

Softwoods: Cedar – Western Red



Trade Name:	Cedar – Western Red
Botanical Species:	Thuja plicata
Other Names:	Giant Arbor Vitea, Red Cedar
Country of Origin:	U.S.A., Canada
Air Dry Density:	390kgs/m ³
Durability:	Durable
Colour:	Medium
Strength:	4 (on a scale of 1 – 10)



Seasoning:

- Smaller sizes dry easily, larger boards need extra care to prevent Internal checking and collapse.
- Almost no tendencies to warp and check once dry with little swelling or shrinking movement.

Characteristics:

- A light timber with a distinctive odour, it is non-resinous and straight grained, with obvious growth rings.
- Assumes a uniform reddish-brown colour once dried.
- After long exposure wood becomes silver grey, this weathered look is often sought after.

Working Qualities:

- The timber is easily worked, but its brittle nature can cause splintering and its soft character can lead to chip-bruising.
- Care should be taken when planning and moulding.
- Sharp cutters will also help create a nice finish.
- Stains and paints well.

Uses:

- Interior panelling, fine furniture, interior and exterior joinery, weatherboards and cladding.

Product Attributes:

- Available in fixed widths.
- Veneers available.
- Stains and paints well.
- Long lengths available.