

# Rubberwood – *Hevea brasiliensis*

## Wood Appearance

**Colour** – The sapwood is not differentiated from the heartwood. The timber is whitish yellow when freshly cut and seasons to cream, straw or light brown often with a pinkish tinge

**Grain** – Straight to shallowly interlocked or wavy grain, moderately coarse but even texture

## Wood Properties

**Density** – Varies between 560 - 640 kg/m<sup>3</sup>

**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** – Firm (rated 4 on a 6 class scale) in relation to indentation and ease of working with hand tools

## Identification Features

**Sapwood** – Not differentiated from the heartwood

**Heartwood** – Whitish yellow when freshly cut, darkening to cream straw or light brown on exposure, often with pink tints.

**Texture** – Moderately coarse but even

## Wood Structure

**Vessels** – Small to medium in size, generally arranged in short radial multiples with few solitary and occasional clusters. Vessel lines conspicuous on longitudinal face.

**Parenchyma** – Distinct regularly spaced bands forming a net-like pattern with the rays

**Rays** – Fine to medium, readily visible with a lens

## Other Features

**Deposits** – Tyloses Present

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