

# Wood Durability League Table



Of Timbers Readily Available in the UK and from Wooduchoose

Performance and obtainability		Rank	Wood Species	Price Guide (1 Low - 7 Very Expensive)	Ideal for		
GOOD PERFORMER EXTERNALLY	Very Durable and hardwearing	Not easily obtainable	1	Greenheart	5	Marine environments	
		2	Balau	5	Decking		
		3	Teak	7	Decking, cladding, External furniture		
	Easy to obtain	4	Iroko	2	Cladding, External furniture, Windows/doors		
		5	Accoya	4	Constructional, windows/doors, cladding, decking, flooring		
		6	Green Oak	3	Constructional		
		7	Seasoned Oak	3			
		8	European Oak - Prime S/E	3	Constructional, windows/doors, cladding, decking, flooring		
		9	Utile	2	Constructional, windows/doors, cladding, decking, flooring		
Durable	10	Larch	2	Cladding			
	11	Idigbo	2	Constructional, windows/doors, cladding, decking, flooring			
	12	Western Red Cedar*	2	Cladding			
NOT SUITED FOR EXTERNAL USE	Hardwearing but non-durable	Easy to obtain	13	American White Oak	3	Internal Joinery, furniture, internal mouldings	
			14	American Maple	3		
			15	Steamed Beech	2		
			16	European Beech S/E	2		
			17	American White Ash	2		
			18	Southern Yellow Pine	1		
			19	American Black Walnut	4		
			20	Sapele	2		
			21	American Cherry	3		
			22	Dark Red Meranti	2		
			23	Douglas Fir**	2		
			Strong but not hardwearing or durable	24	Tulipwood (Poplar)		1
				25	Scandinavian redwood		1

To read in conjunction with notes on <http://www.wooduchoose.co.uk> blog section

\*Western Red Cedar is great for cladding and although only mid table this is a very durable timber can be left unfinished.

\*\*Douglas Fir has not performed well here but it is a fairly naturally durable timber. It is also very strong and good for structural applications.