

## Soft Maple Lumber



### **DISTRIBUTION**

Throughout Eastern U.S.

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

Soft Maple is very similar to Hard Maple in most respects. Soft Maple comes from Red leaf, Silver leaf and Big leaf Maple trees. Hard maple comes from Sugar maple and Black maple trees. Here at Aetna, 95% of our soft maple will be a Red Leaf Maple, due to the growing regions we are pulling from.

Generally, the sapwood is a creamy white, sometimes with grayish undertones. The heartwood varies from light to dark reddish brown. The wood is typically straight grained and the lumber is generally sold selected for White Sap color or Brown color.

### **WORKING PROPERTIES**

The wood machines well and can be stained to an excellent finish. It glues, screws, and nails satisfactorily; it also polishes well and is suitable for enamel finishes and brown tones. It dries slowly with minimal degrade and there is little movement in performance.

### **PHYSICAL PROPERTIES**

Soft maple is about 25 percent less hard than hard maple, has medium-bending and crushing strength, and is low in stiffness and shock resistance. It has good steam-bending properties.

### **MAIN USES**

Furniture, paneling and millwork, kitchen cabinets, moulding, doors, musical instruments, and turnings. It is often used as a substitute for hard maple or stained to resemble other species.

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