

## Hardwoods: Vitex



<b>Trade Name:</b>	Vitex
<b>Botanical Species:</b>	Vitex cofassus
<b>Other Names:</b>	
<b>Country of Origin:</b>	Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea
<b>Air Dry Density:</b>	750kgs/m <sup>3</sup>
<b>Durability:</b>	Durable
<b>Colour:</b>	Medium
<b>Strength:</b>	7+ (on a scale of 1 – 10)

### Seasoning:

- Seasons well with little degrade providing stacks are closely spaced.

### Characteristics:

- Cream grey heartwood, with a fine even texture.
- Freshly sawn boards have a leathery odour and the timber is greasy to the touch.

### Working Qualities:

- The timber planes and machines well and is easy to cut across the grain.
- A good finish can be obtained and it has good bending qualities.
- Holds nails well without pre-drilling.

### Uses:

- Decks, rails, cross-arms, bridge and wharf decking, boat-building.

### Product Attributes:

- A strong durable timber.
- Machines well with some care.
- Fixed widths available.

### Product Limitations

- Very little character.
- No veneer available.
- Narrow widths only.
- Leaching can occur.