MERPAUH

Family: ANACARDIACEAE (angiosperm)

Scientific name(s): Swintonia floribunda
Swintonia foxworthyi
Swintonia schwenkii
Swintonia spicifera
Swintonia spp.

Commercial restriction: no commercial restriction

WOOD DESCRIPTION

Color: light brown
Sapwood: not clearly demarcated
Texture: coarse
Grain: straight
Interlocked grain: absent
Note: Wood light brown with or without pink to reddish brown glints. Lustrous surface. Grain sometimes wavy. Presence of tension wood.

LOG DESCRIPTION

Diameter: from 60 to 100 cm
Thickness of sapwood:
Floats: yes
Log durability: moderate (treatment recommended)

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

MECHANICAL AND ACOUSTIC PROPERTIES

Physical and mechanical properties are based on mature heartwood specimens. These properties can vary greatly depending on origin and growth conditions.

	Mean	Std dev.
Specific gravity *:	0,75	
Monnin hardness *:	5,5	
Coeff. of volumetric shrinkage:	0,52 %	
Total tangential shrinkage (TS):	7,2 %	
Total radial shrinkage (RS):	4,8 %	
TS/RS ratio:	1,5	
Fiber saturation point:	24 %	
Stability:	moderately stable	

	Mean	Std dev.
Crushing strength *:	66 MPa	1 MPa
Static bending strength *:	114 MPa	
Modulus of elasticity *:	20060 MPa	

(*: at 12% moisture content, with 1 MPa = 1 N/mm²)

NATURAL DURABILITY AND TREATABILITY

Fungi and termite resistance refers to end-uses under temperate climate. Except for special comments on sapwood, natural durability is based on mature heartwood. Sapwood must always be considered as non-durable against wood degrading agents.
E.N. = Euro Norm

Funghi (according to E.N. standards): class 5 - not durable
Dry wood borers: susceptible - sapwood not or slightly demarcated (risk in all the wood)
Termites (according to E.N. standards): class S - susceptible
Treatability (according to E.N. standards): class 2 - moderately permeable
Use class ensured by natural durability: class 1 - inside (no dampness)
Species covering the use class 5: No
Note: Treatability moderate to good.

REQUIREMENT OF A PRESERVATIVE TREATMENT

Against dry wood borer attacks: requires appropriate preservative treatment
In case of risk of temporary humidification: requires appropriate preservative treatment
In case of risk of permanent humidification: use not recommended

DRYING

Drying rate: normal
Risk of distortion: slight risk
Risk of casehardening: no
Risk of checking: slight risk
Risk of collapse: no
Note: Risk of coloration during drying.

Possible drying schedule: 4

M.C. (%)	Temperature (°C) dry-bulb	wet-bulb	Air humidity (%)
Green	42	39	82
50	48	43	74
40	48	43	74
30	48	43	74
15	54	46	63

This schedule is given for information only and is applicable to thickness lower or equal to 38 mm.
It must be used in compliance with the code of practice.
For thickness from 38 to 75 mm, the air relative humidity should be increased by 5 % at each step.
For thickness over 75 mm, a 10 % increase should be considered.

SAWING AND MACHINING

Blunting effect: normal
Sawteeth recommended: ordinary or alloy steel
Cutting tools: ordinary
Peeling: good
Slicing: not recommended or without interest
Note: Wood difficult to saw in presence of tension wood. Sap and green timber may cause irritations. Sometimes, presence of silica.

ASSEMBLING

Nailing / screwing: good
Gluing: correct

COMMERCIAL GRADING

Appearance grading for sawn timbers: According to MGR grading rules (2009)
Possible grading: Prime, Select, Standard, Serviceable, Utility

FIRE SAFETY

Conventional French grading: Thickness > 14 mm : M.3 (moderately inflammable)
Thickness < 14 mm : M.4 (easily inflammable)

Euroclasses grading: D s2 d0
Default grading for solid wood, according to requirements of European standard EN 14081-1 annex C (April 2009). It concerns structural graded timber in vertical uses with mean density upper 0.35 and thickness upper 22 mm.

