

# Bamboo Veneer

Bamboo, a hollow grass, has gained popularity in recent years. In some nations bamboo is symbolic to the culture. The Chinese nation considers bamboo as a symbol of uprightness while in India it's considered a sign of friendship. Still other nations look at bamboo in many different ways ranging from martial arts to the national plant in St. Lucia. In the United States, bamboo has piqued the interest of the construction industry. Its primary use has been flooring, but is also widely used as plywood and face veneers for wood doors and architectural millwork.

Bamboo veneer is a rapidly renewable material made from grass. Moso bamboo, the variety used in bamboo veneer, can be harvested after five to seven years of growth. Compare this to a typical 30-60-year cycle for many comparable hardwood/softwood species, and it is easy to see the advantages of bamboo. Bamboo veneer's unique look captures the essence of both traditional and modern styles, and its strength is an important characteristic to designers and builders alike.

## **COLOR & GRAIN OPTIONS:**

Bamboo veneer is available in two color options: Natural (golden color) and Caramelized (amber color; a.k.a. Carbonized or Carbon). These are standard within Bamboo veneer. Be mindful that the actual color will vary within natural and caramelized. You'll want to be certain end users understand the color variability. Grain patterns Edge Grain (vertical) which has ¼" wide slats and flat grain (horizontal), which has 7/8" wide slat.

## **LEED NC CONTRIBUTION:**

Credit MR 6: Rapidly Renewable Materials  
Credit EQ 4.4: Contains No Added Urea-Formaldehyde Resins

## **GRADE:**

There isn't a recognized grade within industry standards that defines the character of bamboo veneer.

## **FACE LAY-UP:**

Random Match Slats

## **FACE APPEARANCE:**

Vertical lay-up to 120", be sure to check availability of lengths over 8'.

## **VENEER EDGE BANDS:**

Edge Grain (Vertical) grain only  
Natural and caramelized colors available

## **FINISHING:**

Clear factory finish recommended. Stains available on request only. Sample approval required on all stains before order placement