Western Red Cedar

Thuja plicata

Western Red Cedar is typically reddish to pinkish brown, often with random streaks and bands of darker red/brown areas. This wood has a straight grain and a medium to course texture. Western Red Cedar has been rated as durable to very durable in regard to decay resistance, though it is not resistant to insect attack.

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| Material | NFPA Class\* |
| Western Red Cedar | B |

\*NFPA is the National Fire Protection

\*\*UBC is the Uniform Building Code

Buoyancy and Weight

Cedar Janka – 350

Average Weight – 23 lbs./cu. ft.

\*The Janka rating is a measure of the amount of force required to push a .444" diameter steel ball half way into a piece of wood.

Workability

Easy to work with both hand and machine tools, though it dents and scratches very easily due to its softness. Glues and finishes well, though as is the case with most softwoods with closed pores, even staining can be a challenge.

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