

Medullary Rays In Oak Furniture



The white marks shown above are a naturally occurring finish called “medullary rays” and are found on this supplier’s oak products.

These are not a sign of damage or a flaw, these medullary rays are in fact an indication that the item purchased has been crafted from the finest and most expensive quarter sawn oak.

In logging and carpentry, oak trees can be sawn in 2 different ways. Tangential or plain sawing is a process that yields the most timber from the trunk. It is the faster form of timber production and the most common.

Quarter sawing on the other hand is a much slower process that produces less board footage and is far more expensive to produce. Due to the ring growth direction, quarter sawn timber is greater in strength and shows off the most medullary rays on the surface.

Medullary rays are particularly prominent when oak is polished, oiled or waxed and should be seen as an indication of the time consuming labour that has gone into its craftsmanship and a feature of the high quality selection of timber used in your product.



**Quarter Sawn
Log**



**Regular Sawn
Log**