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Section 2

Testing Methodology and Assessment

Western larch

**Natural durable timber – Field test results
IRG/WP Durability Database**

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AIMS AND SCOPE OF THE IRG-WP DURABILITY DATABASE

The overall aim of the IRG-WP durability data base is the allocation of wood durability test results for comparative studies and re-analyses. The data base shall serve as pool for service life prediction and modelling and shall contribute to an enhanced understanding of wood durability. It is an open web-based platform for scientific exchange in the field of wood durability and wood protection.

It is NOT the aim of the data base to promote or denigrate any product or material. The data base will contain raw data only; no statistical evaluation will be included. Thus it will be the exclusive responsibility of the user to interpret the test results published in the data base.

For each data set, the full range of information about the test method, the test material, and other relevant parameters, is required to guarantee reliability of the data. For this reason every data set submitted is reviewed and checked for completeness of all relevant data.

The database allows submission of assessment data from all kinds of standardized and non-standardized wood durability tests.

Records of the IRG/WP Durability data base shall be cited as in the following example:

Brischke C., Meyer L. (2013) Douglas fir. Natural durable timber - Field test results. IRG/WP Durability Database. Stockholm: The International Research Group on Wood Protection, IRG/WP/DDB 13-00001.

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TESTED TIMBER

Trade name	Western larch
Botanical name	<i>Larix occidentalis</i> Nutt.
Origin	British Columbia, Canada
Number of replicates	20
Sampling (optional)	Commercial lumber. End-matched samples installed in Maple Ridge, British Columbia; Petawawa, Ontario; Gainesville, Florida and Mountain View/Kipuka, Hawaii
Timber quality (optional)	Old growth

REFERENCE TIMBER

Trade name	Ponderosa pine sapwood
Botanical name	<i>Pinus ponderosa</i>
Origin	British Columbia, Canada
Number of replicates	20

TEST METHODS

Standard method	AWPA E7-09
Reference	AWPA E7-09. Standard method of evaluating wood preservatives by field tests with stakes. American Wood Protection Association, Birmingham, AL.
Specimen dimension and shape	38 x 89 x 460 mm ³
Rating scheme	as per AWP A E7-09: 10 (sound), 9.5 (trace of suspicion of attack), 9 (slight decay up to 3% of cross section), 8 (moderate decay from 3 to 10% of cross section), 7 (moderate/severe decay from 10 to 30% of cross section), 6 (severe decay from 30 to 50% of cross section), 4 (very severe decay from 50 to 75% of cross section), 0 (failure).
Address of test site	Austin Cary Forest Gainesville 32609 Florida USA
Geographic coordinates (optional)	29° 42' 56,6"N 82° 11' 11,9"W
Start of test	February 1 2005
Last evaluation	February 1 2012
Status of test	Terminated

RESULTS

Assessment – Fungal decay

Material	<i>Larix occidentalis</i> Nutt.					
Date	01.02.2006	01.02.2007	01.02.2008	01.02.2009	01.02.2010	01.02.2011
Assessment	1	2	3	4	5	6
Replicate ID	[10-0]	[10-0]	[10-0]	[10-0]	[10-0]	[10-0]
1	9,5	9	8	0	0	0
2	9	8	7	8	0	0
3	9	8	6	6	0	0
4	9	8	0	0	0	0
5	10	10	0	0	0	0
6	9	10	7	0	0	0
7	10	8	9	8	8	0
8	9	7	0	0	0	0
9	9	8	7	7	7	0
10	8	7	0	0	0	0
11	8	0	0	0	0	0
12	9	0	0	0	0	0
13	10	8	9	9	8	8
14	9	8	4	0	0	0
15	9	0	0	0	0	0
16	8	7	6	0	0	0
17	9,5	8	0	0	0	0
18	7	0	0	0	0	0
19	10	9	8	8	7	0
20	9	6	0	0	0	0

Material	<i>Larix occidentalis</i> Nutt.					
Date	01.02.2012					
Assessment	1	2	3	4	5	6
Replicate ID	[10-0]	[10-0]	[10-0]	[10-0]	[10-0]	[10-0]
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10	0					
11	0					
12	0					
13	6					
14	0					
15	0					
16	0					
17	0					
18	0					
19	0					
20	0					

