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# TECHNICAL BULLETIN

## Color/Grain Variation Ipe

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Variations in color and grain are inherent in natural materials, adding to the distinctive beauty that sets them apart from manufactured products. This is particularly relevant to wood, as different species exhibit varying degrees of grain and color variation. It's important to keep this in mind when reviewing wood samples since Black Label™ wood products feature mixed grain and are not sorted for color uniformity.



Achieving a degree of color consistency can be done by applying a pigmented penetrating oil-based sealer or by allowing the wood to naturally weather and grey. Factors such as grain, density, and moisture content can all influence how the wood accepts a finish, with each piece, even from the same tree, reacting differently. It is strongly recommended to test finishes on samples before applying them to the entire project.

Black Label™ does not guarantee the performance of finishes, and any warranties are the responsibility of the finish manufacturer.