

Every cricketers' needs are different and is no exception for a batsmen. Some batsmen are tall, some are short and their bat requirements are different depending on the nature, grade and level of the cricket they play. We at Spartan Sports specialize in developing cricket bats and other sporting goods for all kinds of players with different needs. With a new wave of sportspersons coming year after year, the level of training are also being stepped up and quality sports equipment is in high demand.

Willow is a tough variety of wood and considerably light weight when compared to other types of wood. English Willow as the name suggests is found in England and all of Spartan EW is imported.

English Willow Grade

- Grade 1+ [A]
Highest quality of English willow, historically used for the manufacturer's sponsored players, but increasingly being rolled-out to top end bats for the public across specialist stores. The grains are straight and even, the wood unbleached and there should be minimal to no marking or discolouration on the bat face. 8 – 10 grains
- Grade 1 - G1 [A]
top quality English Willow. Good straight grain structure and unbleached with minimal marking or discolouration in the face. 6 – 8 grains
- Grade 2 - G2 [B]
Unbleached English Willow with some irregular grain patterns and some blemishes/colouring across the blade. 5 – 6 grains
- Grade 3 - G3 [C]
Usually unbleached English Willow with irregular grain pattern and some marking and discolouration in the blade. 4 – 5 grains
- Grade 4 - G4
English Willow usually bleached and often non-oil with a covering to the face of the bat. 3 – 4 grains
- Grade 5 – G5
English Willow usually bleached and often non-oil with a covering to the face of the bat. Slightly more discoloration on the face of the blade. 3 – 4 grains

Kashmir Willow - A top end Kashmir bat will look (and play) the same as a low end English willow one. Although it will in all likelihood have more surface discoloration and indents on the face. Kashmir willow bats are good for beginners. You can play with leather

ball. Make sure that your bat is stroked before playing with a leather ball by using Spartan Mallet.

It is important to note and at Spartan Sports we strongly advise that English willow bats need to be prepared by knocking in and oiling in most cases, before they can be played with a hard ball. This is very important and if it is not done properly it can have a detrimental effect on the performance and life of your bat. They also need regular maintenance and care.

Spartan Bat Size Guide:

Choosing a bat that is the correct size and weight is incredibly important. The best way to do this is with assistance from the experts here at Spartan Sports.

However if you are unable to visit us in person then this size guide will give you an approximate idea. Note that in junior sizes, if you are towards the higher end of a size and are approaching the cut off for the next size up then we recommend buying the size up in a lighter weight to accommodate the rapid growth seen in children.

Short Handle is the standard adult size. Unless you have used a Long Handle/Long Blade bat before, we strongly recommend a Short Handle.

See Spartan Cricket Bat size chart for more details.