

# Laminex® Finished Natural Timber Veneers

Laminex® Finished Natural Timber Veneers are natural wood veneer pre-finished with a melamine coating. They unite the beauty of real wood with the practicality of a high pressure laminate. Each timber veneer has a matt surface that enhances the beauty of the natural timber veneer.



## PRODUCT OPTIONS

Laminex® Finished Natural Timber Veneers are available in the following options:

- Timber Veneer laminate sheets (1mm thick)
  - Sheet size is 2440mm x 1220mm
- Pre-laminated MDF Panels (19mm finished thickness)
  - MDF MR panels size is 2400mm x 1200mm (veneer on front face and white laminate on back).
  - MDF MR panels with veneer on two sides are made to order.
  - Other panel options including STD MDF and particleboard panels are available as a special order.
- 1mm ABS edging

## APPLICATIONS

Laminex Finished Natural Timber Veneers are suitable for both commercial and residential interior applications and for use on vertical and light use horizontal applications such as shelving. They can be used for furniture and general joinery, but are not recommended for high wear applications such as kitchen benchtops or wet areas.

Laminex Finished Natural Timber Veneer laminates have good colour retention and dimensional stability in normal interior applications. However, prolonged exposure to sunlight may cause shrinkage and/or some change in colour.

Laminex Finished Natural Timber Veneer laminates are therefore not recommended for external applications or interior applications with prolonged exposure to direct sunlight.

## TECHNICAL PROPERTIES

	Matt Finish
Nominal Thickness	1.0mm
Sheet Size	2440 x 1220mm
Nominal Weight per m <sup>2</sup>	1.2kg
Dimensional Stability at 20°C	
- Longitudinal	0.6%
- Transverse	0.9%
Resistance to Staining (AS/NZS 2924.1:1998)	Reagents Group 1 to 4 = Rating 2
Colour fastness to artificial light: Xenon arc fading lamp (ISO 105-B02)	≥ 2 (Blue wool 6)
Gloss level	10 (85° grade of reflectometer)

## Fire Properties – Cone Calorimeter Test

Typically achieved when tested to AS/NZS 3837:1998. Tests conducted on Finished Natural Timber Veneer MDF Panel (18mm)

Indices	Unit	Result
Average Heat Release Rate	KW/m <sup>2</sup>	49.4
Average Specific Extinction area	m <sup>2</sup> /kg	25.1
BCA Classification	Group	3

## TECHNICAL PROPERTIES (VENEERED MDF & PARTICLEBOARD PANELS)

Please refer to the product literature for Craftwood MDF and Particleboard products from Laminex, or visit [www.tradeessentials.thelaminexgroup.com.au](http://www.tradeessentials.thelaminexgroup.com.au) to view this information.

## COLOUR CONSISTENCY

It is not possible to guarantee an absolute consistency in colour of Laminex Finished Natural Timber Veneer between one batch and another. Therefore, a slight colour difference between two sets of laminates or panels cannot be considered a defect.

The Finished Natural Timber Veneers are all intentionally mismatched for a modern new look and fewer issues with matching face sheets.

## EXPOSURE TO WATER & SUNLIGHT

Veneer products, including Laminex Finished Natural Timber Veneers, being comprised of natural timbers will react to direct and indirect light. Therefore, a change of the surface colour and appearance over time is a natural characteristic, not a defect. Additionally, heat and humidity will interact with light to accelerate the ageing process.

If exposed to direct and strong light timber veneer products may undergo sudden and irregular changes from the original colour. As little as an hour's exposure to sunlight may change the colour of timber veneer. For more information visit [www.laminex.com.au](http://www.laminex.com.au).

Water will stain face veneers if allowed to 'pool' on the surface.

We recommend that all timber veneers be stored within closed sheds where they will not be exposed to sunlight and moisture.

## VENEER GRAIN

It is normal practice in Australia to specify dimensions of veneered panels 'length by width by thickness'. The first nominated dimension specifies the direction the veneer grain runs eg. 2400 x 1200 – the veneer length is 2400mm long and can be referred to as long band.

All Laminex Finished Natural Timber Veneer inventory is long band.

## STORAGE & HANDLING

Laminex Finished Natural Timber Veneer Laminates and Panels can be handled and stocked as a traditional HPL or wood panel with a melamine overlay. However, some specific features of timber surfaces require particular care. Laminex Finished Natural Timber Veneer Laminate should always be stacked horizontally, face to face, at a moderate ambient temperature (about 20°C) and a relative humidity of around 60%.

As with all veneer surfaces, they must be protected from sunlight with a cover sheet or non-transparent plastic, preferably dark, in order to assure stability.

The Laminates and Panels are always to be handled by two people.

The storage area should be protected from sun, rain and wind to minimise rapid changes in temperature and humidity. Open sided sheds should not be regarded as dry stores.

- All packs should be evenly supported at each end and at intervals of not more than 600mm. Where packs are multiple stacked, all supports should be vertically aligned.
- To avoid staining and fading, the sheets should not be exposed to the weather while awaiting installation.
- Keep the surface free of contaminants such as dust, oil and adhesives that will affect the surface finishes.

### General Site Work Notes

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### Board Product: Shelf Loadings

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