

THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH GROUP ON WOOD PROTECTION

Section 2

Testing Methodology and Assessment

European beech

**Natural durable timber – Soil box test
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.

INFORMATION

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TESTED TIMBER

Trade name European beech
Botanical name *Fagus sylvatica* L.
Origin Germany
Number of replicates 45

TEST METHODS

Standard method	ENV 807 (2001)
Specimen dimension and shape	100 x 10 x 5 mm ³

RESULTS

Assessment

Exposure time	24 weeks					
Measure	Relative mass loss	Final moisture content	Oven-dry density			
Replicate ID	[%]	[%]	[%]			
1	54.0	212.2				
2	42.5	209.7				
3	55.6	170.8				
4	55.1	213.3				
5	58.8	282.4				
6	54.6	155.3				
7	69.2	318.7				
8	68.2	174.1				
9	60.3	164.0				
10	74.3	369.8				
11	59.9	144.2				
12	59.9	193.2				
13	56.9	253.5				
14	53.3	124.6				
15	76.4	338.6				
16	57.8	124.4				
17	55.3	149.7				
18	54.5	133.7				
19	54.8	149.9				
20	61.0	179.4				
21	55.0	125.3				
22	59.3	157.4				
23	59.2	202.7				
24	54.2	122.8				
25	57.1	145.6				
26	59.4	137.5				
27	54.3	105.6				
28	57.5	174.5				
29	53.3	90.3				
30	52.6	126.2				
31	68.2	386.4				
32	70.2	230.2				
33	72.8	383.0				
34	51.4	255.4				
35	71.6	279.7				
36	75.3	371.3				
37	63.3	191.2				

Exposure time	24 weeks					
Measure	Relative mass loss	Final moisture content	Oven-dry density			
Replicate ID	[%]	[%]	[%]			
38	69.9	243.7				
39	70.6	363.8				
40	70.2	170.1				
41	74.6	278.2				
42	50.0	199.6				
43	74.9	202.5				
44	76.5	344.9				
45	63.8	136.1				