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U.S. grades Grade names and specifications

Thin to medium body, mature to ripe, firm, semielastic, normal strength, clear finish, moderate color intensity, normal width, 80 percent uniform, and 10 percent injury tolerance.

Good Light-brown Thin Leaf.

Thin to medium body, mature to ripe, firm, semielastic, normal strength, clear finish, moderate color intensity, normal width, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.

C4L .......... Fair Light-brown Thin Leaf.

Thin to medium body, mature to ripe, close, lean in oil, inelastic, weak, dull finish, pale color intensity, narrow, 60 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.

Low Light-brown Thin Leaf.

Thin to medium body, mature to ripe, close, lean in oil, inelastic, weak, dull finish, pale color intensity, narrow, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.

Choice Medium-brown Thin Leaf.

Thin to medium body, mature to ripe, firm, oily, semielastic, strong, clear finish, deep color intensity, broad, 95 percent uniform, and 5 percent injury tolerance.

C5F .......... Fine Medium-brown Thin Leaf.

Thin to medium body, mature to ripe, firm, oily, semielastic, strong, clear finish, deep color intensity, broad, 95 percent uniform, and 5 percent injury tolerance.

C3F .......... Good Medium-brown Thin Leaf.

Thin to medium body, mature to ripe, firm, oily, semielastic, strong, clear finish, deep color intensity, normal width, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.

C4F .......... Fair Medium-brown Thin Leaf.

Thin to medium body, mature to ripe, close, lean in oil, inelastic, weak, dull finish, pale color intensity, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.

C5M .......... Low Medium-brown Thin Leaf.

Thin to medium body, mature to ripe, close, lean in oil, inelastic, weak, dull finish, pale color intensity, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.

C3M .......... Good Mixed Color Thin Leaf.

Thin to medium body, mature to ripe, close, lean in oil, inelastic, weak, dull finish, pale color intensity, narrow, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.

C4M .......... Fair Mixed Color Thin Leaf.

§ 29.2439 Lugs (X Group).

This group consists of leaves that normally grow near the bottom of the stalk. These leaves usually have a blunt tip, tend to roll, and show ground injury.

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Thin to medium body, mature, close, lean in oil, inelastic, weak, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.

C5M .......... Low Mixed Color Thin Leaf.

Thin to medium body, immature, close, lean in oil, inelastic, weak, narrow, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.

C3G .......... Good Green Thin Leaf.

Thin to medium body, mature, firm, oily, semielastic, normal strength, clear finish, normal width, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.

C4G .......... Fair Green Thin Leaf.

Thin to medium body, immature, close, lean in oil, inelastic, weak, dull finish, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.

C5G .......... Low Green Thin Leaf.

Thin to medium body, immature, close, lean in oil, inelastic, weak, dull finish, narrow, 60 percent uniform and 40 percent injury tolerance.

§ 29.2439 Lugs (X Group).

This group consists of leaves that normally grow near the bottom of the stalk. These leaves usually have a blunt tip, tend to roll, and show ground injury.

U.S. grades Grade names and specifications

Thin to medium body, mature, close, lean in oil, inelastic, weak, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.

C5M .......... Low Mixed Color Thin Leaf.

Thin to medium body, immature, close, lean in oil, inelastic, weak, narrow, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.

C3G .......... Good Green Thin Leaf.

Thin to medium body, mature, firm, oily, semielastic, normal strength, clear finish, normal width, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.

C4G .......... Fair Green Thin Leaf.

Thin to medium body, immature, close, lean in oil, inelastic, weak, dull finish, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.

C5G .......... Low Green Thin Leaf.

Thin to medium body, immature, close, lean in oil, inelastic, weak, dull finish, narrow, 60 percent uniform and 40 percent injury tolerance.
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§ 29.2461  Summary of standard grades.

4 Grades of wrappers
A1F  A1D  A2F  A2D

20 Grades of thin leaf
C1L  C1F  C2L  C2F  C2D  C3L  C3F  C3D  C3M  C3G
C4L  C4F  C4D  C4M  C4G
C5L  C5F  C5D  C5M  C5G

5 Grades of nondescript
N1L  N1D  N1GL  N1GD
N2

16 Grades of heavy leaf
B1F  B1D  B2F  B2D  B3F  B3D  B3M  B3G  B4F  B4D  B4M  B4G  B5F  B5D  B5M  B5G

21 Grades of lugs
X1L  X1F  X1D  X2L  X2F  X2D  X3L  X3F  X3D  X3M  X3G  X4L  X4F  X4D  X4M  X4G  X5L  X5F  X5D  X5M  X5G

1 Grade of scrap
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§ 29.2440  (N Group).

Extremely common tobacco which does not meet the minimum specifications or which exceeds the tolerance of the lowest grade of any other group except scrap.

Special factors “U”, “W” and “SF” may be applied to all grades. Tobacco not covered by the standard grades is designated “No-G.”