

Vocational Competition for Handcrafted Log Home Builders

Place: Rāpina Hea Kodu Päevad in Rāpina, Estonia

Time: 13th of June 2015; competition starts at 10.00, registration at 9.00

Organiser: Estonian Woodhouse Association

Purpose: introducing and appreciating the profession of handcrafted log home builders, encouraging the building of log houses

Participation fee: 15 euros (+VAT)

Competition rules

1. Sample corners with three different corner types are prepared for the competition.
2. Every contestant can choose between three different corner types: Estonian dovetail corner with wind-lock, Estonian square notch with wind-lock and Scandinavian notch (quality requirements are specified in the figures below) – upon registration, contestants choose the corner type they wish to build in the competition.
3. Every contestant must fix a 1.5 m log to a prepared base – incl. building of one corner joint and 1.2 m long groove, and cut straight the log ends, following the lower logs.
4. In building the corner, the contestant creates the upper joint of the lower log and the lower joint of the upper log (also by Scandinavian notch)
5. Levelling is performed from both ends of the log, installed according to the internal side of the built corner.
6. The maximum permitted difference in the height of the ends of the installed log is 40 mm.
7. All logs in the competition are with a diameter of about 30 cm (+/- 1.5 cm) and cut from two sides (20 cm).
8. Competitors install the third log to a levelled and raised base (each competitor will have his or her own base).
9. The order of competing, logs and bases are drawn by lot (every log is given a number in the order they are installed).
10. Every competitor has 5 minutes for preparations, during which the competitor prepares his or her work site and, if necessary, adjusts the base onto which the log is placed.
11. Every competitor has maximum 30 minutes to complete the task, if the time limit is not met, the competitor will be disqualified.
12. Competitors are required to meet all safety requirements and confirm compliance with the requirements by signature prior to the competition, by which the competitor retains responsibility for any injury during the competition.

Assessment criteria

1. The speed and accuracy of fixing a log will be assessed.
2. The competition will start on the judge's signal and ends at the moment the competitor has finished his or her work and given indication thereof.
3. A competitor gives indication of completion of the task and the time will be determined, after which the work cannot be corrected in any way.
4. In case the task was not completed properly (the work was not completed or was completed incorrectly), the judges can disqualify the contestant.
5. Task completion quality will be assessed by the judges and with any inaccuracy, penalty seconds will be assigned as follows:
 - a. **Gap length between groove edges and lower log**
 - i. to be measured from 1 mm
 - ii. width x length
 - iii. 1mm=1 sec

- b. Gap length in corner joint**
 - i. width x length
 - ii. 1mm=4sec
 - c. Compliance of the corner joint to the requirements (see figures in the Annex to the rules)**
 - i. 1mm=4sec to 30 sec
 - d. Curvature of log ends compared to the levelled vertical surface**
 - i. tolerance 3mm
 - ii. 1mm=30sec
 - e. Off-levelling of the side of the log**
 - i. tolerance 2mm
 - ii. measured from two ends, from inner side
 - iii. 1mm=30 sec
 - f. Difference in the height of log ends of more than 40mm**
 - i. The contestant will be disqualified if the limit is exceeded
 - g. Length of the longer side of saw mark on the visible surface of the log**
 - i. 1mm=30sec
 - h. Saw marks/cuts in groove – length of the saw cut**
 - i. In the corner, from 3mm deep cuts
 - ii. In groove, from 5mm deep cuts
 - iii. the deepest point x length
 - iv. 1mm=1sec
 - i. Improper groove depth –length of the groove**
 - i. 1mm=4sec
 - j. Safety equipment**
 - i. in case of a failure to meet safety requirements, judges have the right to not allow a contestant to compete.
 - ii. in case of an injury, judges have the right to disqualify a contestant
6. Judges have the right to assign penalty minutes for any other activity that does not comply with good building practices.
 7. The competitor who has completed the task with the shortest time, penalty seconds included, will be the winner. In case of equal times, the competitor with the lowest number of penalty seconds will be declared the winner of the competition.
 8. The competitors have the right to submit a protest within 5 minutes after the results are revealed.
 9. An amount of 10€ must accompany a protest.
 10. After the examination of a protest the judgement of referees and secretariat of the competition will be final and is not subject to appeal.

Permitted tools: chainsaw (electric saw), axe, hammer, chisel, compass, groove chisel, tape measure, yardstick, level, a carpenter pencil, work bench (available on spot).
Electric tools (except for electric saw) are not allowed.

Safety equipment: all participants are required to use protective goggles, earphones (or ear plugs), gloves, safety boots, protective clothing (incl. long work trousers).

