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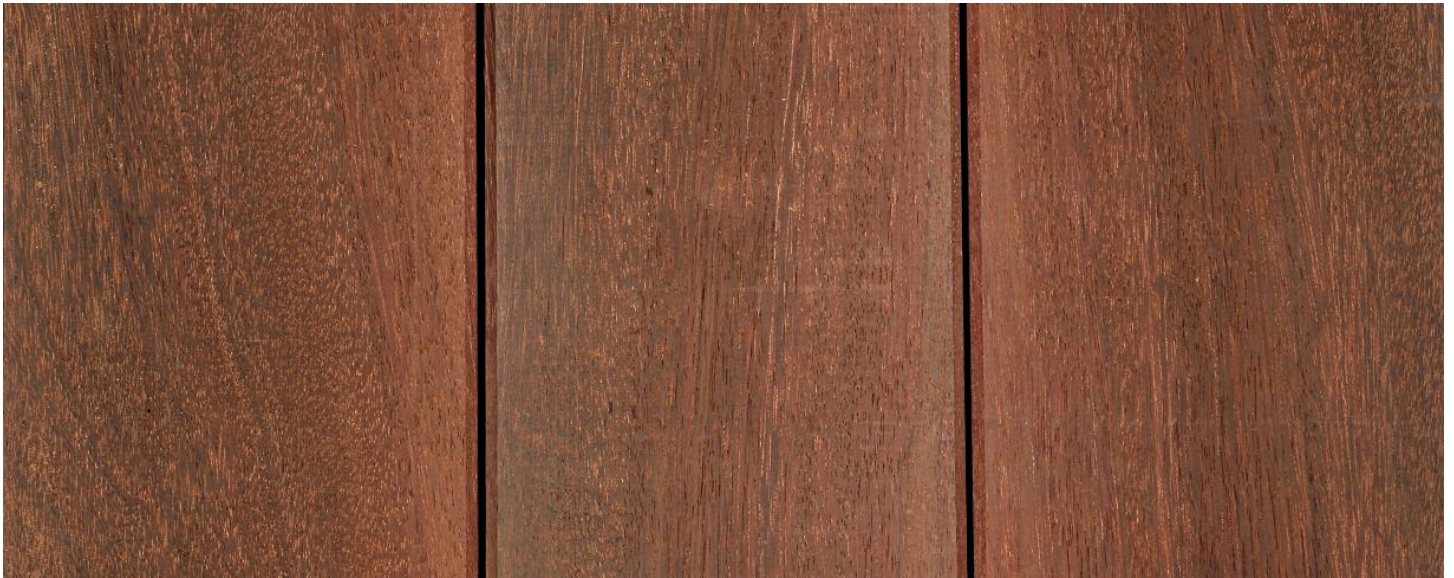
# TECHNICAL BULLETIN

## Color/Grain Variation Ekki/Azobe

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Color and grain variation are typical of materials created by nature and are recognized as part of the beauty that sets natural products apart from manufactured ones. This is particularly true where wood products are concerned, though some species have more or less grain and color variation than others. This should always be considered when looking at wood samples, as Black Label™ wood products are supplied with a mixed grain and are not sorted for color.

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Some color consistency can be achieved by finishing wood with a pigmented penetrating oil-based sealer or by allowing the wood to weather or grey out naturally. Grain, density, and moisture content can all affect finishing. Every piece of wood will accept a finish differently, even pieces from the same tree. It is always advised to sample finishes before completing the entire application.

Black Label™ does not guarantee the performance of finishes. Warranties, if available, are the responsibility of the finish manufacturer.