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Pinus virginiana Mill.
Family: Pinaceae
Virginia Pine

The genus *Pinus* is composed of about 100 species native to temperate and tropical regions of the world. Wood of pine can be separated microscopically into the white, red and yellow pine groups. The word *pinus* is the classical Latin name. The word *virginiana* means 'of Virginia'. Virginia pine is one of the southern pines.

Other Common Names: Alligator pine, bastard pine, black pine, cedar pine, hickory pine, jack pine, Jersey pine, New Jersey pine, North Carolina pine, oldfield pine, pin chetif, pin de Virginie, pin de virginie, pin pauvre, pino virginiano, poor pine, poverty pine, river pine, scrub pine, short shucks, short shucks, shortleaf pine, shortleaved, shortschat pine, shortshat pine, shortshucks, spruce, spruce pine, Virginia pine, virginia tall, Virginia-tall, Virginische pijn, virginische pijn.

Distribution: Virginia pine is native to southeastern New York (Long Island) and New Jersey, west to Pennsylvania, central Ohio and southern Indiana, south to western Kentucky, western Tennessee and Northeastern Mississippi, and east to central Alabama, northern Georgia, northern South Carolina and Virginia.

The Tree: Virginia pine trees reach heights of 80 feet, with diameters of 2 feet. A record was measured at 114 feet tall with a 32 inch diameter.

General Wood Characteristics: The sapwood of Virginia pine is yellowish, while the heartwood is orange to brown. The wood is light, soft, brittle, coarse grained and often knotty.

Mechanical Properties (2-inch standard)

	Specific gravity	MOE $x10^6$ lbf/in^2	MOR lbf/in^2	Compression		WML[a] in-lbf/in^3	Hardness lbf	Shear lbf/in^2
				Parallel lbf/in^2	Perpendicular lbf/in^2			
Green	0.45	1.22	7300	3420	390	10.9	540	890
Dry	0.52	1.52	13000	6710	910	13.7	740	1350

[a]WML = Work to maximum load.
Reference (56, 192).

Drying and Shrinkage

	Percentage of shrinkage (green to final moisture content)		
Type of shrinkage	0% MC	6% MC	20% MC
Tangential	7.2	NA	NA
Radial	4.2	NA	NA

Volumetric	11.9	NA	NA
References: (56).			

Kiln Drying Schedules[a]

Conventional temperature/moisture content-controlled schedules[a]

Condition	4/4, 5/4 stock	6/4 stock	8/4 stock	10/4 stock	12/4 stock	British schedule 4/4 stock
Standard	T13-C6	T12-C5	T12-C5	T10-C4	T10-C4	L
Highest Quality	279	279	279	T10-C4	T10-C4	NA

[a]Reference (28, 92, 185).

Conventional temperature/time-controlled schedules[a]

	Lower grades			Upper grades			
Condition	4/4, 5/4 stock	6/4 stock	8/4 stock	4/4, 5/4 stock	6/4 stock	8/4 stock	12/4, 16/4 stock
Standard	281	NA	282	281	NA	282	284

[a]References (28, 92 185).

High temperature[a]

Condition	4/4, 5/4 stock	6/4 stock	8/4 stock	Other products
Standard	401/402	NA	NA	2 by 4's 403
				2 by 10's 403
				4 by 4's 404

[a]References (28, 92, 185).

Working Properties: No information available at this time for Virginia pine. Southern pine is difficult to work with hand tools. It ranks high in nail holding capacity, but there may be difficulty in gluing.

Durability: The wood is rated as slightly or nonresistant to heartwood decay.

Preservation: The sapwood is permeable, while the heartwood is moderately resistant to preservative treatment.

Uses: Pulp, firewood, rough construction. The trees are sometimes used for Christmas trees.

Toxicity: In general, working with pine wood may cause dermatitis, allergic bronchial asthma or rhinitis in some individuals (6,10&15).

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