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Wood Appearance

Colour - Heartwood is pink-brown to deep, red-brown. Sapwood is lighter coloured and distinct in most species

Grain – The grain varies between species from straight to interlocked. Texture is coarse and often uneven.

Wood Properties

Density – 570-640 kg/m³

Durability – Class 4 – Suitable for sue only in continuously dry situations under cover, well ventilated, clear of the ground and fully protected from the weather and other dampness.

Hardness – Firm (rated 4 on a 6 class scale) in relation to indentation and ease of working with hand tools.

Identification Features

Sapwood - White to pale pink-brown, distinct from heartwood

Heartwood - Pink-brown to deep red brown

Texture - Medium to coarse

Wood Structure

Vessels - Radial multiples of 2-3, tending to oval in shape, visible to naked eye

Parenchyma - Diffuse and diffuse-in-aggregate parenchyma visible with a lens

Rays - Prominent on quarter

Other Features

Figure - Some species are greasy to touch

Odour – The wood has uncharacteristic unpleasant odour when freshly sawn

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