



## Site Furnishings Ltd

### WOOD INFORMATION

#### Ipe

The Lapacho group or series of the genus *Tabebuia* consists of about 20 species of trees and is found in all Latin America countries except Chile. The commonly used name is Ipe.

Ipe is a very strong and durable wood, and is also extremely resistant to insects and decay. The heartwood is impermeable, but the sapwood can be treated with preservatives.

The Ipe heartwood we use is treated with a water sealant. The wood is a medium brown to red in colour when initially processed, and will weather to a silvery-grey colour over time. Ipe is recommended in areas where product may be subject to heavy use of vandalism.

Minor surface and/or graffiti damage can be removed with the use of an abrasive pad such as 3M Scotch Brite.

#### Western Red Cedar

Western Red Cedar (*Thuja Plicata*) grows in the Pacific Northwest and along the Pacific Coast to Alaska, and is produced principally in British Columbia. Western Red Cedar is also known as Canoe Cedar, Giant Arborvitae, Shingle Wood and Pacific Red Cedar.

Western Red Cedar is extremely light in weight, possesses a soft texture, and an even, straight grain. This wood is well-renowned for its extraordinary durability, and resistance to insects and decay. Western Red Cedar is the most durable of any softwoods.

The Cedar is pressure treated to extend its years of service. The wood is a light straw to medium brown in colour, and will weather to a silvery grey with age.

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