

TECH UPDATE

African Mahogany Replaces Honduras Mahogany

On Marshfield Signature Series™ doors, African Mahogany will now replace Honduras Mahogany veneer selections. African Mahogany (Khaya) exhibits many similar characteristics to Honduras Mahogany and is an acceptable alternative.

Brazil's prided Honduras Mahogany veneer supply is vanishing due to several factors including governmental logging regulations, pirating, and tighter security by Customs. The demand for this veneer has exceeded the supply for it in the U.S.

African Mahogany exhibits characteristics that are very similar to genuine Honduras Mahogany and is a suitable alternative, especially when stain is introduced to the veneer. The general characteristics of this veneer may be described as:

Heartwood light pinkish brown, darkening upon exposure to reddish brown; sapwood whitish or yellowish. Texture medium to coarse; grain straight to interlocked, producing a stripe figure; lustrous. Brittleheart present in some logs.

In addition to being similar in characteristic to Honduras Mahogany, African Mahogany veneer is readily available and comparable in cost.

Marshfield DoorSystems has implemented this product change to help minimize supply impacts to our customers and to responsibly decrease the demand pressure on this species.

If you have any questions or would like to request samples of African Mahogany, please contact your Inside Sales Representative at 800-869-3667.

