

TIMBERLANE
PREMIUM WOOD

Species Comparison Guide



CHOOSE THE WOOD SPECIES THAT IS RIGHT FOR YOU

RECOMMENDED



WESTERN HEMLOCK

is an attractive, old growth lumber with clear vertical grain rich in golden color that showcases the pure beauty of this premium material. It has excellent treatability when accepting stains and paint finishes. It's abundant availability, combined with a considerable amount of high strength and density, has marked this wood species a clear choice as our go-to premium wood material.

- Ideal shutter material for its attractiveness
- Kiln-dried to reduce moisture and expansion
- Exceptional high strength and density

SPECIALTY



WESTERN RED CEDAR

is a beautiful, fine-grained wood that has natural tannins to help preserve its character, quality, and long-lasting durability. Every piece of Western Red Cedar is naturally resistant to decay, insects, and weather which is then hand-selected and patiently kiln-dried. We pride ourselves in our kiln-dried process because it reduces the cedar's moisture content and the wood's expansion in years to come when exposed to the elements.

- Naturally resistant to decay, insects, & weather
- Beautiful fine-grained wood
- Kiln-dried to reduce moisture and expansion



SPANISH CEDAR

also known as cigar box cedar, is a fine hardwood. It has similar characteristics to Western Red Cedar but with its own enduring charm. Naturally resistant to decay, Spanish Cedar is also known for its durability. Unlike Western Red Cedar, this type of wood has an even more colored grain preferable for staining or clear natural finishes.

- Naturally resistant to decay
- Known for its durability as well as its exceptional light weight
- Even colored grain preferable for staining or clear, natural finishes
- Kiln-dried to reduce moisture and expansion



SAPELE MAHOGANY

a wood in the Mahogany family, delivers a dramatic impact. It is a luxurious wood with a straight, open, and attractive grain that looks beautiful either stained or with a clear, natural finish. Being one of the strongest, most water-resistant woods, Timberlane Shutters created from Sapele are considered nothing short of a woodworking masterpiece. Timberlane Sapele shutters are indeed for those who will not settle for anything less.

- One of the strongest, most water-resistant woods
- Interlocking grain produces light & dark ribbon stripes throughout
- Natural luster & depth, further enhanced with stain and clear-coating
- Kiln-dried to reduce moisture and expansion



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A CLOSER LOOK AT PREMIUM WOODS

	WESTERN HEMLOCK	WESTERN RED CEDAR	SPANISH CEDAR	SAPELE MAHOAGANY
COLOR	Heartwood light reddish brown	Heartwood reddish to pinkish brown	Light pinkish to reddish brown	Dark reddish brown
STAINING	Stains well	Stains well	Stains well	Stains well
GROWTH AREA	Northwest Coast of North America	Pacific Northwest	Central/South America and the Caribbean	Tropical Africa
SUITABLE FOR EXTERIOR USE	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
ALSO KNOWN AS	Tsuga Heterophylla	Thuja Plicata	Cedrela Odorata, Cedro	Sapelli
COMMON USES	Interior and exterior construction including siding, stairs, flooring and doors	Roof shingles and shakes, exterior finishings, utility poles, fence posts, piling, paper pulp, and various types of containers	Cabinetry, fine furniture, musical instruments, boat building, cigar boxes	Furniture, cabinetry, decorative veneers, plywood, flooring, paneling
DURABILITY	Resistant to termites	Resistant to termites	Resistant to termites	Moderate termite resistance
GRAIN	Clear vertical grain	Straight grain & medium to coarse texture	Straight or shallow interlocked	Interlocked and sometimes wavy
SMELL	No characteristic odor	Cedar-like aroma: sweet, pleasant smell	Distinctive cedar-like aroma	Cedar-like aroma
BENDING STRENGTH (DRY)	11,300 psi	7,500 psi	10,260 psi	15,930 psi
AVERAGE WEIGHT (DRY)	29 lbs./ft ³	23 lbs./ft ³	29 lbs./ft ³	42 lbs./ft ³
RADIAL SHRINKAGE	4.2%	2.4%	4.1%	4.8%
GRAIN APPEARANCE				

All wood is a product of nature, and therefore, present natural variations in grain and coloring. These unique traits typically emerge from the weather conditions and soil during the wood's development and create the distinctive grains and mineral streaks, which add to the overall attractiveness. Stains will enhance the omnipresent beauty of each piece of wood, which means you will see inherent differences between shutters, and sometimes on the same shutter. These variations are not considered a defect or reason for replacement, but rather, coloring differences, mineral streaks and unusual graining, are widely considered as characteristic of natural wood and part of its overall appeal.

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