation. When mass measuring is in progress, the scale must be adjusted to read zero mass after each transaction.

2. Unit of Measurement

Kilogram
3. Measuring Procedure

The Ministry will maintain a list of scaling destinations to which a licensee may deliver forest resources and associated scaling information that a licensee must comply with in the course of delivering forest resources to such destination(s), as specified in Section I. 2. of Part V of this Manual.

To mass measure Crown forest resources for Crown purposes, the weigh scale facility must conduct measuring procedures in the following manner:

- The weigh scale facility must be approved to measure unscaled Crown forest resources and the Company must have a Mass Scaling Agreement with the Crown.
- The weigh scale facility must be identified in the Ministry’s approved list of scaling destinations and scaling information prior to measurement of the Crown forest resources as specified in Section I. 2. of Part V of this Manual.
- A completed bill of lading will accompany each load of unscaled Crown forest resources to the weighing location.
- The gross mass (weight of tractor, trailer and load) and the tare mass (weight of the tractor and empty trailer) will be measured and recorded for each load.
- Every tractor and empty trailer must be weighed to determine its tare mass after the delivery of each load.
- If the gross mass includes the weight of the driver, then the tare mass must also include the weight of the driver.
- The tractor and empty trailer must not be cleaned of debris between the gross and tare measurements.
- The tractor must not be refuelled between gross and tare measurements.
- The net mass of the load is determined by subtracting the tare mass of the empty vehicle from the gross mass of the loaded vehicle.
- A mass scale slip/ticket, which is numbered consecutively and displays all information required for the identification of the load, will be produced.
- Vehicles used for hauling Crown forest resources to a weigh scale facility must be properly identified. This information must be recorded on the mass slip/ticket.
• The weigh scale facility will maintain a record of all mass measured transactions in a manner approved by the Ministry’s Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section.

• A schedule will be implemented for the timely submission of mass measure transactions to the Crown.

**Note:** Where the deck of the weigh scale is not long enough to accommodate the entire length of the tractor and trailer, the driver will place the entire trailer on the scale deck, detach the tractor from the trailer, and remove the tractor from the deck prior to both (gross and tare) measurements.

The practice of combining separate (split) axle weights to determine the gross mass or the tare mass is not permitted.

Where the weighing device becomes inoperable, an alternate method of measurement, as defined in the Mass Scaling Agreement, will be implemented.

### 4. Calculation of Volume

On mass measuring operations, for each Approval to Commence Harvesting Operations, the following must be determined annually:

• For all conifers, poplar and white birch: factors for species distribution, undersize deduction, defect deduction and product(s).

• For graded hardwoods: factors for species distribution, grade distribution, undersize deduction, cull log deduction and product(s).

• For white and red pine: factors for species distribution, undersize deduction, defect deduction, grade distribution and product(s).

a) Applying factors to determine volume:

• Each species has its own mass/volume ratio, derived from the Ministry’s sampling program that converts the mass of the load from kilograms to solid cubic metres.

• For single species (pure) loads, calculate the gross volume of the load using the mass/volume ratio for that species.

• For mixed species loads, a blended mass/volume ratio must be determined for the load prior to the calculation of gross volume.
- For mixed species loads, the species distribution factor is applied to determine the gross volume by species.

- For mixed grade species, the grade distribution factors are applied to determine gross volume by species and grade.

- For white and red pine, the grade distribution factors are applied to determine gross volume by species and grade.

- For a load distributed to multiple destinations, the destination distribution factors are applied to determine gross volumes by species, destination and grade if required.

- The undersize factor is applied to the gross volume for each species prior to applying defect factors.

- The net volume is determined by applying the defect factor to the sum of the gross volume less undersize.

- Volumes are expressed in cubic metres correct to three (3) decimal places.

When loads of Crown forest resources, that are mass measured, contain more than one species, the percentage of each species will be determined and applied on a harvest approval basis. Sampling data should be used to determine species breakdown. Until sampling data is available, current operational cruising information, accurate pre-cut inventory data (e.g. forest resource inventory), or historical scaling data may be used.

b) Determining the gross volume of a single species (pure) load.

Example: A load of jack pine logs is delivered to a mass measuring site.

The measured weights are as follows:
- Gross weight is 62,780 kgs
- Tare weight of the tractor and trailer is 20,490 kgs

For this example, the mass-volume ratio for jack pine is 808 kgs per cubic metre of solid wood.

**Step 1:** Calculate the net weight of the load:
Net weight = Gross weight – Tare weight
Net weight = 62,780 – 20,490 = 42,290 kgs
Net weight of load is 42,290 kgs.

**Step 2:** Calculate gross solid volume in cubic metres of jack pine in the load:
Gross volume = Net weight / mass-volume ratio
Gross volume = 42,290 / 808 = 52.3391 = 52.339 m³
Gross volume of jack pine correct to three decimal places is 52.339 m³.

c) Determining the net volume of a single species (pure) load.

Example: Using the gross volume as derived above, the following factors must be applied to determine net volume:

The undersize deduction is 3.1%.
The defect deduction is 7.5%.

**Step 1:** Reduce the volume of the load by removing the undersize material:

Gross volume is 52.339 m³
Undersize deduction is 3.1%

Factor to calculate gross volume less undersize = 100% - 3.1% = 96.9%
or 0.969

Gross volume less undersize = Gross volume x undersize factor
Gross volume less undersize = 52.339 x 0.969 = 50.716491 = 50.716 m³
Gross volume less undersize correct to three decimal places is 50.716 m³.

**Step 2:** Further reduce the volume by removing the defect material to determine the net volume:

Defect deduction is 7.5%
Factor to calculate volume less defect = 100% - 7.5% = 92.5% or 0.925
Net volume = 50.716 x 0.925 = 46.9123 = 46.912 m³

Therefore the net volume of the load correct to three decimal places is 46.912 m³.

d) Determining a blended mass-volume ratio from a multiple species (mixed) load.

When more than one species is mass measured, a blended mass-volume ratio must be calculated for the species distribution.
Example: A load of mixed conifer species is delivered to a mass measuring site.

The load is made up of the following:

48% of the load is jack pine with a mass-volume ratio of 808 kgs/m$^3$
37% of the load is spruce with a mass-volume ratio of 763 kgs/m$^3$
15% of the load is balsam fir with a mass-volume ratio of 791 kgs/m$^3$

Species distribution must total 100%.
Species distribution (for this example) = 48% + 37% + 15% = 100%

The blended mass-volume ratio in this example is calculated as follows:

\[\text{i) Jack pine} = 808 \text{ kgs} \times 48\% = 808 \times 0.48 = 387.84\text{ kgs} \\
\text{Rounded to nearest whole kg} = 388 \text{ kgs} \\
\text{ii) Spruce} = 763 \text{ kgs} \times 37\% = 763 \times 0.37 = 282.31\text{ kgs} \\
\text{Rounded to nearest whole kg} = 282 \text{ kgs} \\
\text{iii) Balsam fir} = 791 \text{ kgs} \times 15\% = 791 \times 0.15 = 118.65\text{ kgs} \\
\text{Rounded to nearest whole kg} = 119 \text{ kgs} \]

Blended mass-volume ratio = 388 + 282 + 119 = 789 kgs/m$^3$

e) Determining the gross volume for a multiple species (mixed) load.

Example: A load is delivered with the following characteristics:

- 48% of the load is jack pine
- 37% of the load is spruce
- 15% of the load is balsam fir

The net weight of the load is 39,730 kgs.

**Step 1:** Calculate the gross volume of the load in cubic metres by dividing the net weight by the blended mass-volume ratio.

\[
\text{Gross volume} = \frac{\text{net weight}}{\text{blended mass-volume ratio}} \\
\text{Gross volume} = \frac{39,730}{789} = 50.354879 = 50.355 \text{ m}^3
\]

Gross volume correct to three decimal places is 50.355 m$^3$. 

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Step 2: Calculate the gross volume by species in cubic metres correct to three decimal places as follows:

Jack pine = 50.355 m$^3$ x 48% = 50.355 x 0.48 = 24.1704 = 24.170 m$^3$
Spruce = 50.355 m$^3$ x 37% = 50.355 x 0.37 = 18.63135 = 18.631 m$^3$
Balsam fir = 50.355 m$^3$ x 15% = 50.355 x 0.15 = 7.55325 = 7.553 m$^3$

f) Determining the net volume by species for a multiple species (mixed) load.

