the world's leading high technology wood







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welcome to the future of wood

Imagine a solid wood that is sourced from fast-growing sustainable forests, has zero toxicity and provides dimensional stability and durability that exceeds even the best tropical hardwoods. Imagine a wood that can replace increasingly scarce tropical hardwoods, treated woods and less sustainable materials in new and existing outdoor applications. Imagine a wood that will act as a better carbon sink during its extended life span and can be safely recycled at the end. Such a wood exists. It is Accoya[®]: the world's leading high technology wood.



the performance benefits



















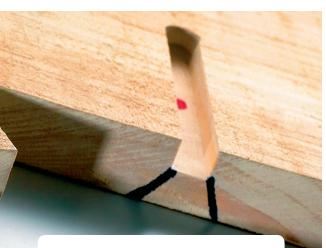












Accoya[®] wood is continually sampled for consistent, measurable modification quality from the surface to the core.

natural science

Spanning eight decades of research, Accoya® wood combines past and present scientific wood acetylation study with a proprietary production process to deliver reliable commercial-scale results. The acetylation process used with Accova® is entirely non-toxic and introduces no chemicals not already found in the wood. In producing Accova® wood, the chemical structure of the wood is modified from the surface to the core with molecular uniformity throughout-providing outstanding performance.

Accoya® wood is set to become the material of choice for exterior applications and can be used for virtually anything, from windows to doors, decking to siding and even for applications which were once only feasible with nonsustainable materials.

tried and tested

Accoya[®] wood has been tested over prolonged periods in all types of weathering conditions – above ground, below ground and even in water – and has been proven to withstand the toughest of external environments. Exceptional durability and dimensional stability of Accoya[®] wood requires significantly less maintenance, meaning paints and stains stay where they belong: on the wood. In fact, tests results between Accoya[®] wood and regular wood constantly prove coating adhesion lasts up to 3 times as long on Accoya[®] wood.

Siding & façades

Accoya[®] wood is suitable for siding and façades and is the ideal choice where aesthetics and less frequent maintenance are critical. The dimensional stability, durability and natural UV resistance of Accoya[®] wood confirms a decreased overall life cycle cost.

Decking

In specifying decking, natural beauty, strength and all-weather performance are important. A lasting wood with outstanding performance characteristics and dimensional stability is desirable. It is also crucial that the wood is non-toxic and therefore safe for people and pets. Accoya® wood meets these requirements.

Window frames, doors & shutters

Accoya[®] wood has low thermal conductivity and is more durable and dimensionally stable than other woods. This means windows do not swell closed, doors continually open freely and shutters maintain their authentic beauty. Accoya[®] wood may be opaque, translucent or transparent coated, and its lower maintenance requirements increase its cost effectiveness.



Outdoor furniture & equipment

Accoya[®] wood is perfect for tables, chairs, tree houses, play sets, planters and landscaping timbers because it is non-toxic and able to withstand the rigors of different weather conditions



imagination unlimited

Accoya[®] wood's outstanding performance is inspiring creativity on many levels. Imagine it used for musical instruments, water sculptures, signage, veneers... In fact, wherever you can imagine wood, imagine Accoya[®] wood.

about Universal Forest Products

Universal Forest Products was founded in 1955 as a lumber wholesale office serving the manufactured housing industry. Through its affiliates and operations, the company has become a leading secondary manufacturer and distributor of lumber and building products. Today, the company's operations manufacture and engineer:

- Wood and wood-alternative products for Do-It-Yourself retail home centers.
- Specialty packaging, crating, components and packing material for the industrial market.
- Forms and related products for concrete construction.
- Engineered wood components for the site-built construction market.
- Structural lumber products for the manufactured housing industry.

Universal is the nation's leading producer of pressure-treated wood, America's leading buyer of solid-sawn lumber, one of the largest customers of North America's largest mills, the largest manufacturer of engineered roof and floor systems for manufactured housing, and the leading manufacturer of fencing, among other achievements.

The company teams up with firms around the globe to manufacture and distribute leading-edge products, like Accoya® Wood, and maintain its leadership position in the markets it serves.

Although Universal does not own forests or harvest logs, its business and success are built on lumber. The company has a vested interest in ensuring a healthy environment in which trees can grow and thrive, and works with its vendors to make sure sustainable practices are used in the harvesting and procurement of lumber it uses.

Universal is publicly traded on NASDAQ as UFPI. For more information, please visit www.ufpi.com.

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