



DECORTECH VENEER INFORMATION SHEET

Real Timber Veneer is an ideal finish to specify to bring natural warmth, beauty and elegance to any space. Its unique character and individuality can make a project come to life. However, when working with a natural product it is important to note the following points

Variations

As veneer is real timber and a natural product there will obviously be colour and grain variations (i.e. no two trees are the same). The larger the order the greater the variation will be and darker veneers have greater colour variations. Even when veneer is sourced from the same batch colour tones can vary. This is unfortunately unavoidable because it is a natural product. Knots, pips etc are part of natural veneer, should you not want this please specify grain matched to minimise inconsistencies. An additional cost applies for this option.

Veneer will change in colour and darken over time and initial variations will smooth out with exposure to UV and sunlight. Generally in 3-6 months most significant variations will even out. Please be prepared to wait this time for veneers to come into their own. Melamine may be a realistic alternative should no colour or grain variation be required by the client to guarantee a carbon copy of colour and grain and to ensure complete consistency over a large number of sheets.

Matching New/Samples

Décortech requests our suppliers colour match all our veneer as standard, however this will not mean a perfect match. Should you hold a sample for your project that you want the panels to be colour matched to Décortech must be advised when the order is placed, however even this does not guarantee a perfect colour match. We will endeavour to match as closely as nature will allow. For larger projects Décortech can work with you to produce a control sample. Control samples should be kept away from sunlight to ensure they are closest to their initial colour. Control samples provided by Décortech will be valid for 6 months as after this time significant colour changes due to exposure to light may have occurred. A new control sample will be created prior to the project starting.

Matching Existing

Matching to existing veneer can be extremely difficult. A control sample that the new panels can be matched to will help to get the best results. Please note that the existing panels may have darkened over time and the new veneer will need time for the same to occur.

Matching Other

Please advise Décortech if you have other joinery on the project. If this is the case it is best if all suppliers order their veneer at the same time from one veneer supplier so it is sourced from the same batch to ensure maximum consistency.

Pressing Veneer

Due to variations, to achieve best possible consistency across a project, all the veneer required to complete the job should be ordered and pressed at the same time as colour and grain will have greater inconsistencies if supplied at a later date. In the case of large projects, it is best if several months' notice is given. It may be possible to get exactly what you want with enough time. Décortech veneers are laid up as book match as standard. Slip matched or random matched is available upon request. Please advise in the specification if this is required.

Coating

Veneer with a clear coating will look different to uncoated veneer and may appear darker in colour, making it difficult to compare coated to uncoated veneer.

Veneer Selection

Specifiers are encouraged to hand pick veneer from our stock. Please contact Décortech to arrange a date and time to visit our factory to select the veneer for your project.