

**Wood Species:**

We will not import exotic wood for floors such as teak and Brazilian Walnut and other species that are not fully authorised. We can create “look alike” floors by using coloured oils. We only supply Oak, American Black Walnut and Canadian Maple where we know the source and can follow our due diligence system all the way back to the forest owners. We are FSC certified and also follow the Responsible Purchasing Policy of the Timber Trade Federation where they have stringent due diligence rules.

**American Black Walnut (*Juglans nigra*):** We buy our American Black Walnut from Missouri Walnut, LLC. which has all the accreditation schemes available.

**Canadian Maple:** We only supply FSC Canadian Maple in a prime grade so you do not get black streak that occur when the tree grows and takes up minerals and iron oxides from the soil.

**Oak:** There are over 600 species of Oak but the main ones are *Quercus Robur* (English Oak or French Oak — Europe, West Asia) *Quercus Alba* which is the White Oak.

European Oak has an elegant look which is full of character and with more grain change and colour variation than American or North East Asia including Russian White Oak. The colour of the oak can range from light tan to deep brown shades and will deepen to a more medium “honey” over time. There will be wild grain, pin knots and burrs in this oak flooring which are attractive and add more character to the boards. This is an acceptable appearance in the timber. European oak flooring has many characteristics which can blend well with modern and historic interiors. It is sourced from all over Europe.

White oak is the general classification for a majority of the oak species. The oak timber from the Southern states of America comes from a large number of species which have a wide variation in the colour, grain, knots, density and character markings.

Northern regions across the globe has less species, therefore there is a more consistent and uniform colour and appearance. These regions include North USA, Canada, North East Asia and Siberia. As with the European oak the colour of the oak can range from a light whitish colour to a tan and down to deep brown shades but does not deepen to a medium “honey” over time.