



More flooring samples.

We have recently received some more info and samples of the 12mm Timberlay flooring. If you would like to have a look at these please give us a call. For you architects and specifiers out there we have some samples you can keep. If you are unable to get out and look at the samples in our office let us know and we can visit you. This may be especially convenient if there are several people in your office who may benefit from a look at them. Last months newsletter had lots of info about Timberlay if you want a quick refresher.

Overdue accounts.

Unfortunately there are a number of accounts currently trading outside of our terms. We have taken a somewhat lenient stance previously but it is becoming increasingly difficult to pay our bills on time when some people who owe us drag the chain. As a result we are tightening up our credit policy and in some cases more than a friendly reminder may be necessary to get our entitlements. If your account is overdue it will be put on stop credit. To the bulk of our account customers who manage to pay on time we thank you very much and look forward to further business.

Plywood woes.

Plenty has been written in recent times about the problems with some of the imported plywood used as sub-floors for solid timber. It would appear the offending material is coming out of China and suffers a range of problems from de-lamination to illegal grade stamps on the sheets. Sure it's cheap but it will cost you big time if you run into a problem with it. Our plywood is either Australian production or from South America. The imported material we sell is manufactured to international standards and is a very tidy product. It would seem the Chinese material is not made to comply with any standard. Next time you need some plywood check the origin.

Machining timber.

As I write this newsletter we are in the middle of a machining job using a timber called Melunak. This Asian species looks like Maple but is heavier. It is also dynamite on blades. What should have taken two passes through the moulder has currently taken around eight due to the hardness and abrasiveness of

the timber. After only a handful of boards the blades are dull yet through the sander this timber works very well. We have never machined Melunak before so had no idea what we were in for before starting. It's rare we get caught with such a problematic timber but when you get caught you get caught. This job involves 3 1/2 cubic meters of the stuff. What should have taken a day to do has so far taken three and we are not done. We can't machine it fast and as it dulls the blades quickly we are having to sharpen many more times than normal. This has all lead to delays. If you are looking at a particular timber and would like to find out some of its properties such as machining ability feel free to ask. If we know we will tell you. I wish someone had told us about Melunak before we started. It would have saved us a lot of hassle.

New stock.

One timber that is tight for supply is the NSW Spotted Gum flooring. Most of our mills have dried up for awhile but I do have an option on a 14mm product. There is the Lemon Scented Spotted Gum from Qld available in the 19mm board but this too is getting a little tight. If you want some don't leave it too long. We have five more packs of Blackbutt 19mm flooring due in any day, plenty of Rose gum at the mill and a limited amount of Brush Box and Tallowwood in stock. On the furniture board side we have seen fresh stocks of Brush Box 200 x 25, Jarrah in 150 x 25 and 150 x 50, Spotted Gum in 250 x 38 and 200 x 25, Merbau KD in 300 x 38 and some really amazing fiddleback Blue Gum in 100 x 25 and 300 x 38. A range of Tas Oak came in over the last month so we are now quite well stocked with most sizes. Some other timbers that are also in excellent supply include PNG Rosewood, 150 x 25 Baltic Pine, 200 x 25 Tas Myrtle and 25mm American Cherry. As always, if you need anything let us know.

Cheers

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