

TECH UPDATE

Slip vs. Book Matched Veneer

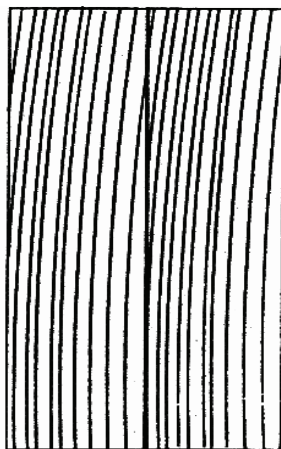
Sliced veneer has a “tight” and a “loose” face. When book matching, the adjacent leaves of veneer alternate between “tight” and “loose” faces. The veneer may reflect light, accept stain differently and may yield a noticeable color variation. This phenomena is called “barber pole” and is particularly common in rift red oak and rift white oak. It will also become more pronounced when darker stains are used.

In order to avoid “barber pole” with rift oaks, our standard matching is slip matched rather than book matched. Slip matched veneers have the same face side exposed, which produces a uniform color, because all the faces have the same light refraction. This change was made April 1, 1991.

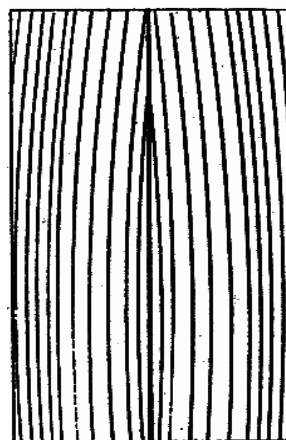
Book matching of rift oak veneers is available on request, but delivery may be extended. Marshfield DoorSystems is not responsible for any aesthetic concerns relating to “barber pole”. Balance matching and/or center matching is available at additional cost.

When quoting doors out of your office, take exception to any book match reference, i.e., include a notation that slip matched face veneers are being quoted in order to eliminate possible aesthetic problems.

Drawings below illustrate two pieces of veneer slip matched and two pieces of veneer book matched.



Slip Matched



Book Matched