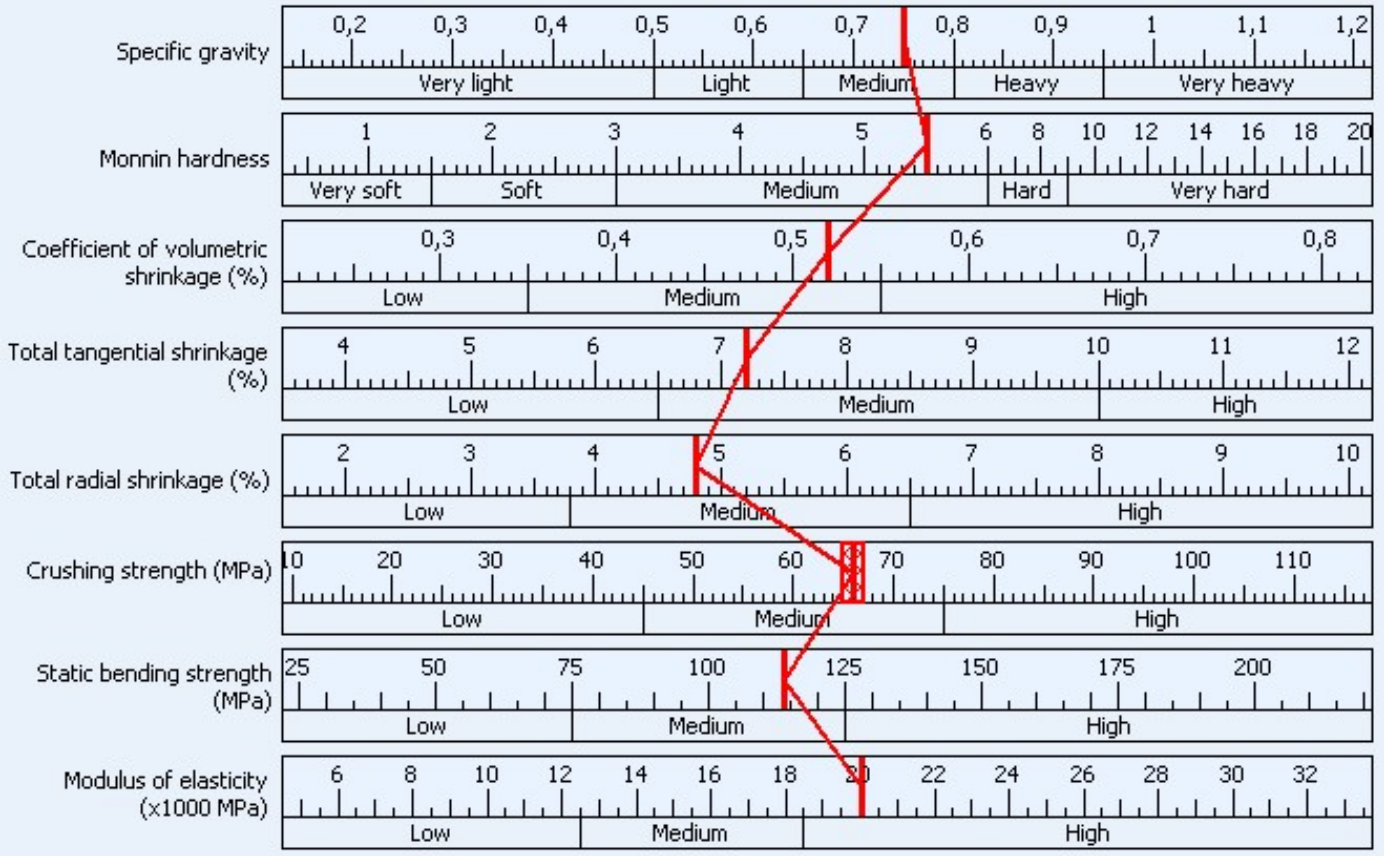
END-USES

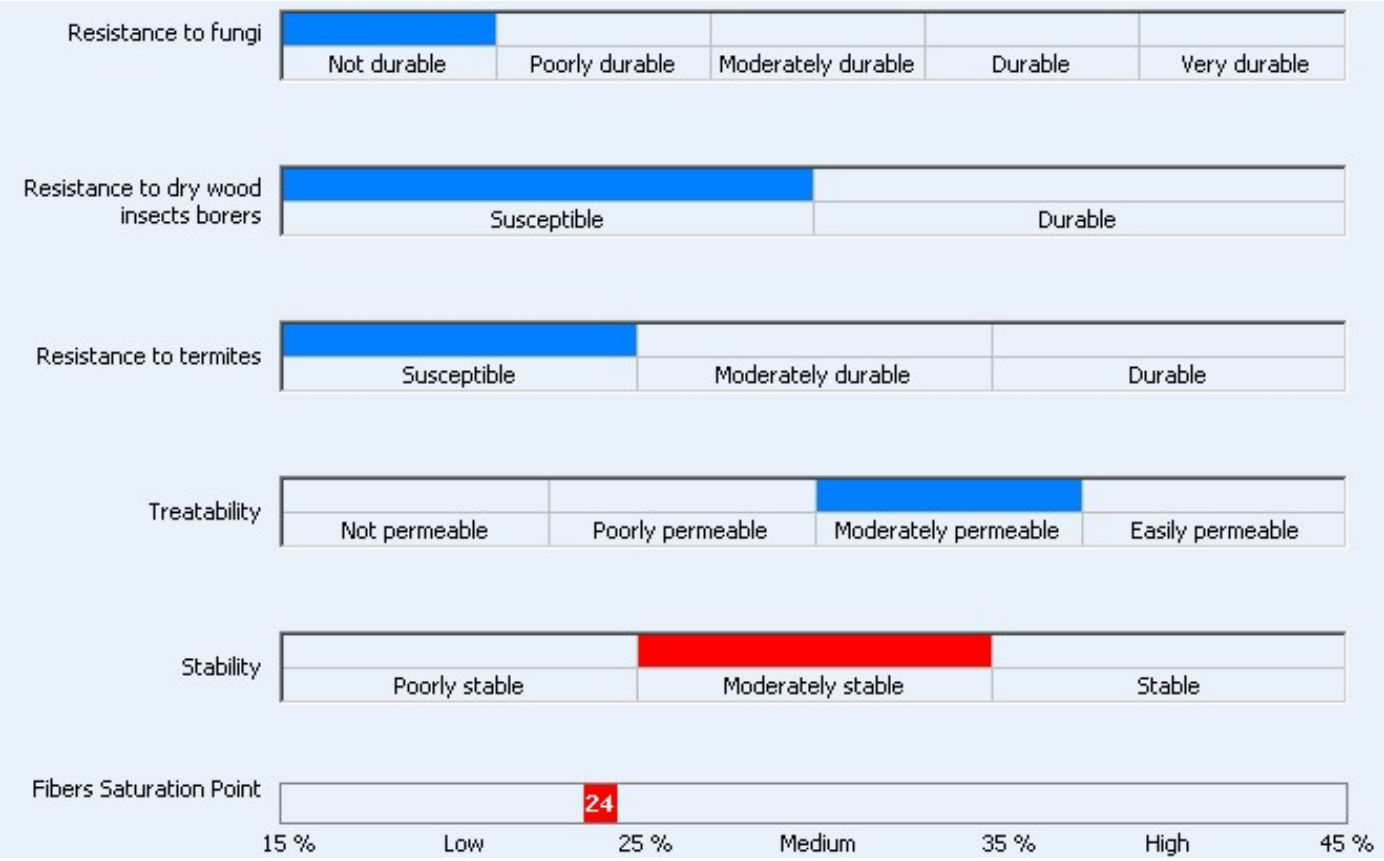
Boxes and crates
Matches
Veneer for back or face of plywood
Blockboard
Interior panelling
Light carpentry
Veneer for interior of plywood
Current furniture or furniture components
Interior joinery

Note: Other possible end-uses: exterior joinery (subject to tests).

MAIN LOCAL NAMES

Country	Local name	Country	Local name
Cambodia	MUOM	India	THAYET-KIN
Peninsular Malaysia	MERPAU	Malaysia (islands)	MERPAU
Myanmar	CIVIT TAUNG THAYET	Myanmar	TAUNG-THAYET
Pakistan	CIVIT	Vietnam	MUOM


Specific gravity
0,2 0,3 0,4 0,5 0,6 0,7 0,8 0,9 1 1,1 1,2
Very light
Light
Medium
Heavy
Very heavy
Monnin hardness
1 2 3 4 5 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20
Very soft
Soft
Medium
Hard
Very hard
Coefficient of volumetric shrinkage (%)
0,3 0,4 0,5 0,6 0,7 0,8
Low
Medium
High
Total tangential shrinkage (%)
4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
Low
Medium
High
Total radial shrinkage (%)
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Low
Medium
High
Crushing strength (MPa)
10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100 110
Low
Medium
High
Static bending strength (MPa)
25 50 75 100 125 150 175 200
Low
Medium
High
Modulus of elasticity (x1000 MPa)
6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 24 26 28 30 32
Low
Medium
High


Resistance to fungi
Not durable
Poorly durable
Moderately durable
Durable
Very durable
Resistance to dry wood insects borers
Susceptible
Durable
Resistance to termites
Susceptible
Moderately durable
Durable
Treatability
Not permeable
Poorly permeable
Moderately permeable
Easily permeable
Stability
Poorly stable
Moderately stable
Stable
Fibers Saturation Point
24
15 %
Low
25 %
Medium
35 %
High
45 %