

## Hard Maple Lumber



**DISTRIBUTION** Eastern U.S., mainly Mid-Atlantic and Lake states. It is a cold-weather tree favoring a more northerly climate.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION** The sapwood is a creamy white with a slight reddish brown tinge, and the heartwood varies from light to dark reddish brown. The wood has a close, fine texture and is generally straight-grained.

**WORKING PROPERTIES** Hard maple dries slowly with high shrinkage, so it can be susceptible to movement in performance. Pre-boring is recommended when nailing and screwing. With care, it machines well, turns well, glues satisfactorily and can be stained to an outstanding finish. The wood polishes well and is suitable for enamel finishes and brown tones.

**PHYSICAL PROPERTIES** The wood is hard and heavy with good strength properties. In particular, it has high resistance to abrasion and wear. It also has good steam-bending properties.

**AVAILABILITY** Widely available.

**MAIN USES** Flooring, furniture, paneling, ballroom and gymnasium floors, kitchen cabinets

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