

Furniture Quality Checklist

Wood

High-Quality	Low-Quality
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Solid wood or 9+ layer plywood• Kiln-dried• Well sanded• Large panels of wood veneered	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thin plywood, particleboard, press board, fiberboard• Knots, cracks• Soft, easily-scratched surfaces

Joints

High-Quality	Low-Quality
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dovetail, mortise & tenon• Reinforcing corner blocks• Dowels, screws	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staples, nails, visible glue

Drawers

High-Quality	Low-Quality
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dust panels, floating bottoms• Metal glide-rails, stops• Smooth glide	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wood on wood sliding

Frame

High-Quality	Low-Quality
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Even, level with the floor• Move as a solid unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Twists, creaks, wobbles• Legs attached to the bottom of the frame (rather than part of the

structure)

Springs

High-Quality	Low-Quality
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hand-tied coil springs• Close together, even resistance• Springs should not be felt through the deck	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any springs more than a few inches apart

Cushions

High-Quality	Low-Quality
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Firm foam wrapped in padding• Protective inner cover• Zippered cushions• Reversible cushions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bare foam• Loose-fill without internal sectioning

Upholstery

High-Quality	Low-Quality
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aligned patterns• Even welts and seams• Stitching unbroken• No flaws on fabric• Skirts with lining or weights	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Skimpy padding along arms and back