

# EVERWOOD DECKING PARTNERS, LTD

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## Basic Description

### IPÊ (ee-pay)

An incredibly durable Brazilian Hardwood rated by the US Forest Lab for 25 years plus. Naturally resistant to fire (rated class A by the NFPA or class 1 by the UBC) insects, moisture, and movement, this air dried hardwood (16-20%) is perfect for exterior commercial and residential applications such as decks, docks, or exterior furniture. In service for over 25 years from Diner Key Marina in Miami, to the Atlantic City Boardwalk, IPE has proven durability. It can be sealed to maintain its natural beauty or it can be allowed to weather to be a beautiful silver gray.

It is available in a variety of standard dimensional lumber sizes and can be used for entire projects. It is easily cut with standard carbide tipped blades but requires pre-drilling and screwing with stainless steel screws. Hidden fastening systems are also available. Standard decking size is 4/4 material (net 3/4" thickness) not 5/4 or 8/4 and on 24" centers the 4/4 material will provide a 100 lb live load rating far surpassing any cedar, redwood or CCA pressure treated material. It has a hardness rating of 3640 Janka, almost 3 times that of northern Red Oak at 1260 Janka. IPE also resists surface checking and is naturally resistant to molds, which are the two most destructive forces to the face of decks.

When compared to other decking materials such as redwood, cedar, or copper chromium arsenate pressure treated materials, IPE gives **longer life** (3-5 times the life span), stronger resistance to fire, weather, insects and movement **and is competitively priced** with high grades of cedar and redwood. If you compare the one time cost of IPE to the 3-5 times you replace other materials over the life span of IPE, the value of IPE becomes very clear!

**It is the best timber product for exterior usage, period!**