To determine the net volume for each species in a load, the undersize and defect, if applicable, must be deducted from the gross volume for each species.

The net volume for each species is calculated as follows:

Net volume by species = Gross volume x undersize factor x deduction factor

Example: Calculate the net volume for each species from the above example as follows:

(1) Jack pine

Gross volume is 24.170 m$^3$ which contains undersize of 0.9% and defect of 4.8%.

First apply the undersize deduction of 0.9%
Factor to calculate gross volume less undersize = 100% - 0.9% = 99.1% or 0.991
Gross volume less undersize = 24.170 x 0.991 = 23.95247 = 23.952 m$^3$

Next apply the defect deduction of 4.8%
Factor to calculate volume less defect = 100% - 4.8% = 95.2% or 0.952
Net volume = 23.952 x 0.952 = 22.802304 = 22.802 m$^3$

Therefore the net volume of jack pine for the load is 22.802 m$^3$.

(2) Spruce

Gross volume is 18.631 m$^3$ which contains undersize of 5.5% and a defect of 3.3%.

First apply the undersize deduction of 5.5%
Factor to calculate gross volume less undersize = 100% - 5.5% = 94.5% or 0.945
Gross volume less undersize = 18.631 x 0.945 = 17.606295 = 17.606 m$^3$

Next apply the defect deduction of 3.3%
Factor to calculate volume less defect = 100% - 3.3% = 96.7% or 0.967
Net volume = 17.606 x 0.967 = 17.025002 = 17.025 m³

Therefore the net volume of spruce for the load is 17.025 m³.

(3) Balsam fir

Gross volume is 7.553 m³ which contains undersize of 4.0% and a defect of 5.7%.

First apply the undersize deduction of 4.0%
Factor to calculate gross volume less undersize = 100% - 4.0% = 96.0%
or 0.960
Gross volume less undersize = 7.553 x 0.960 = 7.25088 = 7.251 m³

Second, apply the defect deduction of 5.7%
Factor to calculate volume less defect = 100% - 5.7% = 94.3% or 0.943
Net volume = 7.251 x 0.943 = 6.837693 = 6.838 m³

Therefore the net volume of balsam fir for the load is 6.838 m³.

g) Determining the net volume by destination and species for a multiple species (mixed) load.

Example: A mixed load of poplar and white birch logs is delivered to a mass measuring site.

The measured weights are as follows:

- Gross weight is 63,510 kgs.
- Tare weight of the tractor and trailer is 21,470 kgs.

For this example, the mass-volume ratios are:

- 918 kgs per cubic metre for poplar
- 1063 kgs per cubic metre for white birch

From sampling, it has been determined that species distribution of the load is:

- 69% poplar
- 31% white birch

Species distribution must total 100%.
Species distributions (for this example) = 69% + 31% = 100%

From sampling, it has been determined that destination split for poplar is as follows:

- 82% of the gross poplar volume is delivered to a composite mill
- 18% of the gross poplar volume is delivered to a veneer mill

Destination distributions must equal 100% by species.

In this example, destination distribution for poplar = 82% + 18% = 100%

From sampling, it has been determined that destination split for white birch is as follows:

- 77% of the gross white birch volume is delivered to a composite mill
- 23% of the gross white birch volume is delivered to a veneer mill

Destination distributions must equal 100% by species.

In this example, destination distribution for white birch = 77% + 23% = 100%

From sampling, it has been determined that the undersize and defect factors by product sector for each species are as follows:

1) Poplar

   Undersize to a composite mill is 12.3%
   Defect to a composite mill is 8.4%

   Undersize to a veneer mill is 0.0%
   Defect to a veneer mill is 2.0%

2) White Birch

   Undersize to a composite mill is 15.3%
   Defect to a composite mill is 5.4%

   Undersize to a veneer mill is 0.0%
   Defect to a veneer mill is 1.0%

Using the above information:

**Step 1:** Calculate the net weight of the load:
Net weight = Gross weight – Tare weight
Net weight = 63,510 - 21,470 = 42,040 kgs

The net weight of the load is 42,040 kgs.

**Step 2:** Calculate the blended mass volume ratio for the species distribution.

The blended mass-volume ratio in this example is calculated as follows:

i) Poplar = 918 kgs x 69% = 918 x 0.69 = 633.42
    Rounded to nearest whole kg = 633 kgs

ii) White birch = 1063 kgs x 31% = 1063 x 0.31 = 329.53
    Rounded to nearest whole kg = 330 kgs

Blended mass-volume ratio = 633 + 330 = 963 kgs/m³.

**Step 3:** Calculate the gross volume in cubic metres for the load:

\[
\text{Gross volume} = \frac{42,040}{963} = 43.655244 = 43.655 \text{ m}^3
\]

The gross volume is 43.655 m³.

**Step 4:** Calculate the gross volume in cubic metres by species:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Gross volume Poplar} & = 43.655 \text{ m}^3 \times 69\% \text{ or } 0.69 = 30.12195 \text{ = 30.122 m}^3 \\
\text{Gross volume White birch} & = 43.655 \text{ m}^3 \times 31\% \text{ or } 0.31 = 13.53305 \text{ = 13.533 m}^3
\end{align*}
\]

**Step 5:** Calculate the gross volume in cubic metres by species and destination:

i) Poplar to the composite mill:
    Gross volume = 30.122 m³ x 82% or 0.82 = 24.70004 = 24.700 m³

ii) Poplar to the veneer mill:
    Gross volume = 30.122 m³ x 18% or 0.18 = 5.42196 = 5.422 m³

iii) White birch to the composite mill:
    Gross volume = 13.533 m³ x 77% or 0.77 = 10.42041 = 10.420 m³

iv) White birch to the veneer mill:
    Gross volume = 13.533 m³ x 23% or 0.23 = 3.11259 = 3.113 m³

**Step 6:** Calculate the net volume in cubic metres by species and destination:
i) Poplar to the composite mill:

Gross volume is 24.700 m$^3$
Undersize deduction is 12.3%
Factor to calculate gross volume less undersize = 100% - 12.3% = 87.7%
or 0.877

Gross volume less undersize = 24.700 x 0.877 = 21.6619 = 21.662 m$^3$

Defect deduction is 8.4%
Factor to calculate volume less defect = 100% - 8.4% = 91.6% or 0.916
Net volume = 21.662 x 0.916 = 19.84239 = 19.842 m$^3$

The net volume of poplar to the composite mill is 19.842 m$^3$.

ii) Poplar to the veneer mill:

Gross volume is 5.422 m$^3$
There is no undersize deduction for veneer.

Defect deduction is 2.0%
Factor to calculate volume less defect = 100% - 2.0% = 98.0% or 0.980
Net volume = 5.422 x 0.980 = 5.31356 = 5.314 m$^3$

The net volume of poplar to the veneer mill is 5.314 m$^3$.

iii) White birch to the composite mill:

Gross volume is 10.420 m$^3$

Undersize deduction is 15.3%
Factor to calculate gross volume less undersize = 100% - 15.3% = 84.7%
or 0.847
Gross volume less undersize = 10.420 x 0.847 = 8.82574 = 8.826 m$^3$

Defect deduction is 5.4%
Factor to calculate volume less defect = 100% - 5.4% = 94.6% or 0.946
Net volume = 8.826 x 0.946 = 8.349396 = 8.349 m$^3$

The net volume of white birch to the composite mill is 8.349 m$^3$. 
iv) White birch to the veneer mill:

Gross volume is 3.113 m$^3$
There is no undersize deduction for veneer.

Defect factor is 1.0%
Factor to calculate volume less defect = 100% - 1.0% = 99.0% or 0.990
Net volume = 3.113 x 0.990 = 3.08187 = 3.082 m$^3$

The net volume of white birch to the composite mill is 3.082 m$^3$.

5. Identification of Load

Each mass scale slip must show the following information:

- bill of lading number
- mass scale slip number
- Approval to Commence Harvesting Operations number (Harvest Approval)
- gross mass of loaded vehicle in kilograms
- tare mass of empty vehicle in kilograms
- net mass of load in kilograms
- date
- species
- mass measuring location
- final destination of load (destination code)
- truck identification (e.g. Licence plate number, trucker’s name)
- scale operator
- any other information requested by the Ministry’s Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section
F. Standing Tree Method

1. Introduction

Standing tree method is used to determine volume of standing trees prior to harvest.

