

— HARDWOOD · TOUGH & SHOCK-RESISTANT

American Ash

Fraxinus americana

Pale, straight-grained and exceptionally tough — prized for its strength-to-weight ratio and outstanding shock resistance, the classic choice where resilience matters.

Family **Oleaceae**Origin **USA & Canada**

Temperate hardwood

FSC / PEFC available

ALSO KNOWN AS — WHITE ASH · BLACK ASH · BROWN ASH



DENSITY

≈560kg/m³ · 12% MC

DURABILITY

Class 5

Non-durable

WORKABILITY

Good

Works cleanly

MOVEMENT

Small

Small movement

STEAM BENDING

Very good

Avoid pin knots

■ APPLICATIONS

Interior joinery and cabinetmaking; widely used in plywood, with selected logs sliced into decorative veneers for furniture and panelling.

■ DESCRIPTION

Grey-brown in colour, generally straight-grained with a coarse, even texture.

■ PROPERTIES

Bending properties are generally very good though intolerant of pin knots. The wood combines good strength, elasticity, toughness, stiffness and hardness with relatively light weight, and has excellent shock resistance.

■ DURABILITY & DRYING

Non-durable and perishable: sapwood is liable to powder-post and common furniture beetle, while the heartwood is moderately resistant to preservative treatment and the sapwood permeable. Dries fairly rapidly with little degrade and small movement in service.

■ AVAILABILITY

Held in standard stock — thicknesses **25.4–101.6 mm** · kiln- & air-dried · supplied PAR, sawn or machined to your cutting list.

Typical values for kiln-dried stock; properties vary with origin and growth conditions. Confirm critical specifications and current availability with our team before ordering.

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