

## Alder Lumber



**DISTRIBUTION** Principally the Pacific Northwest, where it is the most abundant commercial hardwood.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION** Alder, a relative of birch, is almost white when freshly cut, but quickly changes with exposure to air, becoming light brown with a yellow or reddish tinge. Heartwood is formed only in trees of advanced age and there is no visible boundary between sap and heartwood. The wood is fairly straight-grained with a uniform texture.

**WORKING PROPERTIES** Alder machines well and is excellent for turning. It nails, screws and glues well, and can be sanded, painted, or stained to a good finish. When stained, it blends with walnut or cherry. It dries easily with little degradation and has good dimensional stability after drying.

**PHYSICAL PROPERTIES** Alder is a relatively soft hardwood of medium density that has low bending strength, shock resistance, and stiffness.

**MAIN USES** Furniture, kitchen cabinets, doors, shutters, moulding, panel stock, turnings, carvings, and kitchen utensils.

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