

Caribbean Pine – *Pinus caribaea*

Wood Appearance

Colour – Heartwood yellow, golden brown to reddish brown. Sapwood is usually pale yellow to yellow.

Grain – Grain usually straight with a coarse, uneven texture. A pronounced difference in colour between earlywood and latewood results in a very distinctive figure when back sawn.

Wood Properties

Density – 545 - 575 kg/m³

Durability – Class 4 – Suitable for use in continuously dry situations under cover, well ventilated, clear of the ground and fully protected from the weather and other dampness

Hardness – Soft to firm (rated 5 to 4 on a 6 class scale) in relation to indentation and ease of working with hand tools

Identification Features

Sapwood – Pale yellow

Heartwood – Yellow to reddish-brown and resinous

Texture – Non-uniform, consisting of alternating bands of earlywood and latewood. Straight grain Knots usually present in constructional timber grades

Wood Structure

Growth Rings - Present and conspicuous, with latewood forming a dense dark band, false rings occasionally present. Transition from earlywood to latewood fairly abrupt

Vessels – Absent

Parenchyma – Absent

Rays – Fine, visible under lens

Resin Canals - Numerous. Prominent as lines on dressed longitudinal surfaces

Other Features

Odour – Wood generally has a resinous odour

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