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Color Selection For Birch

Birch is a veneer species that has a high degree of heartwood (the dark colored veneer) and sapwood (the lite colored veneer). It is very important to consider this when selecting color for a door face, especially when supplying an unfinished or lite color prefinished door where these variations can be very noticeable. Birch is typically specified as Natural or Select White. The following is an explanation of what these terms mean.

NATURAL: The term natural defines the color of the veneer which ranges from a very light blonde to a very dark brown. There can be any and all color ranges on the door face. The face can be all white or all dark as well as whatever was natural to that particular log. The color patterns are very random as shown in picture below.



WHITE: White specifically means that the veneer will consist of all lite colored wood and the color of the veneer will be consistent. See sample below.



Due to the inherent variability of heartwood and sapwood occurring in **natural** cuts, color consistency is not possible to achieve with **Natural** Birch. Five Lakes Manufacturing, Inc. will not be responsible for inconsistencies in appearance of Natural Birch doors due to these variations. We further recommend specifying Select White to provide consistency and uniformity in appearance. By upgrading to Select White, an additional cost per door would be incurred.