Laminex[®] Timber Veneer

DESIGN GUIDE



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How to Specify Timber Veneer

Natural

Timber Veneer

The Natural Timber Veneer range is a raw, pressed panel ready to be stained and/or coated allowing flexibility in the design process for colouring and finishing options. Matching raw veneer edging is available for all species.



Crown cut

Quarter cut

Rotary cut

Cuts

Details and specifications

How the log is cut or sliced will greatly influence the appearance of your Timber Veneer.



Reconstituted

Reconstituted Veneer is made from readily available timbers such as Poplar, Obeche or Bamboo.

The logs are rotary peeled into veneers, dyed all the way through, and then dried. Layers of variously coloured veneers are then laminated together in moulds in a controlled pattern to form 'grain' patterns which are then re-sliced into veneers.

The way the layers of the veneers are sliced and then are arranged depends on the desired pattern.

Reconstituted timber veneer gives consistent colour and grain to a project. There are a wide range of patterns and colours available. Reconstituted veneer is only available in a face grade.



Furniture Reconstituted Timber Veneer

Production Process

Reconstituted Timber Veneer



O1 Veneers are rotary-peeled from logs providing maximum yield.



O2 Veneers are vat-dyed in nontoxic water-based solution.



Veneers are sliced into sheets.

Pre-finished layon is pressed onto the desired substrate.

Design Considerations

Lay-up

After slicing the veneer leaves are joined to create a lay-on which becomes the face of the veneer sheet. How the leaves are layed up will contribute to the overall look of a project and there are several options to consider.

There are situations where extra matching is required. Colour and grain matching within an area. Side matching of consecutive sheets or end matching where sheets meet end on end. These requests can be accommodated as best as nature will allow.

Matching





Book matching

Book matching is the most common method. The veneer leaves are joined in such a way that successive leaves are turned over like pages in a book creating a stunning mirror image. This results in a series of pairs across the face.





Slip matching

Slip matching is often chosen for quarter cut veneers. Each leaf is 'slipped' alongside the other resulting in a series of grain repeats. Having the same side of the leaf facing up across a face will reduce the 'picket fence' effect when staining.





Missmatched

Also referred to as Random matched or Planked, this method of joining brings together leaves in a random way dispersing grain patterns and characteristics over the face resulting in the appearance of timber planks.

Grain direction

It is normal practice to specify dimensions of veneered panels 'length by width by thickness'. The first nominated dimension specifies the direction the veneer grain runs eg. 2400mm x1200mm the veneer length is 2400mm long and can be referred to as long grain. 1200mm x 2400mm has the grain running parallel to the 1200mm length, this is referred to as cross grain.

Direction



Veneer Grade

The next thing to be decided is the grade of veneer required for each side of the substrate. This decision can be made based on the usage of the veneer. All sheets require veneer on both sides of the panel to avoid any bowing, but the grade of veneer for both sides depends on design aesthetics.

Timber Veneer Faces



F2S.

Face two sides

2 premium panels both side. Ideal when both sides of the veneer are visible.

This has face grade veneers of the same species on both sides of the substrate. It would be specified where a panel is seen from both sides such as open shelving. Usually applied to room dividers and shelving units centralised in rooms.



1F1B. One face, one back

Ideal for cabinetry

This has a face grade veneer on one side and on the reverse side a veneer of the same species of a backing grade which allows for natural blemishes, possible mismatching and minor faults which do not impair the integrity of the veneer. A common use would be on cabinet doors.



1FAB. One face, any back

Ideal for wall panelling

This panel has a face grade veneer of the selected species on the face and on the reverse side a backing grade of any species serving as a balancer to minimise any movement of the substrate. This would be an option where the panel is only ever seen from the face side as in wall panelling.

Finishing

Laminex Timber Veneer is supplied as a raw product, so it will need to be sanded and coated after manufacture. It is recommended a coating system that is non-yellowing and includes a UV inhibitor is used. Any finishing system selected should be done in consultation with a coating specialist to ensure the appropriate finish for end use is selected.



Fire Performance Compliance

Surface Linings Group Classification Number: 2S.

For the purposes of determination of the Group Classification in accordance with the New Zealand Building Code Verification Method C/VM2 Appendix A. Laminex Timber Natural Veneer (uncoated/raw) when pressed to a MDF FR substrate has been tested in accordance with the test procedure described in ISO 9705 – Full Scale Room Test for Surface Products.

A rating may change based on the finished coating treatments, please contact your coating specialist for more detail.

Substrates

Laminex Timber Veneer can be pressed on to MDF EO, MDF MR, MDF FR natural or black and a variety of plywood substrates including European Birch or a BS1088 Marine ply where an exposed edge is required or a lightweight ply where overall weight of a panel is a consideration.

Edging

Real Timber Veneer edging is available in 0.6mm, 2mm, 3mm and 5mm unglued and preglued.



Cabinetry Reconstituted Timber Veneer

Panel Size (mm)			E	4	4.75	6	9	12	15	16	18	19	21	24	25	30
MDF	Standard	2440 x 1220	EO		•	•	•	•	•	•	•				•	•
		2745 x 1220	EO		•	•	•	•		•	•				•	•
		3060 x 1220	EO					•		•	•				•	•
	Moisture Resistant	2440 x 1220	EO								•					
		2745 x 1220	EO								•					
MDF FR	Natural MDF FR	2440 x 1220	E1					•	•		•					
		2745 x 1220	E1					•								
		3050 x 1220	E1					•								
	Black MDF FR	2440 x 1220	E1					•			•					
		2745 x 1220	E1					•			٠					
Plywood	Birch BB/BB	2440 x 1220	E1			•	•	•			٠				•	•
		3050 x 1220	E1													
	BS1088 Marine Ply	2440 x 1220	E1	•		•	•	•			•				•	
		3050 x 1220	E1	•		٠	•	•			•					

Board Thicknesses

E0/E1 – Formaldehyde emission level

Veneer is a unique and natural product

Laminex Timber Veneer is made from naturally sourced timber and as such can change when exposed to light. A change in colour or tones is therefore considered a natural characteristic, not a defect.

Laminex Timber Veneer is not suitable for exterior applications or areas with excessive moisture and prolonged exposure to light. We also suggest you work closely with your coating specialist when finishing the panels to ensure appropriate UV coatings are used when treating the panels. Additionally, due to the genuine nature of the veneer, there will be inconsistencies in colour, pattern and batches. Please treat any samples as an indication of the species only and if you require closer control when ordering sheets or have questions in general, please contact your Laminex Sales Representative, who can also provide the support of our technical specifications team.

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