2. Application

This method of measurement may only be used in one of the following situations:

- For access and utility corridors (e.g. road right of way, hydro lines, etc.).
- For sale of timber reserved to the Crown on patented land.
- Forest resource licences of 25 hectares and less.
- Remote sites where the timber will not be utilized (e.g. remote airstrips, tower sites, etc.).

This method of measurement should not be used where other more cost effective and accurate methods of measurement are available. The measuring procedures and the standing tree volume tables must be approved by the Ministry's Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section.

3. Unit of Measurement

Cubic metre

4. Measuring Procedure

Diameters of all trees are measured at breast height (1.4 m above ground level) outside the bark in two centimetre size class intervals, with the class boundary occurring on the odd centimetre and recorded in even centimetre classes. A diameter that coincides with the class boundary of two size classes belongs to the lower size class. Diameters are recorded by species and product or destination. Calipers are used to measure diameters.

The height of individual trees or stands is to be determined by a method approved by the Ministry's Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section and recorded in metres correct to one decimal place. Where a sampling procedure is to be applied, it must be approved by the Ministry's Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section.

5. Calculation of Volume

Volume is determined by using volume tables and defect factors approved by the Ministry's Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section.
1. Sunken Logs

This applies to the measurement of logs that have been retrieved from water bodies for commercial purposes (e.g. logs for resale or logs to be processed into commercial products). The outward appearance of some of these logs may be deceiving in terms of their true quality and value.

Sunken or submerged logs are considered the property of the Crown where the lake or river bed they occupy is Crown land.

i. Unit of Measure

Cubic metre

ii. Measuring Procedure

Gross diameters are measured in 2 centimetre size classes, as previously described under diameters in Section III (A), Cubic Method. The use of calipers may be necessary where the end surfaces of the logs have been altered through water action or decay.

Lengths are measured in metres and 20 centimetre size classes, as previously described under lengths in Section III (A), Cubic Method, using the merchantable length of each log. Lengths are reduced where end surfaces have been rounded or indented due to water action and decay. The maximum length that may be measured and recorded is 5.7 metres. If the log length is greater than 5.7 metres, it must be measured and recorded in two or more sections.

When identifiable, the species of the logs are to be recorded. If the species of the logs are impossible to identify, the scaler shall record them as “All Species”.

Logs must be piled in a suitable fashion for measurement with both ends exposed.

Where the log quality does not permit the normal application of the Scaling Manual, the Ministry’s Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section will establish the measurement procedure following the principles in this Manual.

iii. Calculation of Volume

Volumes will be calculated in solid cubic metres, as described in Section III (A), (Cubic Method), “Calculation of Volumes”. Sunken hardwood logs are not graded.

There are no deductions for defect, undersize or cull logs when measuring sunken logs.
2. Fuelwood

All Crown forest resources used for fuelwood are subject to Crown timber charges.

Hardwood and conifer fuelwood may be measured by any one of the following methods:

- cubic method
- tree length method
- stacked method (for wood up to and including 2.80 metres in length)
- mass method (fuelwood may not be mixed with other timber before mass measuring without prior approval of the Ministry's Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section)

There are no deductions for undersize, defect or cull logs when measuring fuelwood.

3. Construction Timber

Construction timber is any timber used for skids, corduroy or any construction work such as camps, bridges or roads on a logging operation. This would include timber harvested for such purposes but not utilized.

All Crown forest resources used as construction timber are subject to Crown timber charges.

Any applicable method of measurement in this Manual or a method approved by the Ministry’s Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section may be used to scale or report construction timber.

The scaler will record construction timber by species, length and diameter class on a tally sheet separate from other Crown forest resources.

There are deductions for undersize, defect and cull logs when measuring construction timber.

4. Salvage Timber

Salvage timber is defined as:

Killed or damaged forest resources that have been affected by the natural causes of wind, fire, flood, insects or disease.

All Crown forest resources harvested on salvage operations are subject to Crown timber charges.
Any applicable method of measurement in this Manual may be used to scale Crown forest resources originating from licenced salvage operations.

There are no deductions for undersize, defect or cull logs when measuring salvage timber.

Wasteful practice standards will not be applied on salvage operations unless approved by the Ministry's Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section.

5. **Forest Biofibre**

All Crown forest resources used for biofibre are subject to measurement and any Crown timber charges that may apply.

Biofibre may be measured by any one of the following methods:

- cubic method
- tree length method
- stacked method (for wood up to and including 2.80 metres in length)
- mass method

When measuring biofibre, undersize is applied but there are no deductions for defect or cull logs.
H. Sample Scaling

1. Application of Sample Scaling

The principle of sample scaling is that certain characteristics of a large group of similar items can be determined as accurately from a small sample of those items as from measuring the entire group. For example, when sample scaling, only a small proportion of timber piled in a skidway is measured. This measured sample is used to determine the total volume of the skidway. The emphasis is on the care of measurement and the unbiased selection of the measured sample.

With the approval of the Ministry's Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section, sample scaling may be applied to the measurement of timber on harvesting operations where a licensee produces more than 25,000 pieces annually.

A sample scaling procedure must be applied carefully to ensure that the Crown forest resources measured are representative of all the Crown forest resources harvested. The percentage measured may vary depending on the scaling method used.

The approved sample scaling percentages are as follows:

- 100% scale - all methods of measurement
- 20% scale - fixed length cube scale and tree length operations
- 10% scale - fixed length cube scale operations only

Note: The sample scaling percentage for containers (e.g. rail cars, trucks) is stated in the sampling plan and the scaling agreement.

2. Sample Scaling for Conifer, Poplar and White Birch

a) Measuring Procedure

Measured logs are scaled in accordance with this Manual and the data recorded by species and net diameters for fixed length and gross diameters for tree length. The scaler will measure the required number of pieces and mark the sawn surface of each measured piece with the letter "S" and each counted piece with a single stroke/paint mark. If approved by the Ministry’s Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section, the measured portion may be marked in an alternative manner (e.g. diameter class).

To reduce the possibility of bias, pieces must be measured, as encountered, in a section extending from the bottom to the top of the skidway.
The following two field methods may be applied when sample scaling:

1) Sample scaling may be applied to an individual skidway, in which case, all pieces in a skidway are counted and the required percentage of pieces is then measured.

Example 1: For a 10% sample in a skidway with 676 pieces, the scaler counts all the pieces, determines the pieces to be measured as follows:

\[ \text{Sampled pieces} = 676 \times 10\% = 67.6 \]

67.6 is rounded to 68, therefore the scaler measures 68 pieces.

Example 2: For a 20% sample in a skidway with 467 pieces, the scaler counts all the pieces, determines the pieces to be measured as follows:

\[ \text{Sampled pieces} = 467 \times 20\% = 93.4 \]

93.4 is rounded to 93, therefore the scaler measures 93 pieces.

2) Sample scaling may also be done by measuring/counting a predetermined number of pieces, either in an individual skidway, or in a group of skidways. The scaler then counts/measures the required number of pieces as per the sample scaling procedure. The last section of the skidway will be scaled by counting the remaining pieces and measuring the required percentage.

When using field method 2, the maximum number of pieces that may be counted and measured in one block in a skidway is 500 pieces. The minimum block size will be set out in the Scaling Agreement.

Example 1: For a 10% sample in a skidway of 1000 pieces, the scaler counts 450 pieces and measures 50 pieces, then counts the next 450 pieces and measures another 50 pieces.

Example 2: For a 20% sample in a skidway of 500 pieces, the scaler counts 400 pieces and measures 100 pieces.

For skidways of fixed length timber, cull pieces encountered within the measured section are tallied by species and piece only. They are clearly marked as culls and not included in the sheet (control) total. Cull pieces in the non-measured portion of the skidway are counted just like any other piece.

For example, in a skidway of fixed length timber, containing 750 total pieces that requires a 10% sample, the scaler must measure 75 pieces (10% of total pieces). In the measured section, 3 cull pieces are encountered. The scaler measures and records the net diameter for 72 merchantable pieces, and then records the 3 culls by species and piece. The sheet (control) total for this skidway is 720 not 750.
Example 3:
  Measured number of pieces = 72 x 10 = 720 (control total)
  Cull pieces = 3 x 10 = 30
  Total number of pieces in skidway = 75 x 10 = 750

b) Application of the sample factor

The volume of the measured portion in a skidway is determined using either the cube method or the tree length method of measurement. This volume is multiplied by the sample factor to obtain the total volume.

