



Outstanding Ipe

Strongest
most durable wood



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Ipe is from the Tropical Americas and is commonly known for its exceptional exterior properties.

Take a minute to learn about Ipe and how it can enhance your next project.

As an exterior wood, Ipe is a wood of extremes: extremely dense and durable, as well as extremely difficult to work. Its incredible hardness and strength make it well suited for flooring applications, though it is referred to as “Brazilian Walnut” among flooring dealers—though it is not related to true Walnut in the *Juglans* genus. This makes it an ideal wood for boat building, doors, windows, decks, furniture, carving, turnings, and other exterior millwork projects. Ipe’s rich color and attractive grain pattern makes it an appealing wood for modern interior furnishings and décor.

Ipe is available in:

Lumber

4/4, 5/4, 6/4 and 8/4

Random widths and lengths

Mixed grain

Long lengths available

Decking

4/4 x 4", 6" and 8" widths

5/4 x 4", 6" and 8" widths

8/4 x 4", 6" and 8" widths

12/4 x 4", 6" and 8" widths

16/4 x 4" widths

Other dimensions available upon request

Mixed grain

Long lengths available



About Ipe

SCIENTIFIC NAME

Handroanthus spp. (formerly placed in the *Tabebuia* genus)

COLOR/APPEARANCE

Heartwood can vary in color from reddish brown, to a more yellowish olive brown or darker blackish brown; sometimes with contrasting darker brown/black stripes. In certain species, there are powdery yellow deposits within the wood. Ipe can be difficult to distinguish visually from Cumaru, though Ipe tends to be darker, and lacks the subtle yet characteristic vanilla/cinnamon scent while being worked.

GRAIN/TEXTURE

Has a fine to medium texture, with the grain varying from straight to irregular or interlocked. Moderate natural luster.

ROT RESISTANCE

Rated as very durable; excellent insect resistance, though some species are susceptible to marine borers. Superb weathering characteristics.

WORKABILITY

Ipe is a difficult wood to work, being extremely hard and dense, with high cutting resistance during sawing. Ipe also has a pronounced blunting effect on cutting edges. The wood generally planes smoothly, but the grain can tearout on interlocked areas. Also, Ipe can be difficult to glue properly, and surface preparation prior to gluing is recommended. Straight-grained wood turns well, though the natural powdery yellow deposits can sometimes interfere with polishing or finishing the wood.



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