

African Blackwood – *Dalbergia Melanoxylon*

Wood Appearance

Colour – Dark purple brown with black streaks which predominate, giving an almost black appearance

Grain – Grain direction is usually straight, but sometimes variable

Wood Properties

Density – Not Available kg/m³

Durability – Not Available

Hardness – Not Available

Identification Features

Sapwood – Not Available

Heartwood – Dark purple brown with black streaks which predominate, giving an almost black appearance

Texture – Extremely fine, even texture and slightly oily to the touch. It is exceptionally hard.

Wood Structure

Growth Rings – Not Available

Vessels – Not Available

Parenchyma – Not Available

Rays – Red Oak has a somewhat less attractive figure than White Oak due to smaller rays

Other Features

Burning Splinter Test – Not Available

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