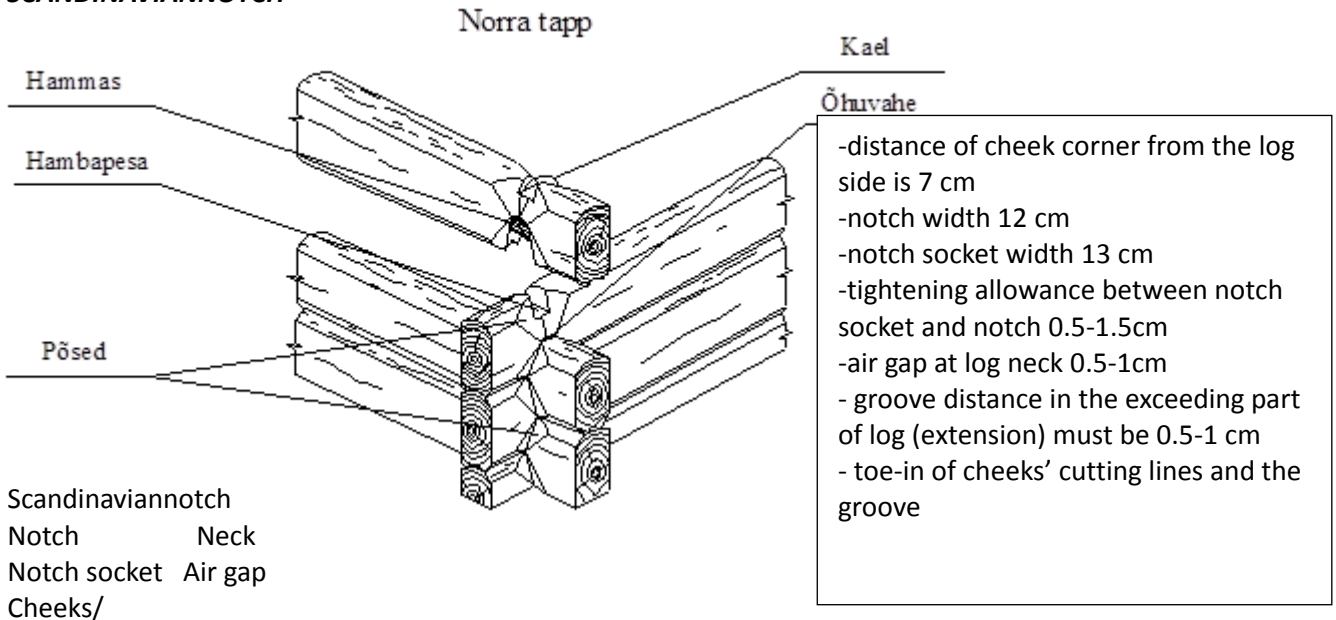
The prize fund: the prize fund includes financial awards and various Pro tools. After the competition, participants and guests will visit local wooden houses manufacturers. The competition has been supported by K-Rauta, Makita, AS Mehka, Vipson Projekt OÜ, Ritsu AS, Hobbiton Home OÜ, Majand OÜ; Hirspek OY, AS NAVA, Väraska Sanatoorium & Veekeskus, town of Räpina, State Forest Management Centre, Estonian Woodhouse Association and Enterprise Estonia.

For registration please send an email to lauri@puitmajaliit.ee, specifying the name of the participant, organisation and the corner type chosen for the competition (Estonian dovetail corner with flashing, Estonian square notch with flashing, H-notch).

PS. Deadline for the submission of registrations is **31st of May 2015**

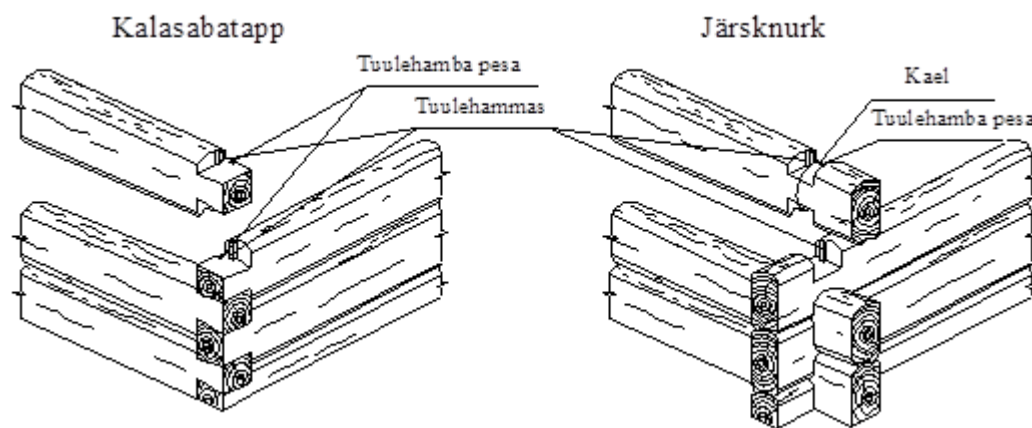
Corner types and groove for the competition – quality requirements

SCANDINAVIANNOTCH



ESTONIAN DOVETAIL CORNER WITH WIND-LOCK

ESTONIAN SQUARE NOTCH WITH WIND_LOCK



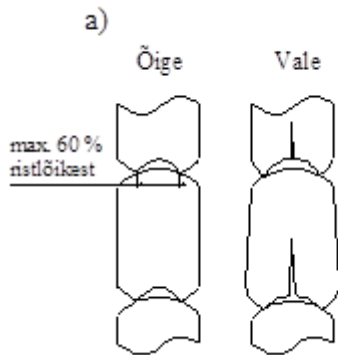
/Dovetail/ /Square notch/
/wind-lock socket wind lock notch

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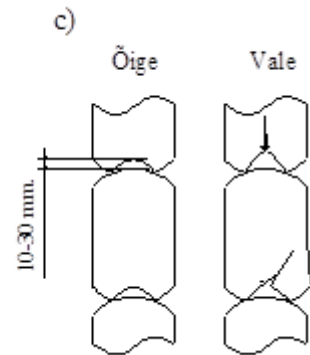
- notch surface level inclined 2cm per notch
- (inner and outer corner at the same height)
- centre of wind-lock notch 8 cm from inner side og log
- wind-lock notch 2x2cm
- wind-lock notch socket 3x3cm
- permitted gaps between wind tooth and wind socket +/- 2mm

- corner joint surface levelled and tightening gap between horizontal surfaces of 0.5-1.5 cm
- wind-lock notch centre 8 cm from the inner side
- wind-lock notch 2x2cm
- wind-lock notch socket 3x3cm
- permitted gaps between wind tooth and wind-lock notch socket +/- 2mm
- groove distance in the exceeding part of log (extension) must be 0.5-1 cm

GROOVE



/a) correct incorrect



c) correct incorrect

Max 60% of cross-section/

- Groove minimum width is 8 cm.