ROSEWOOD



NAMES

Pilot Name: Palisander, Asian; Cam Lai; Ching-Chan; Siam Rosewood

Scientific Name: Dalbergia bariensis Pierre; Dalbergia Oliveri; Dalbergia cochinchinensis Pierre

Family: Fabaceae

ORIGIN / TRADE NAMES

Origin: South and South East Asia

Trade Names

Vietnam:Camlai, LeangKampuchea: Neamg-NuangThailand:Ching-Chan, Siam RosewoodIndonesia: Cam Lai Bong

WOOD DESCRIPTION

Sapwood: clearly distinct, greenish white to yellowish grey, medium width (3-6cm)

Heartwood: wine red, dark red to chocolate brown, dark purple, almost all with dark brown/black stripes

Grain: straight, occasional tight light irregular twisted growth

Structure: medium to coarse, irregular tapering vessel channels with resinous reddish or dark deposit

Figure: numerous fine rays, invisible to the naked eye. Wide variation in color and marking

TECHNOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Janka Scale Hardness 2200

Density Green: 1110-1250 kg/m3

Density at 12% m.c.: 900-1000 kg/cm3 (very heavy)

Volume Shrinkage:

-Shrinkage Tangential: about 6% -Shrinkage Radial: about 3%

Compression Strength: 70-84-103 N/mm2 Bending Strength: 176-236 N/mm2

Modulus of elasticity: 12000-13600-14500 N/mm2

PROCESSING

Sawing: difficult, high power requirement

Saw change: medium, deposits blunt

Machining: easy if grain not too interlocked. Tungsten-carbide cutters recommended

Joints: pre-bore for nails, screws. Glues well

Finishing: fades in light, to prevent this use sealing primer. Inhibiting contents can

cause problems with synthetic resin finishes

REMARKS

Natural Durability: very durable Preservative treatment: resistant

Sawdust and shavings may cause skin irritation

USES

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