

EVERWOOD DECKING PARTNERS, LTD

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IPÊ FAQ: Frequently Asked Questions

Why use IPÊ over other decking materials?

IPÊ is an environmentally responsible choice which naturally resists rot, decay, insects, and mold without the use of toxic chemicals used in other decking products. It is naturally fire resistant and has been awarded an 'A1' rating. Additionally, IPÊ is an incredibly strong, dense wood, harvested from naturally sustainable forests only. It has very high wear durability in daily use, and is resistant to splintering and checking. It's also beautiful!

How long will my IPÊ deck last?

IPÊ has been awarded the best decay resistance rating available - "HIGH 25+ years", however it has been known to last longer, there just isn't a higher rating!

How does IPÊ weather?

Weather has little to no effect upon the structural integrity of IPÊ wood. The sun will eventually transform the wood from it's original reddish-brown to a beautiful silver patina.

Is IPÊ subject to insect invasion and damage?

Due to the dense cell structure of IPÊ (all heart wood) it's not only naturally resistant to insects but also to decay, rot, and molds.

If I seal my new IPÊ deck, how long before it will need re-coating?

This is dependant upon the climate in which you install your IPÊ and the quality of sealer used, but generally in the Central Texas area, sealant should be applied yearly. We recommend Messmers Deck Sealer - available from Everwood Decking - used in conjunction with a latex end sealer.

Do I have to seal my new IPÊ deck?

No, it will weather naturally to a beautiful silver patina. The boardwalk in Atlantic City has been 'natural' for many years, and still looks great.

How does IPÊ compare to other decking material in cost?

IPÊ is an economical natural alternative to other woods when the entire life cycle of the deck or other outdoor project is considered. When viewed over the lifespan of the decking, the material/labor costs are in line with much less quality decking materials. It is competitively priced with other premium decking products such as redwood and Western cedar. However, when the additional benefits of IPÊ (select grade wood, superior strength, extended lifespan, resistance to checking, splintering, fire, mold, and insect damage, etc.) are weighed, it is by far the superior product.

Is the rain forest being clear-cut to harvest the IPÊ trees?

Everwood Decking will only purchase IPÊ from Brazilian growers who harvest under the guidelines and techniques of sustainable yield forestry management as set forth by the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO). Using IPÊ wood is an environmentally responsible choice over pressure-treated lumber, which contains a variety of toxins and chemicals, and is not necessarily intended for decking use.

What is the fire rating of IPÊ?

The NFPA test results have shown that IPÊ is an A1 rated building material - the highest possible rating!

Can IPÊ wood be used for outdoor furniture?

Absolutely! IPÊ is used in a huge variety of ways: Exterior Decking, Boat docks, Home Siding, Custom Milling, Lawn & Deck Furniture, Turnery, Stables, Barns, Fencing, Horse/Livestock, Trailer Floors

How do I fasten IPÊ?

Due to it's dense cell structure, it is best pre-drilled and fastened with stainless hardware or EB-TY™ fasteners - available from Everwood Decking.