The sample factor is a two digit number by which the percentage of sample is multiplied to equal 100.

Example 1:  With a 10% fixed length sample, the sample factor is 10.
  25 measured pieces times a factor of 10 equals 250 total pieces for the skidway.

Example 2:  With a 20% tree length sample, the sample factor is 05.
  25 measured pieces times a factor of 05 equals 125 total pieces for the skidway.

Example 3:  With a 100% scale, the sample factor is 01.
  25 measured pieces times a factor of 01 equals 25 total pieces for the skidway.

For a fixed length sample, the net volume of the measured portion is multiplied by the sample factor to obtain the total net volume of the tally sheet.

For a tree length sample, the gross volume of the measured portion is multiplied by the sample factor to obtain the total gross volume of the tally sheet. Net volume is calculated using the Ministry’s volume and value calculation computer software.
IV – TRAINING AND LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

A. Courses

Candidates for a scaler's licence must successfully complete a course of study approved by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and pass examinations set by the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry. Courses are held under the direction of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry in various locations in the Province.

B. Examination Committee

The Director, Operations Branch will appoint experienced persons to sit on an Examination Committee. The committee will examine and report upon the ability and knowledge of persons desiring to be licensed to measure Crown forest resources. Every committee member, before assuming the duties of an examiner, shall take and pledge an oath in the following form:

I, [Full Name] do swear (or solemnly affirm) that I will act as examiner of scalers to the best of my ability and knowledge, and will conduct the examination without fear, favour or affection and recommend for licences only those persons who have satisfactorily proven their ability to perform the duties of measuring Crown forest resources. So help me God. (Omit this phrase in an affirmation.)

The oath shall be transmitted to the Minister.

C. Examination

The Minister shall determine the standard and method of examination.

The Examination Committee shall sit at such places and on such days as determined by the Director, Operations Branch and shall examine all candidates who present themselves. At the close of the examination, or soon thereafter, the committee shall report the names of such candidates they believe to have satisfactorily proven their ability to perform the duties of measuring Crown forest resources and whom they recommend as having the requisite skill and knowledge to warrant their being licensed as scalers.

The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations determining the amount of the examination fee to be paid by candidates (CFSA, Section 69 (28)).
**D. Scaler’s Licence**

The Minister may issue a scaler’s licence to any person who has completed the requirements set out in s.16 of O. Reg. 167/95.

Before a scaler’s licence is issued, the applicant shall take and pledge an oath in the following form:

I, [Full Name] do swear (or solemnly affirm) that while acting as a licensed scaler, without fear, favour or affection, and to the best of my judgement and skill, I will measure correctly in accordance with the authorized Scaling Manual, all Crown forest resources that I am employed to measure, and make true return of the same to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry or its officer or agent. So help me God. (Omit this phrase in an affirmation.)

The oath shall be transmitted to the Minister.

Every scaler’s licence is valid for three years with the expiry date occurring on the 31st of March of the third year. The licence may be renewed up to three years after its expiry date. Failure to renew within three years of the licence expiry date will result in the termination of the licence.

Example: A scaler’s licence is issued on the 1st of April, 2018. This licence will expire on the 31st of March, 2021. The scaler has until the 31st of March, 2024 to renew this licence. Failure to renew on or before this date will result in termination of the licence. If the scaler’s licence is terminated, the person will be required to successfully complete a new set of examinations set by the Minister at a subsequent Provincial Scaling Course.

It is the responsibility of the scaler to renew his/her licence.

**E. Approval of Scalers**

All scalers who will be measuring Crown forest resources for Ministry purposes require annual written approval from the Ministry's Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section. This includes:

- Ministry employed scalers
- scalers employed by a company to measure for Ministry purposes or under a Ministry scaling agreement
- scalers employed for training purposes and special assignments

Such approval may be granted to scalers who:

- possess a valid scaler’s licence
• have obtained suitable, on the job training with licensed, experienced scalers by working in actual field conditions
• have successfully completed an approved Ministry Provincial Scaling Course or a standard Ministry Scaling Refresher Course at least once during the preceding three year period

Approval may also be granted to a scaler who holds a scaler certificate, licence or similar official recognition that has been issued by another provincial or territorial government in Canada.

Ministry refresher courses are held regularly in various parts of the Province. Scalers attending the courses are required to pass field and written tests.

F. Code of Ethics for Scalers

1. A scaler must maintain the essential skills and knowledge to warrant being licenced to measure Crown forest resources.

2. A scaler will measure all Crown forest resources according to the Scaling Manual for Ontario as authorized under Section 68 (8) the Crown Forest Sustainability Act.

3. A scaler will ensure that Crown forest resources are accurately assessed and reported for the collection of Crown timber charges.

4. A scaler must demonstrate a clear understanding of sampling requirements and data collection processes, as defined in the Sampling Standards Manual, to ensure the type of information collected is suitable for the intended purpose.

5. A scaler shall submit all scaling information in an accurate, complete, legible and timely manner.

6. A scaler will carry out his/her duties in a responsible and dignified manner to demonstrate his/her knowledge, skills and experience in wood measurement to his/her employers, clients and peers.

7. A scaler must keep his/her employer’s and client’s business affairs, practices and processes in the strictest confidence, disclosing them only on his/her employer’s or client’s consent, or as may be legally required.

8. A scaler shall supervise, instruct and counsel his/her assistants, taking responsibility for the standard and the quality of their work.

9. A scaler will ensure that all measuring and recording equipment is in proper working order.
G. Equipment

There are four official scaling sticks used for measuring Crown forest resources as well as Ministry approved calipers (see Figure 50).

The scaling stick marked MC-1 is used for measuring timber in cubic metres. This stick is graduated in even two centimetre size class intervals with the class boundary occurring on the odd centimetre. In addition, this stick shows diameter reductions for defective logs in each diameter class for material up to and including 5.7 metres. It also shows volumes of 2.54 metre timber in stacked cubic metres for each diameter class.

The scaling stick marked MC-2 is used for measuring large diameter timber in cubic metres. It is graduated in even two centimetre size class intervals with the class boundary occurring on the odd centimetre. It also shows diameter reductions for defective logs in each diameter class for material up to and including 5.7 metres.

The scaling stick marked MS-1 is used for measuring wood in stacked cubic metres. This stick is graduated in even two centimetre size class intervals with the class boundary occurring on the odd centimetre. It is 1.5 metres long and extends to a length of 3 metres.

The scaling stick marked MS-2 is used for measuring wood in stacked cubic metres. This stick is graduated in even two centimetre size class intervals with the class boundary occurring on the odd centimetre. It is 2 metres long and extends to a length of 4 metres.

Calipers are used as required for sampling tree lengths, measuring standing trees and sunken logs. They are graduated in even two centimetre size class intervals with the class boundary occurring on the odd centimetre.

The use of other equipment requires the prior approval of the Ministry’s Manager, Wood Measurement Section.
Figure 50 - Scaling sticks and calipers

MC-1

MC-2

MS-1 (3M)

MS-2 (4M)

CALIPERS
A. Check Scaling

Check scaling is the independent assessment of previously measured pieces, piles/skidways or loads of Crown forest resources. Check scaling is conducted by licensed, experienced Ministry scalers approved by the Ministry’s Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section.

Check scaling:
- ensures that the determination of volume and stumpage values by species is accurate
- maintains uniform scaling practices throughout the Province
- ensures compliance with the Scaling Manual
- provides opportunities for continuing instruction to scalers on actual operations

Check scales should be conducted at least once per month for each active scaler, where feasible. Where scalers measure for Crown purposes on an intermittent basis, check scales should be conducted at least once per year.

Check scaling must take place at the location where the timber was originally measured, using the same scaling method, with the Crown forest resources in the same form in which it was originally scaled.

The allowable margin of error is ±5% of the official check scale.

Note: Refer to Section V (K) for allowable margin of error on Sampling for Factors.

The Ministry assumes the responsibility for the cost of check scaling. If a check scale indicates the scaler is outside the allowable margin of error, then the Ministry may request that the Crown forest resources measured by the scaler be re-measured at the expense of the licensee. Furthermore, if such a check scale shows excessive discrepancies in relation to species, diameters, lengths, heights, quality or method of measurement, the Ministry may require that the scaler be removed from scaling duties pending a satisfactory resolution of the situation.

