

HARDWOODS AND HIGH QUALITY SOFTWOODS

# American Cherry



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What is American Cherry?

**American Cherry** timber is stocked kiln dried and is used for interior joinery and furniture. Although square-edge is the usual method of import to the UK. Boards have sapwood on each edge which is generally accepted as part of Cherry's natural features. Sapwood is not confused with heartwood colour variation which ranges from a light pinkish colour to a darker red shade.

**Thicknesses:** 26mm, 32mm, 38mm, 52mm, 63mm, 76mm. Widths are random 90mm to approximately 200mm. Lengths are variable above 2.1mtr.

**Latin name** Prunus serotina

**Also known as** American cherry, Black cherry, Cabinet cherry

**Environmental** Not listed in CITES. Available from well-managed sources.

**Distribution** Occurs in the deciduous forest areas from Ontario to Florida and from the Dakotas to Texas, but only in small quantities or as scattered trees.

American Cherry Properties

**The Tree** A medium-sized tree, 18m to 21m tall, with a diameter of 0.5m.

**The Timber** is hard, with a fine, straight, close grain, the heartwood varying in colour from reddish-brown to rich red, the narrow sapwood being pinkish. Fine, narrow, brown-coloured pith flecks, and small gum pockets are a common feature of the wood.



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**Weight** 580 kg/m<sup>3</sup> when dried

**Drying** Relatively quick drying with some tendency to warp

**Working Qualities** Good - it is moderately durable, works fairly easily, turns well, and takes an excellent polish. Machines well, good for nailing and gluing.

**Physical Properties** Medium strength and shock resistance, low stiffness, good bending properties.

**Durability** Moderately durable, resistant to heartwood decay. Sapwood is liable to common furniture beetle attack. Heartwood is moderately resistant to preservative treatment.

**Moisture Movement** Medium

**Texture** Fine

**Availability** Limited availability at specialist timber merchant

Working With American Cherry

**Use(s)** Joinery - interior, furniture and cabinet making, high class joinery, kitchen cabinets, mouldings, paneling, flooring, doors, boat interiors, musical instruments, turning, carving.

**Colour** Reddish-brown, red



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## What is FAS Grade

The FAS grade, which derives from an original grade "First and Seconds", will provide the user with long, clear cuttings - best suited for high quality furniture, interior joinery and solid wood mouldings. Minimum board size is 6" (152mm) and wider and 8' (2.44m) and longer. The FAS grade includes a range of boards that yield from 83.3% (10/12ths) to 100% clear-wood cuttings over the entire surface of the board. The clear cuttings must be a minimum size of 3" (76mm) wide by 7' (2.13m) long or 4" (102mm) wide by 5' (1.52m) long. The number of these cuttings permitted depends on the size of the board with most boards permitting one to two. The minimum width and length will vary, depending on species and whether the board is green or kiln dried. Both faces of the board must meet the minimum requirement for FAS.

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