

STANDARDS OF QUALITY

WOODTURNING

1. Lathe work should be executed so that the piece is evenly turned, well balanced and of consistent proportions throughout, unless the design requires otherwise.
2. Chisel marks and torn or separated grain must be avoided. Proper technique and sharp tools are necessary.
3. When turned objects are sanded, sanding scratches must be removed.
4. Unsanded surfaces of turned objects are acceptable when tool lines are intentional, consistent and clean.
5. Methods of attaching work to the lathe should not be evident in the finished piece. Screw holes should be plugged, or bottoms neatly covered with an appropriate, high quality material.
6. Any joints should fit properly; laminations must be smooth and even with no perceptible gaps or ridges.
7. Wood filler is not to be used to compensate for inaccurate joints or to cover flaws in the wood.
8. Finishes should be chosen to complement the materials used and to be appropriate to the intended function of the piece.
9. Transparent finishes should enhance, not dominate, the quality of the wood. Stains should be used only to enhance the grain of the wood, rather than to disguise it or to represent the wood as being of a different type.
10. If wax or polish is used over a finish, the two must be compatible.
11. Non-toxic finishes must be used for articles that are intended for contact with food or small children.