When cubed wood is check scaled, net diameters, lengths and cull logs will be recorded by species and piece.

When tree length timber is check scaled, only gross diameters by species will be recorded.
When stacked wood is check scaled, the measurements (height, length and width of stack), and volumes of undersize, defect, voids, and minor species of each stack will be recorded.

When timber measured by log grade is check scaled, gross diameters, lengths, grades and cull logs by species and piece will be recorded.

Check scale reports must be reviewed, approved and retained by the Ministry's Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section.

B. Dispute Settlement

To settle a dispute between the Ministry and a company involving the physical measurement of Crown forest resources, a rescale may be required. The measurement of the disputed Crown forest resources must:

- be conducted by approved Ministry scalers
- take place at the location where the wood was originally measured
- be measured using the same scaling method as the original scale
- be in the same form in which it was originally scaled

Adjustments to volumes, if necessary, will be made on the disputed Crown forest resources.

If either the Ministry or the company requests a rescale, the cost of such rescale will be borne by the party requesting the rescale if the original scale is shown to be correct.

The Ministry shall be the sole arbiter in disputes concerning measurement of Crown forest resources.

The Ministry will not enter into, nor arbitrate scaling disputes:

- between a company and a union
- between companies
- between companies and contractors, or
- in any other situation where scaling is not done for Ministry purposes

C. Company Scalers Measuring for Ministry Purposes

The Minister may authorize the measurement of Crown forest resources, for Ministry purposes, by Ministry approved scalers employed by companies or their service provider. They shall scale and make returns in accordance with the Scaling Manual.
All Crown forest resources measured by company scalers are subject to Ministry check scales and audits. At the request of an authorized Ministry official, all scaling records (e.g. tally sheets, check scales, summaries, invoices, statements of accounts, etc.) of Crown forest resources measured are to be made available for inspection or audit at all reasonable times and on producing proper identification (CFSA, Section 62).

Copies of all Ministry check scales will be made available to the company employing the scaler.

Company scalers, measuring for Ministry purposes, must measure and record all merchantable material of any species used for fuelwood, skids, camps, bridges, corduroy or any construction work on forest operations.

Company scalers may assist, with the written approval of the Ministry's Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section, in sampling Crown forest resources to:

- establish mass/volume ratios
- determine undersize factors
- determine product distribution factors
- determine average volumes of Crown forest resources in containers
- construct tree length volume tables
- determine defect factors
- determine species distribution factors
- determine grade distribution factors
- gather statistical information for Ministry purposes

Measuring and recording for the above purposes must be done in accordance with the instructions in the Scaling Manual and the Sampling Standards Manual.

**D. Infractions Involving Crown Forest Resources**

All measurements of Crown forest resources relating to unauthorized harvesting, wasteful practices and unauthorized hauling of Crown forest resources must be conducted by licenced and approved Ministry scalers or in a manner approved by the Ministry’s Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section.
E. Wasteful Practices

Minimum utilization standards have been designed to promote good forest management by ensuring optimum utilization of Crown forest resources on harvesting operations.

The minimum utilization standards must be followed on all forest operations unless otherwise described in an approved Forest Management Plan. For example, merchantable trees and/or wood fibre may be left at a harvest site in order to satisfy silviculture and habitat requirements or because of market related issues associated with a certain species or product.

Leaving merchantable trees at the harvest site because of market related issues must not jeopardize the silviculture or habitat objectives of that harvest site. Reasons for leaving merchantable trees and/or wood fibre in specific areas within a forest must be described in the approved Forest Management Plan.

Failure to comply with minimum utilization standards unless otherwise described in the Forest Management Plan is a wasteful practice. No person shall commit wasteful practices in forest operations.

Procedures for the determination and application of remedies authorized by the CFSA in response to infractions shall be described in the most recent version of the Forest Compliance Handbook, as amended from time to time. Procedure FOR 05 05 42 titled “Penalty Scaling” provides direction for the measurement process.

When assessing wasteful practices, all infractions encountered will be tallied.

This manual defines five kinds of wasteful practices.

1. Leaving High Stumps

It is a wasteful practice to leave high stumps.

Stump height is the vertical distance between the horizontal plane through the highest point of the stump and the horizontal plane through the highest point of the ground (includes boulders) at its base (see Figure 51).
A tree must not be felled so that its stump height is greater than 30 centimetres (see Figure 52a), except that a tree may be felled so that its stump height is not greater than its diameter measured (two fair measurements as per Figures 1 & 2 in Cubic Method of measurement) outside the bark at the point of cutting (see Figure 52b). Regardless of diameter, no tree may be felled so that its stump height is greater than 60 centimetres (see Figure 52c).

2. Leaving Merchantable Timber of Any Length

It is a wasteful practice to leave merchantable timber of any length in any part of an approval area at the time when a licensee:

- ceases operations in that part (e.g. on the expiry of the annual “Approval to Commence Harvesting Operations” or without a written request from the company to extend operations to the next operable season, that has been approved by the Ministry)
- abandons their licence
- fails to renew their licence
- has not scaled the timber for Crown timber charges, or
has scaled the timber for Crown timber charges

Merchantable timber means:

(a) Any conifer, poplar or white birch log in which more than one half the total content, measured in cubic metres, is sound wood and:

i) in the case of a felled conifer other than white pine, red pine or hemlock having a diameter of 10 centimetres (diameter class) or more outside the bark (DOB), at the smaller end (see Figure 53).

![Figure 53 - Example of merchantable jack pine timber](image)

![Figure 54 - Example of jack pine timber with unmerchantable section](image)

ii) in the case of felled white pine, red pine, hemlock, poplar or white birch having a diameter of 14 centimetres (diameter class) or more outside the bark (DOB), at the smaller end (see Figure 55).

![Figure 55 - Example of merchantable white pine timber](image)
(b) Any hardwood log other than poplar or white birch in which more than one third of the total content measured in cubic metres is sound wood and:

i) measuring 18 centimetres (diameter class) or more in diameter outside the bark (DOB), at the smaller end (see Figure 57).

Where in the opinion of the Minister, sufficient markets exist for material smaller than that described in (a) (ii) and (b) (i) above, and only if agreed upon by the licensee in the approved Annual Work Schedule, the diameter outside the bark at the smaller end for merchantable timber may be reduced.
Heavy branching means the lowest part of a tree where the growth of branches is so concentrated that the timber in that section is considered unmerchantable.

The term “merchantable timber of any length” does not apply to all hardwoods (including poplar and white birch), white pine, red pine and hemlock beyond the point of heavy branching where a piece less than 2.5 metres remains (see Figure 59).

Figure 59 - Example of unmerchantable sections that are 2.5 metres in length in an area of heavy branching

The term “merchantable timber of any length” does not apply where a piece less than 2.5 metres in length remains after an unmerchantable section is encountered on the top end of the stem only (see Figure 60).

Figure 60 - Example of timber with unmerchantable section
3. Leaving Merchantable Trees

It is a wasteful practice to leave any merchantable trees standing that the licensee has the right to harvest on any part of an approval area, at the time when the licensee:

• ceases operations in that part (e.g. on the expiry of the annual “Approval to Commence Harvesting Operations” or without a written request from the company to extend operations to the next operable season, that has been approved by the Ministry)
• abandons their licence, or
• fails to renew their licence

Merchantable Tree Means:

• a standing conifer, poplar or white birch tree where more than one half the total wood content is sound; or

• a standing hardwood tree, other than poplar or white birch, where more than one third of the total wood content is sound.
4. Leaving Lodged Trees

It is a wasteful practice to leave lodged trees in an area where harvesting operations have been conducted.

"Lodged" refers to a tree, that for other than natural causes, does not fall to the ground after being:

- partially or wholly separated from its stump, or
- displaced from its natural position (see Figures 61, 62, and 63).

Figure 61 - Examples of lodged trees that are partially or wholly separated
Figure 62 - Example of a lodged tree displaced from its natural position

Figure 63 - Example of a lodged tree displaced from its natural position
5. Not Utilizing Wood Chip Fibre

It is a wasteful practice not to utilize wood chip fibre.

Wood chip fibre is chip fibre of any species produced by a chip manufacturing facility, whether fixed or mobile (see Figures 64 and 65).

