

## TASMANIAN BLACKWOOD SPECIFICATIONS

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Common Name(s) : Blackwood

Botanical Name : *Accacia melanoxylon*

### DISTRIBUTION

Small volumes of the species grow in the eastern states of Australia, but the only real commercial volumes are in the wetter districts of Tasmania. Some New Zealand grown timber is available intermittently.

### QUALITY STANDARDS AND GENERAL PROPERTIES

Only Select & Better grade is imported into New Zealand, with the main sizes being 100x50, 150x25, and 150x50. In general, the average length specification tends to be short ú to have significant volumes of 600mm to 1500mm lengths in a packet is not unusual.

The timber machines well and is regarded as a very high quality furniture timber.

### TYPICAL END USE APPLICATIONS

Furniture, paneling, carving, turning, flooring, and boat building.

### TECHNICAL DATA

<b>Density</b>	At 12% mc	625 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
<b>Shrinkage</b>	Tangential	4.0%
(Green to 12% mc)	Radial	1.5%
<b>Durability</b>	Heartwood	Moderately Durable
	Sapwood	Non durable
<b>Stability</b>	Green	Stable
	At 12% mc	Very stable

### AVAILABILITY

Main sizes are available in limited volumes. Other sizes are difficult to produce, and long lengths are virtually unobtainable.