Assessment – Insect damage

Material	<i>Larix occidentalis</i> Nutt.					
Date	01.02.2006	01.02.2007	01.02.2008	01.02.2009	01.02.2010	01.02.2011
Assessment	1	2	3	4	5	6
Replicate ID	[10-0]	[10-0]	[10-0]	[10-0]	[10-0]	[10-0]
1	9	9	8	8	DF	DF
2	8	8	9	9	7	DF
3	8	9	9	9	8	DF
4	7	8	10	DF	DF	DF
5	8	8	6	DF	DF	DF
6	9	9	9	10	DF	DF
7	8	8	8	8	7	10
8	8	7	10	DF	DF	DF
9	8	8	8	10	9	7
10	10	10	10	DF	DF	DF
11	8	7	DF	DF	DF	DF
12	10	10	DF	DF	DF	DF
13	8	9	7	9	8	8
14	8	8	6	0	0	0
15	9	10	DF	DF	DF	DF
16	10	9	8	0	0	0
17	9	7	7	DF	DF	DF
18	9	7	DF	DF	DF	DF
19	8	8	7	8	7	4
20	8	8	8	DF	DF	DF

DF = sample failed due to fungal decay

Material	<i>Larix occidentalis</i> Nutt.					
Date	01.02.2012					
Assessment	1	2	3	4	5	6
Replicate ID	[10-0]	[10-0]	[10-0]	[10-0]	[10-0]	[10-0]
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9	DF					
10	DF					
11	DF					
12	DF					
13	8					
14	0					
15	DF					
16	0					
17	DF					
18	DF					
19	DF					
20	DF					

DF = sample failed due to fungal decay

Assessment Reference – Fungal decay

Material	<i>Pinus ponderosa</i> sapwood					
Date	01.02.2006	01.02.2007	01.02.2008	01.02.2009	01.02.2010	01.02.2011
Assessment	1	2	3	4	5	6
Replicate ID	[10-0]	[10-0]	[10-0]	[10-0]	[10-0]	[10-0]
1	10	0	0	0	0	0
2	10	9	0	0	0	0
3	9,5	9	0	0	0	0
4	8	0	0	0	0	0
5	8	0	0	0	0	0
6	8	0	0	0	0	0
7	9	0	0	0	0	0
8	9,5	0	0	0	0	0
9	7	0	0	0	0	0
10	9	0	0	0	0	0
11	9	0	0	0	0	0
12	9	0	0	0	0	0
13	7	7	0	0	0	0
14	9	0	0	0	0	0
15	8	8	0	0	0	0
16	10	0	0	0	0	0
17	10	0	0	0	0	0
18	7	0	0	0	0	0
19	6	0	0	0	0	0
20	9	0	0	0	0	0

Material	<i>Pinus ponderosa</i> sapwood					
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Assessment	1	2	3	4	5	6
Replicate ID	[10-0]	[10-0]	[10-0]	[10-0]	[10-0]	[10-0]
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18	0					
19	0					
20	0					

Assessment Reference – Insect damage

Material	<i>Pinus ponderosa</i> sapwood					
Date	01.02.2006	01.02.2007	01.02.2008	01.02.2009	01.02.2010	01.02.2011
Assessment	1	2	3	4	5	6
Replicate ID	[10-0]	[10-0]	[10-0]	[10-0]	[10-0]	[10-0]
1	9	0	0	0	0	0
2	9	7	0	0	0	0
3	10	8	7	DF	DF	DF
4	7	0	0	0	0	0
5	8	7	DF	DF	DF	DF
6	10	4	DF	DF	DF	DF
7	8	10	DF	DF	DF	DF
8	10	10	DF	DF	DF	DF
9	6	0	0	0	0	0
10	8	0	0	0	0	0
11	9	10	DF	DF	DF	DF
12	9	0	0	0	0	0
13	7	10	8	DF	DF	DF
14	9	8	DF	DF	DF	DF
15	8	8	0	0	0	0
16	7	8	DF	DF	DF	DF
17	8	10	DF	DF	DF	DF
18	8	8	DF	DF	DF	DF
19	9	10	DF	DF	DF	DF
20	10	10	DF	DF	DF	DF

DF = sample failed due to fungal decay

Material	<i>Pinus ponderosa</i> sapwood					
Date	01.02.2012					
Assessment	1	2	3	4	5	6
Replicate ID	[10-0]	[10-0]	[10-0]	[10-0]	[10-0]	[10-0]
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13	DF					
14	DF					
15	0					
16	DF					
17	DF					
18	DF					
19	DF					
20	DF					

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