IROKO

Milicia exelsa





WOOD DESCRIPTION

Color: Yellow brown

Sapwood: Clearly Demarcated

Texture: Coarse
Grain: Interlocked

CHARACTERISTICS

- Easy to work
- Durable
- Resistant to termites

COMMON USES

- Cabinetwork
- Furniture and furniture components
- Flooring
- Paneling (interior / exterior)
- Turned goods
- Joinery (interior / exterior)
- Stairs (interior)
- Sliced veneer

AVAILABILITY

- Select & Better
- Mixed Grain
- 4/4, 8/4 Thicknesses

PHYSICAL / MECHANICAL PROPERTIES

| Air Dry Density | 3.8 lbs/bf |
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| Specific Gravity: | 0.66 |
| Janka Hardness (lbs): | 1,260 |
| Volumetric Shrinkage: | 8.8% |
| Total Tangential Shrinkage (TS): | 5.4% |
| Total Radial Shrinkage (RS): | 3.5% |
| TS/RS Ratio: | 1.5 |

| Fiber Saturation Point: | 23% |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Crushing Strength: | 7,832 lbf |
| Static Bending Strength: | 12,618 lbf |
| Modulus of Elasticity: | 1,862,284 lbf |
| Stability: | Moderate |
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WORKING PROPERTIES

| Blunting Effect: | Fairly High |
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| Sawteeth Recommended: | Stellite-tipped |
| Cutting Tools: | Tungsten carbide |
| Peeling: | Good |

| Slicing: | Good |
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| Nailing / screwing: | Good |
| Gluing: | Good |

Note: The calcium carbonate deposits in some logs severely damage tools. Very irritant sawdust. Risks of tearing (irregular grain.)





