

# Kahikatea: New Zealand

Specification Sheet



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<b><u>Other Name(s):</u></b>	White Pine
<b><u>Scientific Name:</u></b>	Podocarpus dacrydiodes
<b><u>Distribution:</u></b>	New Zealand
<b><u>Average Dried Weight:</u></b>	465 kg/M3
<b><u>Durability:</u></b>	None durable
<b><u>Colour</u></b>	Medium

## Seasoning:

- The timber dries easily and well, but there is a danger of sap-stain during air drying.
- There is small movement in service.

## Characteristics:

- The creamy-white wood of kahikatea is light and easily worked. It is straight grained with a fine even texture, providing long, clear lengths in wide widths for sawing.
- It is not durable and is especially subject to damage by house borer.
- Nevertheless, it has many excellent properties including the absence of odour.

## Working Qualities:

- The timber works easily and well with both hand and machine tools.
- It holds nails and screws well, glues and finishes smoothly to a surface ideal for painting, varnishing or polishing.

## Uses:

- Building construction, scaffold planks, fascia boards, weatherboards (when treated), flooring, framing, joinery, kitchen furniture, boat building, domestic woodware, mouldings, casks.
- It is an excellent turnery wood.
- Also used in the manufacture of ice cream spoons and cocktail sticks, toothpicks etc.
- Selected logs converted into plywood and decorative veneers.
- It is not recommended for exterior use with stain or a dark finish.
- Often H3 treated for boat building purposes.

## Product Attributes:

- The wood is odourless
- Veneers available.

## Product Limitations

- Subject to damage by house borer.