

# The Janka Scale of Hardness

- Customized for JG Architectural Floors -



**Janka** is the unit of measurement used to describe the surface hardness of a wood flooring product. This rating is equal to the amount of force required to drive a 0.444 inch steel ball, half its diameter, into the surface of the wood being tested.

The Janka rating is a good indicator of how easily a wood product will dent and wear over time.

Northern Red Oak (1290 Janka) is the “Gold Standard” against which all other woods are measured.

† Exotic species are listed in Dark Brown

‡ American species are listed in Light Brown



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