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**§ 29.3648 Thin Leaf (C Group).**

This group consists of leaves that are thin to medium in body and show little or no ground injury.

Grades	Grade names, minimum specifications, and tolerances
C1L .....	Choice Quality Light-brown Thin Leaf. Ripe, thin, open leaf structure, smooth, oily, clear finish, deep color intensity, semi-elastic, spready, 90 percent uniform, and 10 percent injury tolerance.
C2L .....	Fine Quality Light-brown Thin Leaf. Ripe, thin, open leaf structure, smooth, oily, clear finish, deep color intensity, semielastic, spready, 85 percent uniform, and 15 percent injury tolerance.
C3L .....	Good Quality Light-brown Thin Leaf. Mature, thin, firm leaf structure, crepy, oily, normal finish, moderate color intensity, semielastic, normal width, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
C4L .....	Fair Quality Light-brown Thin Leaf. Mature, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, pale color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
C5L .....	Low Quality Light-brown Thin Leaf Underripe, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, pale color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.
C1F .....	Choice Quality Medium-brown Thin Leaf. Ripe, thin, open leaf structure, smooth, rich in oil, clear finish, deep color intensity, semi-elastic, spready, 90 percent uniform, and 10 percent injury tolerance.
C2F .....	Fine Quality Medium-brown Thin Leaf. Ripe, thin, open leaf structure, smooth, rich in oil, clear finish, deep color intensity, semi-elastic, spready, 85 percent uniform, and 15 percent injury tolerance.
C3F .....	Good Quality Medium-brown Thin Leaf. Mature, thin, firm leaf structure, crepy, oily, normal finish, moderate color intensity, semielastic, normal width, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
C4F .....	Fair Quality Medium-brown Thin Leaf. Mature, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, pale color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
C5F .....	Low Quality Medium-brown Thin Leaf. Underripe, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, pale color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.
C1R .....	Choice Quality Reddish-brown Thin Leaf. Ripe, thin, open leaf structure, smooth, rich in oil, clear finish, deep color intensity, semi-elastic, spready, 90 percent uniform, and 10 percent injury tolerance.
C2R .....	Fine Quality Reddish-brown Thin Leaf. Ripe, thin, open leaf structure, smooth, rich in oil, clear finish, deep color intensity, semi-elastic, spready, 85 percent uniform, and 15 percent injury tolerance.
C3R .....	Good Quality Reddish-brown Thin Leaf. Mature, thin, firm leaf structure, crepy, oily, normal finish, moderate color intensity, semielastic, normal width, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
C4R .....	Fair Quality Reddish-brown Thin Leaf.

Grades	Grade names, minimum specifications, and tolerances
C5R .....	Mature, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, pale color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance. Low Quality Reddish-brown Thin Leaf. Underripe, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, pale color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.
C3M .....	Good Quality Mixed Thin Leaf. Mature, thin, firm leaf structure, crepy, oily, normal finish, moderate color intensity, semielastic, normal width, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
C4M .....	Fair Quality Mixed Thin Leaf. Mature, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, pale color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
C5M .....	Low Quality Mixed Thin Leaf. Underripe, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, pale color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.
C3G .....	Good Quality Green Thin Leaf. Underripe, medium body, firm leaf structure, crepy, oily, normal finish, semielastic, normal width, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
C4G .....	Fair Quality Green Thin Leaf. Immature, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, inelastic, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
C5G .....	Low Quality Green Thin Leaf. Immature, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, inelastic, narrow, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.

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**§ 29.3650 Lugs (X Group).**

This group consists of leaves that normally grow on the lower portions of the stalk. Leaves of the X group usually have a high degree of maturity and show ground and other injury characteristic of the group.

Grades	Grade names, minimum specifications, and tolerances
X1L .....	Choice Quality Light-brown Lugs. Ripe, thin, open leaf structure, smooth, oily, clear finish, deep color intensity, semielastic, normal width, 90 percent uniform, and 10 percent injury tolerance.
X2L .....	Fine Quality Light-brown Lugs. Ripe, thin, open leaf structure, smooth, oily, clear finish, deep color intensity, semielastic, normal width, 85 percent uniform, and 15 percent injury tolerance.
X3L .....	Good Quality Light-brown Lugs.