Figure 64 - Example of not utilizing chip fibre

Figure 65 - Example of not utilizing chip fibre
F. Assessment of Penalties

Administrative penalties for wasteful practices, as defined by the minimum utilization standards described in Part E of this Manual, are set out in the Crown Forest Sustainability Act, Section 58(1)(e).

An administrative penalty for wasteful practices may be assessed even if the timber:

- has been measured, stumpage values collected and a reasonable market opportunity exists, or
- has been measured and stumpage values have not been collected, or
- has not been measured

G. Unauthorized Harvesting

Unauthorized harvesting or possession of Crown forest resources occurs in any of the following situations:

- a person harvests resources in a Crown forest without the authority of a Forest Resource Licence (CFSA Section 58(1)(a))
- a person fails to comply with the Forest Resource Licence (CFSA Section 58(1)(b))
- a forest resource licensee harvests Crown forest resources without the written annual approval of the Minister (CFSA Section 58(1)(e))
- a forest resource licensee harvests Crown forest resources outside the approval area (CFSA Section 58(1)(d) or 58(1)(e))

H. Unauthorized Hauling of Crown Forest Resources

Unauthorized hauling is the movement of Crown forest resources from the place of harvesting before measurement, without direction from the Minister that the Crown forest resources can be measured, counted or weighed at a place other than the place of harvest and in such a manner as the Minister may direct (CFSA Section 45(1) and 45(3)).

Violation of, or non-compliance with, any of the conditions specified in the Ministry’s approved list of destinations and conditions as specified in Section I. 2. of Part V of this Manual is also considered to be an unauthorized haul. Minimum requirements for the movement of Crown forest resources before measurement are described in Section I. 2. of Part V of this Manual.

The maximum monetary penalty for unauthorized hauling of Crown forest resources is set out in the Crown Forest Sustainability Act, Section 58(1)(e).
I. Movement and Measurement of Crown Forest Resources

1. Scaling Agreements

Scaling Agreements are legal documents authorizing the measurement of Crown forest resources (CFSA Sections 45(1) and 45(3)). Scaling Agreements are used by the Ministry to establish partnerships with industry for the measurement and reporting of scaling data.

Scaling Agreements address elements such as:

- parties to the agreement
- parties responsible for measurement
- location of measurement
- method of measurement
- method and schedule of reporting measurement data
- management of records
- other elements as required

Scaling agreements may be used for the following purposes:

- Domestic Scaling: To permit the scaling of Crown forest resources, by approved company scalers at the harvest site, for Ministry purposes.

- Central Scaling: To permit the scaling of Crown forest resources, in a mill yard or designated concentration point by approved company or Ministry scalers, for Ministry purposes.

- Mass Scaling: To permit the weighing of Crown forest resources, on approved weigh scales, for Ministry purposes.

- Container Scaling: To permit the application of average volumes of Crown forest resources by container (e.g. railcar, truck) for Ministry purposes. Container volumes are determined by sampling.

- Gang Scaling: To permit the scaling of Crown forest resources, by Ministry scalers, for both internal company use and Ministry purposes.

All scaling agreements must be authorized by the Minister through the Ministry's Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section.
2. Movement of Unscaled Crown Forest Resources

Crown forest resources must not be moved from the place of harvest (CFSA, Section 45(1)) unless the resources have been measured and counted by a licensed scaler.

Subsection 45(3) of the CFSA authorizes the Minister to direct that Crown forest resources be measured, counted or weighed at a place other than the place of harvest. The following provisions of this Manual constitute directions by the Minister for the purpose of subsection 45(3) of the CFSA.

Annual approval of scaling destinations and scaling information

By December 31st of each year, the licensee must submit any changes to scaling destinations or scaling information to the Ministry’s Wood Measurement Section ("WMS"), for review and approval, as follows:

a) A list of scaling destinations to be removed or added to the list of approved destinations.

b) Scaling information for new or approved scaling destinations including species, species splits, log form, product and other information as required by WMS.

MNRF will undertake a review of the submission. Following the review, the Ministry’s Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section will determine whether to approve the updates and have the scaling destinations and scaling information entered in the Ministry’s data management system for each Forest Management Unit to allow measurement data to be processed into volume and value for invoicing.

The Ministry’s Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section will notify clients (licensees, facilities) on or before March 15th that the list of approved scaling destinations and scaling information is available.

Approval of scaling destinations and information following issuance of harvest approval in a year

Following harvest approval issuance, changes to scaling destinations and/or scaling information may be added as required (e.g. new markets, Manufacturing in Canada Exemptions, etc.) upon request. The following information must be submitted to the Ministry’s, Supervisor Wood Measurement Section with respect to any requested change:

a) A list of destinations to be added to the list of approved scaling destinations.
b) Scaling information for the Crown forest resources being delivered to each new facility including species, species splits, log form, product and other information as required by WMS.

The Ministry's, Supervisor Wood Measurement Section will notify clients (licensees, facilities) once their updated list of approved scaling destinations and scaling information is available. Unscaled Crown Forest Resources can be measured, hauled and tally processed for one fiscal year beyond the harvest approval expiry date, or for an additional period if approved by the Ministry's Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section.

**Conditions applicable to delivery (and hauling)**

Prior to delivery, the licensee will ensure that the Ministry’s wood flow protocols and conditions regarding Manufacturing in Canada Exemptions are followed.

The licensee shall not haul Crown forest resources at the same time as hauling wood (forest resources) from patented land unless specified in writing by the Ministry’s Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section.

The licensee must notify the Wood Measurement Officer prior to hauling any biofibre material not previously identified above to establish potential coding and factors.

The licensee must notify the Wood Measurement Officer prior to hauling any red pine timber from plantations not previously identified above to establish factors.

3. **Bills of Lading**

Bills of lading are required to track and control the movement of Crown forest resources and facilitate auditing.

The Licensee will ensure that each load leaving the place of harvesting is accompanied by a pre-approved Bill of Lading showing all required information as defined in the latest version of the Scaling Manual. A copy of the Bill of Lading must be turned in at the point of delivery or measurement site.

The Licensee will return all used, partially used, and unused books of Ministry issued Bills of Lading to the Ministry office of issuance upon completion of the hauling operations, unless directed otherwise by the Ministry.

All bills of lading must:

- be approved by the Ministry's Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section
- be pre-numbered consecutively
- contain the following minimum information:
  - Date
  - Licensee
  - Vehicle identification
  - Species
  - Measuring location
  - Approval number
  - Destination (name or code)
  - Signature of issuer/trucker
  - Any other information requested by the Ministry's Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section
- be accurately completed
- at a minimum, be reconciled at the completion of hauling operations

4. Movement of Crown Forest Resources Outside of Canada

Crown forest resources must be manufactured into products in Canada unless an exemption is provided by the Minister (CFSA Section 30(3)). The written exemption from the Minister will specify the conditions under which the movement and measurement of Crown forest resources will occur.
J. Scaling Audit

The purpose of a scaling audit is to provide assurance that the Crown's interests, financial and other, are adequately protected with respect to the movement, measurement, recording and reporting of Crown forest resources. Section 62 of the CFSA provides the authority to conduct audits.

The audit program is administered by the Ministry's Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section and/or the Manager, Wood Measurement Section.

The latest edition of the Scaling Audit Reference Manual is the standard to which all scaling audits must conform. The standards and processes contained in that Manual have been adapted from:

- Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS), as set out in the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountant's Handbook
- standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing as developed by the Institute of Internal Auditors
- direction from scaling audit workshops and internal audits

All scale records, for Crown and Private forest resources, regardless of whether they are compiled for the Ministry or the company, are to be made readily available to Ministry officials in company offices at reasonable times.

1. Training Requirements

Candidates for a Scaling Audit Certificate must successfully complete a course of study approved by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and pass examinations set by the Minister.

2. Examination Committee

The Director, Operations Branch will invite qualified and experienced persons to sit on an Examination Committee. The committee will examine and report upon the ability and knowledge of persons desiring to be certified to conduct scaling audits.

3. Examiner’s Oath

Every committee member, before entering upon the duties of an examiner, must take the following oath:

I, [Full Name] do swear (or solemnly affirm) that I will act as an examiner of candidates desiring to obtain a Scaling Audit Certificate, to the best of my ability and knowledge, will conduct the examination without fear, favour or affection and will recommend for certificates only those persons who have satisfactorily demonstrated their ability to carry out audit practices and procedures as set out in
the Scaling Audit Reference Manual. So help me God. (Omit this phrase in an affirmation.)

