

— HARDWOOD · HARD-WEARING & PALE

American Maple

Acer saccharum

Dense, pale and extremely hard-wearing — the definitive flooring timber for sports halls and high-traffic spaces, with a clean, fine, uniform grain.

Family **Aceraceae**Origin **USA & Canada**

Temperate hardwood

FSC / PEFC available

ALSO KNOWN AS — SUGAR MAPLE · ROCK MAPLE · HARD MAPLE



DENSITY

≈705kg/m³ · 12% MC

DURABILITY

Class 5

Non-durable

WORKABILITY

Moderate

Dense — sharp tooling

MOVEMENT

Medium

Dries slowly

STEAM BENDING

Moderate

Fair for bending

■ APPLICATIONS

Flooring — from basketball courts and dance-floors to bowling alleys and homes — plus veneer, musical instruments, cutting boards, butcher's blocks, workbenches, baseball bats and turnery.

■ DESCRIPTION

Heartwood is light reddish-brown with deeper late-wood bands; the white sapwood furnishes the prized white maple. It is denser and firmer than the soft maples.

■ PROPERTIES

Strong, heavy, hard, straight-grained and fine-textured. Against European beech it is about equal in bending strength and compression and some 15–20% superior in hardness, shock resistance and resistance to splitting.

■ DURABILITY & DRYING

Rated non-durable to perishable and susceptible to insect attack. Dries without undue difficulty but rather slowly.

■ AVAILABILITY

Held in standard stock — thicknesses **25.4–76.2 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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