WORMY CHESTNUT

(Various Eucalypt Species)

Technically speaking 'Wormy Chestnut' is not an individual species, it is a combination of resilient Victorian Eucalypt species (eg. Messmate, Silvertop Ash, Brown Barrel). What sets 'Wormy Chestnut' apart are its visual characteristics which is comprised of the timber's natural features creating an overall unique and rustic aesthetic. Each individual floorboard of 'Wormy Chestnut' tells a story of its harsh existence in Australia's brutal conditions. The term 'Wormy' comes from the swirling black squiggly markings created by the Ambrosia Beetle which weaves its tracks throughout the grain of this tree. Pin holes and gum veins add to the timbers physical characteristics, combined together the surface is full of feature, with that being said it is available in one grade. From long standing droughts, to ever changing storm conditions.



TECHNICAL

COLOUR

Heartwood is a light to medium brown, darkening to a reddish brown with age. Narrow sapwood is well-defined and is pale white to light brown.

DENSITY

Unseasoned: N/A Seasoned: 800KG/m3

GRAIN

The grain is straight or occasionally interlocked. Texture is uneven varying from smooth to coarse due to its ring porosity.

STRENGTH S3 unseasoned; SD3 seasoned.

STRUCTURAL RATINGS F7, F8, F11, F14, F17 (unseasoned), F11, F14, F17, F22, F27 (seasoned)

HARDNESS (JANKA)

7 TO 9kN (Seasoned) & 5 TO 7kN (Unseasoned) – Specie Dependant

TERMITE RESISTANCE Resistant

SHRINKAGE TO 12% MC 2.2% (tangential); 1.2% (radial).

DURABILITY ABOVE GROUND Reasonably High – 15-25 Years

DURABILITY IN GROUND Moderate – 5-15 Years

WORKING PROPERTIES

Overall easy to work with both hand and machine tools.

USES

Wormy chestnut is best known for use in flooring flooring due to its high level of feature and rustic nature.









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