The oath shall be transmitted to the Minister.

4. Examination

The Minister shall determine the standard and method of examination.

The Examination Committee shall sit at such places and on such days as determined by the Director, and shall examine all candidates who present themselves. At the close of the examination, or soon thereafter, the committee will report the names of such candidates they believe to have satisfactorily proven their ability to discharge the duties of conducting scaling audits and whom they recommend as having the requisite skill and knowledge to warrant receiving a Scaling Audit Certificate.

5. Auditor’s Oath

Before a Scaling Auditing Certificate is issued, the candidate must take the following oath:

I, [Full Name] do swear (or solemnly affirm) that when auditing records pertaining to the movement and measurement of Crown forest resources, I will faithfully discharge my duties as an auditor and will act in a professional manner and conduct audits in accordance with the authorized Scaling Audit Reference Manual, except as I may be legally required I will not disclose or give to any person any information or document that comes to my knowledge or possession by reason of conducting the audit. So help me God. (Omit this phrase in an affirmation).

The oath shall be transmitted to the Minister.
K. Sampling for factors

When the calculation of volumes and determination of stumpage values requires the application of scaling factors, it is critical to both the forest industry and the Ministry that accurate factors be developed and maintained. To ensure the accuracy of data collected during sampling, only licensed, approved, experienced scalers must be assigned to this work and should be regularly check scaled. The allowable margin of error is ±3% of the official check scale.

All sampling for scaling factors must conducted in accordance to a well-designed sampling plan approved by the Ministry's Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section.

The Sampling Standards Manual, as amended from time to time, is the standard to which all sampling plans and sampling procedures must conform. The eight types of sampling carried out in the Province are:

1. Mass/Volume: This factor is required when Crown forest resources are mass measured to convert weight to solid cubic metres.

2. Tree Length Volume Tables: These tables are required where the Crown forest resources are butt scaled in tree length form. Tables are produced that provide the volume to be applied for each tree length butt diameter class.

3. Defect: Determination of a defect factor is required where Crown forest resources are mass or tree length scaled. Defect factors may be applied to stack measure if approved by the Ministry’s Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section.

4. Species Distribution: Species distribution factors are required where Crown forest resources are mass measured and mixed species are hauled together. Species distribution factors may be applied to container measure if approved by the Ministry’s Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section.

5. Grade Distribution: Grade distribution factors for tolerant hardwoods are required when Crown forest resources are mass measured or cube scaled. Grade distribution factors for white pine and red pine are required when Crown forest resources are mass measured or tree length scaled.

6. Product Distribution: Product distribution factors are required when Crown forest resources are sorted by product sector after measurement. This could occur when tree length is slashed into separate products (e.g. veneer, sawlogs and pulpwood).

7. Container: Sampling of containers (e.g. truck or railcar) is required where volumes are determined and billed by container type. These volumes may be included in the scaling agreement.
8. Undersize: Sampling for undersize deductions is required where mass measuring is used to determine volumes. Undersize factors may also be applied to other methods of measurement if approved by the Ministry’s Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section.

Sampling for different types of factors may be done at the same time. Sampling factors are revised annually to reflect actual harvest conditions.
L. Information Collection and Management

1. Destination Codes

A destination code is a numeric code assigned to each forest resource processing facility. This code is recorded on all scaling returns as it identifies the product sector on the stumpage matrix for determining the applicable Crown timber charges.

2. Data Collectors

Data collectors are portable computerized units used for recording data. They must meet standards that allow for collecting and transferring data to the Ministry’s data management system. Data from the units must be downloaded and backed-up regularly. A hard copy of all data must be available upon request by the Ministry.

Use of data collectors must be approved by the Ministry's Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section.

3. Tally Sheets, Forms and Records

All Crown forest resources measured must be recorded on forms approved by the Ministry's Supervisor, Wood Measurement Section.

All scale returns must be sent to the Ministry in a timely manner. The company and the Ministry will agree on a transfer schedule. Where companies fail to forward scale returns on schedule, the Ministry may apply interest penalties on the volumes of Crown forest resources not processed.

4. Electronic Data Transfer

Electronic data transfer is an economical method of transferring scaling returns directly from the company source to the Ministry’s data management system. Scaling data passing through a company electronic transfer system must not be altered prior to transmission to the Crown. Any such data transfer system must be designed with safeguards for protecting the Crown's interests.

The Manager, Wood Measurement Section sets the standards and approves the transfer procedure.

The schedule for the transfer of scale data (electronic or hard copy) to the Ministry from the company will be defined in the scaling agreement. Where companies fail to transmit scale returns on schedule, the Ministry may apply interest penalties on the volumes of Crown forest resources not processed.
A. Log Identification

1. Definitions

Bark: The outer portion is dry, hard, and forms many patterns. The inner portion is soft, and usually lighter in colour.

Wood: Consists of heartwood and sapwood. The sapwood surrounds the heartwood and is usually lighter in colour.

Rays: Show on the end of some logs as fine lines like the spokes of a wheel.

Annual Ring: The end of a log shows concentric rings. Each ring represents the annual growth of spring and summer wood. The spring wood is the inner portion of the annual ring. The summer wood is the outer portion and is a darker colour.

Ring Porous: Open grained woods. Some hardwoods have large openings or pores in the spring wood, easily detected by the eye.

Diffuse Porous: Close grained woods. The pores in other hardwoods are too small to be seen easily.

2. Hardwood Log Characteristics

a) Hardwoods with diffuse porous and rays visible which includes maple, black cherry, and beech.

i. Hard Maple
   • Greyish bark in flaky ridges that turn out at sides or ends.
   • Heartwood - reddish brown usually irregular in outline.
   • Rays - fine, thread-like lines.

ii. Soft Maple
   • Bark is greyish-brown, scaly, turning up at the ends. Inner bark is reddish/orange.
   • Heartwood - usually large and brown.
   • Rays - fine and hard to determine.

iii. Black Cherry
   • Dark bark, numerous, fine, brittle scales turned out at edges.
   • Heartwood - dark reddish brown.
   • Sapwood - narrow, white to light reddish brown.
   • Rays - easily determined.
iv. Beech
- Thin, smooth, light greyish bark.
- Heartwood - light reddish brown.
- Rays - easily determined, appear broken and irregular. On the wood under the bark there are irregular dash-like marks.

b) Hardwoods with diffuse porous wood and rays not visible which includes birch, basswood, and poplar.

i. Birch
- Heartwood - usually regular in outline, light to reddish brown showing milky circles.
- Yellow birch - yellowish bark in thin layers of curly or flat flakes.
- White birch - creamy white bark in thin paper-like layers.

ii. Basswood
- Wood is very soft.
- Outer bark has flat-topped ridges on large logs, is smooth on small logs.
- Inner bark is fibrous and usually separated from the wood.
- The line between wood and bark is scalloped.
- Heartwood - not easily recognized, may be slightly stained, often diseased.

iii. Poplar
- Wood is hard when dry.
- Outer bark is smooth or broken up into hard, flat topped ridges, separated by shallow fissures.
- Interior bark does not separate from wood.
- Heartwood - is hard to determine and may be slightly stained and often diseased.

c) Hardwoods with ring porous wood and rays not visible which includes black ash, white ash, and white elm.

i. Black Ash
- Soft thin layer of grey, scaly or slightly ridged outer bark, with a thick layer of inner bark.
- Heartwood - brownish.
- Sapwood - narrow layer of greyish white.
- Annual ring - a wide layer of open-grained wood, and a narrow layer of close-grained wood.
- Wood - dull in appearance.
ii. White Ash
- A thick layer of outer bark with dark grey, short, firm, rounded ridges separated by deep fissures, with a thin layer of inner bark.
- Heartwood – brownish appearance.
- Sapwood - wide layer, whitish colour.
- Annual ring - a narrow layer of open-grained wood and a wide layer of fine-grained wood.
- Wood - somewhat lustrous.

iii. White Elm
- Outer bark has firm rounded ridges, the cross section of which shows dark brown and light layers.
- Heartwood - easily determined with a thick layer of sapwood. Annual ring - narrow layer of open-grained wood consisting of one line of large openings.
- The close-grained wood shows white wavy lines.

d) Ring porous. Rays prominent.

i. Red Oak
- Outer bark is smooth or broken up into hard, flat-topped ridges, separated by shallow fissures.
- Heartwood - easily determined.
- Rays - are conspicuous and vary in width.
- Annual ring - open-grained wood and is conspicuous.

