# THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH GROUP ON WOOD PROTECTION

**Section 2** 

**Testing Methodology and Assessment** 

# **Douglas fir**

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

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The responsibility for the data presented in this paper falls to the authors exclusively. The data presented are raw test data and intended to get used for scientific purposes only.

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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 Douglas fir

Botanical name Pseudotsuga menziesii Franco.

Origin Germany

Number of replicates 9

Timber quality Pure heartwood

**REFERENCE TIMBER** 

Trade name Scots pine sapwood

Botanical name *Pinus sylvestris* L.

Origin Germany

Number of replicates 11

**TEST METHODS** 

Non-standard method Horizontal double layer (Rapp and Augusta

2004)

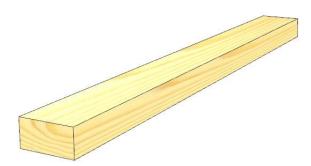
Reference Rapp A.O., Augusta U. (2004) The full

guideline for the "double layer test method" – A field test method for determining the durability of wood out of ground. Stockholm: The International Research Group on Wood

Protection, IRG/WP/04-20190.

Specimen dimension and shape 25 x 50 x 500 mm<sup>3</sup>

Sketch of specimen (optional)



Rating scheme 0 (sound), 1 (slight decay), 2 (moderate

decay), 3 (severe decay), 4 (failure) after EN 252 (1989). Half ratings were permitted.

Address of test site Technological Institute FCBA, Allée de

Boutaut, BP 227, F-33028 Bordeaux Cedex

Geographic coordinates (optional) 44°86'88,37''N, - 0°57'56,41''E

Start of test April 13 2001

Last evaluation September 30 2008

Status of test terminated

**RESULTS** 

# Assessment

Material	Pseudotsuga menziesii Franco.					
Date	30.08.2002	10.04.2003	15.04.2004	29.04.2005	11.10.2006	26.09.2007
Assessment	1	2	3	4	5	6
Replicate ID	[0-4]	[0-4]	[0-4]	[0-4]	[0-4]	[0-4]
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7	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	0	0	0

Material	Pseudotsuga menziesii Franco.					
Date	30.09.2008					
Assessment	7	8	9	10	11	12
Replicate ID	[0-4]	[0-4]	[0-4]	[0-4]	[0-4]	[0-4]
1	0					
2	0					
3	0					
4	0					
5	1					
6	1					
7	0					
8	0					
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# **Assessment Reference**

Material	Pinus sylvestris L. sapwood					
Date	30.08.2002	10.04.2003	15.04.2004	29.04.2005	11.10.2006	26.09.2007
Assessment	1	2	3	4	5	6
Replicate ID	[0-4]	[0-4]	[0-4]	[0-4]	[0-4]	[0-4]
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