

## Softwoods: Matai



<b>Trade Name:</b>	Matai
<b>Botanical Species:</b>	Podocarpus spicatus
<b>Other Names:</b>	Black Pine
<b>Country of Origin:</b>	New Zealand
<b>Air Dry Density:</b>	600kgs/m <sup>3</sup>
<b>Durability:</b>	Durable
<b>Colour:</b>	Medium
<b>Strength:</b>	6+ (on a scale of 1 – 10)

### Seasoning:

- The timber has high degree of stability and is subject to medium shrinkage.

### Characteristics:

- Heartwood is a straw to yellow colour with the occasional reddish tinge and even colour, the sapwood is white and can be easily distinguished, the texture is fine and the grain is mainly straight.

### Working Qualities:

- The timber planes and sands well with only slight chipping in regions of reverse grain.
- It screws and glues well and stains and polishes well.
- Turning properties are excellent.
- It can be drilled cleanly.
- Pre-boring for nailing is recommended.

### Uses:

- Used extensively for T & G flooring in older houses, interior joinery, furniture, panelling, sarking, mouldings.

### Product Attributes:

- Pale cream to golden brown timber.
- Veneers available.
- Fixed widths available.
- Good stability.
- Fine texture with mainly straight grain.
- Easily machined or turned.
- Takes stain and polish well.

## Product Limitations

- Wider widths are often difficult to source.