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Grades	Grade names, minimum specifications, and tolerances
	Mature, thin, firm leaf structure, crepy, lean in oil, normal finish, moderate color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
X4L .....	Fair Quality Light-brown Lugs. Mature, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, pale color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
X5L .....	Low Quality Light-brown Lugs. Underripe, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, pale color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.
X1F .....	Choice Quality Medium-brown Lugs. Ripe, thin, open leaf structure, smooth, oily, clear finish, deep color intensity, semielastic, normal width, 90 percent uniform, and 10 percent injury tolerance.
X2F .....	Fine Quality Medium-brown Lugs. Ripe, thin, open leaf structure, smooth, oily, clear finish, deep color intensity, semielastic, normal width, 85 percent uniform, and 15 percent injury tolerance.
X3F .....	Good Quality Medium-brown Lugs. Mature, thin, firm leaf structure, crepy, lean in oil, normal finish, moderate color intensity, inelastic, narrow 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
X4F .....	Fair Quality Medium-brown Lugs. Mature, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, pale color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
X5F .....	Low Quality Medium-brown Lugs. Underripe, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, pale color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.
X1R .....	Choice Quality Reddish-brown Lugs. Ripe, medium body, open leaf structure, smooth, oily, clear finish, deep color intensity, semielastic, normal width, 90 percent uniform, and 10 percent injury tolerance.
X2R .....	Fine Quality Reddish-brown Lugs. Ripe, medium body, open leaf structure, smooth, oily, clear finish, deep color intensity, semielastic, normal width, 85 percent uniform, and 15 percent injury tolerance.
X3R .....	Good Quality Reddish-brown Lugs. Mature, medium body, firm leaf structure, crepy, lean in oil, normal finish, moderate color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
X4R .....	Fair Quality Reddish-brown Lugs. Mature, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, pale color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
X5R .....	Low Quality Reddish-brown Lugs. Underripe, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, pale color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.
X3D .....	Good Quality Dark-brown Lugs. Mature, medium body, firm leaf structure, crepy, lean in oil, normal finish, moderate color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
X4D .....	Fair Quality Dark-brown Lugs.

Grades	Grade names, minimum specifications, and tolerances
	Mature, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, pale color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
X5D .....	Low Quality Dark-brown Lugs. Underripe, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, pale color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.
X3M .....	Good Quality Mixed Lugs. Mature, thin, firm leaf structure, crepy, lean in oil, normal finish, moderate color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
X4M .....	Fair Quality Mixed Lugs. Mature, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, pale color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
X5M .....	Low Quality Mixed Lugs. Underripe, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, pale color intensity, inelastic, narrow, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.
X3G .....	Good Quality Green Lugs. Underripe, medium body, firm leaf structure, crepy, lean in oil, normal finish, inelastic, narrow, 80 percent uniform, and 20 percent injury tolerance.
X4G .....	Fair Quality Green Lugs. Immature, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, inelastic, narrow, 70 percent uniform, and 30 percent injury tolerance.
X5G .....	Low Quality Green Lugs. Immature, thin, close leaf structure, rough, lean in oil, dull finish, inelastic, narrow, 60 percent uniform, and 40 percent injury tolerance.

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§ 29.3651 Nondescript (N Group).

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

Grades	Grade names, minimum specifications, and tolerances
N1L .....	First Quality Light-colored Nondescript. Thin to medium body and 60 percent injury tolerance.
N2L .....	Second Quality Light-colored Nondescript. Thin to medium body and over 60 percent injury tolerance.
N1R .....	First Quality Dark-colored Nondescript. Thin to heavy body and 60 percent injury tolerance.
N2R .....	Second Quality Dark-colored Nondescript. Thin to heavy body and over 60 percent injury tolerance.
N1G .....	First Quality Crude Green Nondescript 60 percent crude leaves or injury tolerance.
N2G .....	Second Quality Crude Green Nondescript.