

Drying quality of rubberwood : an industrial perspective.

ABSTRACT

In this study, the kiln drying yield of 30 mm Rubberwood (*Hevea brasiliensis*) used for the furniture manufacturing industry in South East Asia was evaluated. The results showed that the average yield loss was 10%, and end-checks, splits and warping were the most common drying defects. It was found that sawn timber from older trees (> 21 years) were less prone to drying defects, and the use of stress relieving treatments significantly reduced the incidence of drying defects.

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