

## **SPECIES**

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These are our most commonly specified wood species.

In addition, we can manufacture engineered and solid floors from most any commercially-traded wood species. We strictly adhere to all Lacey Act and *CITES* regulations regarding import timber.

Please note: "Country of Origin" refers to the material used in the production of our floors.

## White Oak Country of Origin: USA, Western Europe Janka: 1350

An excellent combination of pleasing aesthetics, dimensional stability and durability.

Most of the classic Old World finishes, especially the traditional French finishes, were created using White Oak. The pleasing open-grain structure of White Oak lends itself especially well to two-color "limed" or "cerused" finishes.

- $\square$  Unless otherwise specified, sapwood will occasionally be present on the edges of wider planks.
- ☑ Unless otherwise specified, our White Oak is Plain Sawn North American White Oak.

  Quarter-sawn, Rift-sawn and Rift & Quartered are available on request, as is European White Oak.

## Hickory Country of Origin: USA Janka: 1820

Hickory is among the hardest and strongest of the hardwoods native to North America.

Hickory is known for its variation of light to medium brown heartwood and yellowish to white sapwood.

- $\square$  Care should be taken when specifying Hickory in extremely arid environments.
- Heart/sap variation is present in all Hickory, and results in a beautiful spectrum of color variation, especially in lighter-colored floors. If you require an extremely consistent color, without variation, then another species would probably be more suitable.

Walnut Country of Origin: USA Janka: 1010

It would be difficult to overstate the importance of Walnut to the Classical woodworking tradition. Its cooperative working characteristics, coupled with its rich brown coloration puts the wood in a class by itself among temperate-zone hardwoods. Heartwood can range from a lighter pale brown to a dark chocolate brown with darker brown streaks. Color can sometimes have a grey, purple, or reddish cast. Sapwood is pale yellow-gray to nearly white. Figured grain patterns such as curl, crotch, and burl are also seen.

- ✓ Walnut is among the softer of the commonly-specified flooring species. Care should be taken when using Walnut in high-traffic environments.
- ☐ Unless otherwise specified, sapwood will occasionally be present on the edges of wider planks.
- ☑ Walnut tends to run slightly shorter than our other commonly-specified hardwoods, especially in Select Grade.
- $oxed{oxed}$  Walnut can be bleached to achieve colors that would not otherwise be possible.

## Hard Maple Country of Origin: USA Janka: 1450

Indispensible in the flooring trade, as its light, sometimes nearly white, coloration lends itself to the creation of nearly any color imaginable. Unlike most other hardwoods, the sapwood of Hard Maple lumber is most commonly used rather than its heartwood. Sapwood color ranges from nearly white, to an off-white cream color, sometimes with a reddish or golden hue. The heartwood tends to be a darker reddish brown.

Smooth grained, with the occasional figure such as birdseye, tiger or guilting.

- $\square$  Care should be taken when specifying Hard Maple in extremely arid environments.
- Color, in regards to sapwood and heartwood, are separate from Grade. If an all-sap (all-white) floor is required, it needs to be specified as "White Hard Maple". Otherwise, sap and heartwood will both be present in the floor.