

IPE

Tabebuia heptaphylla



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High-Performance Timber for Extreme Conditions



Class 1 durability



Dense structure minimises
warping and splitting



Reduced maintenance
needs due to density

Ipe, a tropical hardwood native to Latin America, is renowned for its remarkable strength, natural durability, stability, and high density. Ipe offered by JSC is FSC® 100% certified, ensuring it is responsibly sourced from well-managed forests. With a hardness that surpasses many other hardwoods, it's frequently chosen for its ability to withstand heavy impact and high-traffic environments.

Ipe's natural resilience against decay, pests, and extreme weather makes it a preferred timber for projects requiring longevity and minimal maintenance.

Known as "Ironwood and Brazilian Walnut," Ipe remains a top choice for architects and builders seeking superior performance in challenging conditions. The heartwood ranges from yellowish to dark olive brown with occasional thin dark veins. It features an interlocked, fine grain with clearly defined sapwood. Ideal for decking, bridges, heavy carpentry, and marine structures.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Certification	FSC®
Availability of sizes	Lengths: Random Lengths typically 1.8m - 5.7m Sizes: Typically 32 – 42mm (thickness) x 90 - 200 mm (width)
*Durability	Class 1

*Based on above ground applications. Durability classifications provide a useful comparative guide, however factors relating to specific installations and natural timber variation may result in some pieces falling outside the species' durability classification. Durability classification applies to heartwood only; sapwood is excluded.

Mechanical properties	Green	Dry
**Density (kg/m ³)	-	1100 kg/m ³
Crushing Strength (MPa)	-	95
Modulus of Rupture (MPa)	-	166
Modulus of Elasticity (GPa)	-	22
Hardness Janka (kN)	-	15.6

** Density (kg/m³) is an average indication only, measured at 12% moisture content (dry condition) and actual density may vary from piece to piece.

REFERENCES: CIRAD. (n.d.). Tropix CIRAD website. Retrieved December 9, 2024, from www.cirad.fr; Scion. (n.d.). Scion website. Retrieved December 9, 2024, from www.scionresearch.com; Bootle, K. R. (1983). Wood in Australia: Types, properties, and uses. McGraw-Hill.

Note: Ipe is CITES-listed (effective November 2024), regulating its export to promote sustainability. As a timber supplier committed to sustainable practices, JSC ensures Ipe's provenance aligns with responsible sourcing standards. For more on similar species or further technical assistance, please contact the JSC team.

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