3. Conifers Softwoods Log Identification

a) Gum in wood - Heartwood easily determined.

i. White Pine
- Gum in sapwood only, appearing in three stages: large, bead like bubbles, then liquid and stringy, finally drying up leaving a white-washed appearance.
- Bark - large logs, ridged, dark; small logs, smooth, greenish.

ii. Red Pine
- Small beads of gum in heartwood and sapwood.
- Reddish bark, in loose flakes, rosy-purple under the scales.
- Heartwood - orange to buff in colour, irregular in outline.

iii. Jack Pine
- Small beads of gum in heartwood and sapwood.
- Brown, scaly bark, brownish under the scales.
- Heartwood - brownish colour.
- Knots - trough-like depression above and below knot.
iv. Larch (Tamarack)
- Small beads of gum in heart and sapwood.
- Reddish brown bark, purple under the scales.
- Annual rings - very distinct.
- Heartwood - dark colour, distinct contrast between sapwood and heartwood.

b) Gum in wood - Heartwood hard to determine.

i. Spruce
- Small beads of gum in sapwood only.
- Gum dries up leaving a rough sandpaper-like surface.
- White spruce, silvery pink under scales.
- Black spruce, olive green under the scales.

c) Gum in bark.

i. Balsam
- Liquid-like gum contained in blisters in young, smooth bark.
- In the older, ridged bark, gum is crystallized.
- Heartwood - hard to determine.

ii. Cedar
- Amber-coloured beads of gum appear in inner bark.
- Outer bark is broken up into narrow, fibrous ridges.
- Heartwood – easily determines, often defective.
- Outer bark is broken up into narrow, fibrous ridges.
- Heartwood - easily determined, often defective.

d) No gum in bark or wood.

i. Hemlock
- Outer bark brownish with purple streaks.
- Heartwood - hard to determine.
- Wood is light brownish colour.
- "Shake" often present.
### B. Tree Species Codes and Symbols that Apply to Scaling

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D. Summary of Formulae

i) Volume in cubic metres of timber or defects up to 5.7 metres in length

\[
\text{Volume} = \frac{(D \times D \times 0.7854 \times L)}{10,000}
\]

Volume = cubic metres correct to three decimal places

Where:  
D = diameter of log or defect in 2 centimetre size classes intervals  
L = length of log or defect in metres and 20 centimetre classes

ii) Volume in cubic metres of timber 5.9 metres in length and longer (Long timber)

\[
\text{Volume} = \frac{(MD \times MD \times 0.7854 \times L)}{10,000}
\]

Volume = cubic metres correct to three decimal places

Where:  
MD = mean diameter of log in 2 centimetre size class intervals  
L = length of log in metres and 20 centimetre classes

iii) Volume in stacked cubic metres

\[
\text{Volume} = H \times L \times W
\]

Volume = stacked cubic metres correct to two decimal places

Where:  
H = height of stack in metres and 2 centimetre size class intervals  
L = length of stack in metres and 2 centimetre size class intervals  
W = width of stack (length of bolt) in metres and 2 centimetre size class intervals

iv) Volume in stacked cubic metres rough for individual logs or defects

\[
\text{Volume} = \frac{(D \times D \times 0.7854 \times L)}{10,000 \times 1.50}
\]

Volume = metres cubed correct to 3 decimals times 1.50  
Volume = stacked cubic metres correct to two decimal places

Where:  
D = diameter of log or defect in 2 centimetre size class intervals  
L = length of log (or width of pile) or defect in metres and 2 centimetre size class intervals
v) Volume in stacked cubic metres peeled for individual logs or defects

\[
\text{Volume} = \frac{(D \times D \times 0.7854 \times L)}{10,000} \times 1.28
\]

Volume = metres cubed correct to 3 decimals x 1.28
Volume = stacked cubic metres correct to two decimal places

Where: D = diameter of log or defect in 2 centimetre size class intervals
L = length of log (or width of pile) centimetre or defect in metres and 2 centimetre size class intervals
E. Glossary of Terms

- **Biofibre** means forest resources harvested from Crown forests that are not normally being utilized for conventional forest products (e.g. pulp, paper, sawlogs, veneer) and are made available under an approved forest management plan. Forest biofibre includes tree tops, cull trees or portions of trees, individual and stands of unmerchantable and unmarketable trees, and trees that may be salvaged as a result of a natural disturbance (e.g. wind, fire, insects, disease and flooding).

- **Crown Timber Charges** means the fixed minimum rate plus residual value, the forest renewal charge, and forestry futures charges, including bid prices if any.

- **Forest Resource Licence** means a licence that authorizes the harvesting of Crown forest resources under Part III of the CFSA.

- **Licensee** means a person or company to whom a Forest Resource Licence has been granted.

- **Operating Year** means the twelve month period commencing on the 1st day of April in any year and ending on the 31st day of March in the following year.

- **Timber** in this Manual includes Crown forest resources that are fixed length, tree length and wood chip fibre.

- **Scale Records** include but are not limited to scale tallies, delivery ledgers, summaries and statements of the amount of Crown forest resources measured, purchase records and payment records.

- **Undersize** is any material below the minimum diameters defined in the utilization standards of this Manual (Section V (E)) (Wasteful Practices). This has been implemented as a result of Item # 12, Ontario Forest Accord, 1999.
F. References

- Canadian Standards Association; Scaling Roundwood CAN 3-0302-1-M86
- Weights and Measures Act, Canada
G. Decision Key for Grading Red and White Pine Logs
Decision Key for Grading Red and White Pine Logs

*Applies to logs up to and including 5.7 metres in length only.

Measured end has more than 50% of its volume defective

Yes → Cull - Grade 2

No

Smallest net diameter on either end is 26 cm or greater

No → Grade 2

Yes

Total allowable defect deduction is 25% or less (rot, seam, shake, crook or sweep, worm or ant holes)

No → Grade 2

Yes

2.5 m length measured from either end free of individual knots or limbs 14 cm or greater (see Section III (A.7))

No → Grade 2

Yes

2.5 m length measured from either end free of rot or holes 8 cm or greater in diameter (see Section III (A.7))

No → Grade 2

Yes

2.5 m length measured from either end free of external stem breakage caused by natural break from a crotch or 2 stems

No → Grade 2

Yes

2.5 m length measured from either end free of crotch or fork that separates 2 stems on the sawn surface

No → Grade 2

Yes → Grade 1

**NOTE:** A log of any length* that measures 26 cm or greater small end net diameter that does not contain more than 25% total allowable deduction and is free of any external knots/limbs or external defects/holes will remain as a grade 1 log.

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H. Decision Key for Grading Hardwood Logs
Decision Key for Grading Hardwood Logs

*Applies to logs up to and including 5.7 metres in length only.

1. Smallest gross diameter on either end is 28 cm or greater
   - No → Grade 2
   - Yes →

2. Total allowable defect deduction is 25% or less (rot, seam, shake, crook or sweep, worm or ant holes)
   - No → Grade 2
   - Yes →

3. Is there more than 66\% total defect deduction
   - Yes → Cull
   - No →

4. 2.5 m length measured from either end free of individual knots or limbs 18 cm or greater (see Section III (D.6))
   - No → Grade 2
   - Yes →

5. 2.5 m length measured from either end free of rot or holes 8 cm or greater in diameter (see Section III (D.6))
   - No → Grade 2
   - Yes →

6. 2.5 m length measured from either end free of external stem breakage caused by natural break from a crotch or 2 stems
   - No → Grade 2
   - Yes →

7. 2.5 m length measured from either end free of crotch or fork that separates 2 stems on the sawn surface
   - No → Grade 2
   - Yes →

8. 2.5 m length measured from either end free of open seams of any length
   - No → Grade 2
   - Yes →

9. 2.5 m length measured from either end free of dry sound lesion or sap rot measuring 18 cm or greater
   - No → Grade 2
   - Yes → Grade 1

NOTE: A log of any length* that measures 28 cm or greater gross diameter on the small end that does not contain more than 25% total allowable deduction and is free of any external knots or limbs, or external defects will deemed to be a Grade 1 log.