Subject: What kind of wood are they using at Walmart?
Posted by GarMan on Tue, 28 Jun 2005 20:08:25 GMT
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I was strolling through a Walmart and notices that some of the furniture they were selling are solid wood. I have no idea what kind of wood they're using but it can't be American hardwood because the material alone would cost more than twice the piece itself. All the pieces are stained so dark that you can't see any of the grain. But it's definately not pine either.So what are these pieces made of?

Subject: Re: What kind of wood are they using at Walmart?
Posted by elektratig on Wed, 29 Jun 2005 19:25:07 GMT
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Garman,I don't know, but if it's really hardwood I'll guess it's poplar. AFAIK, poplar is the cheapest standard hardwood. There's nothing wrong with it except that it's not a great looking wood. It really has to be painted or heavily stained. On its own, it often tends to have a slightly greenish tinge to it. Poplar was the wood my instructor suggested we get when we were experimenting in my "Woodworking 101" class.

Subject: Re: What kind of wood are they using at Walmart?
Posted by BillEpstein on Wed, 29 Jun 2005 20:17:30 GMT
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Most of the furniture at the Big Boxes is from S.E. Asia and reflects their native woods. That's good because the Luan and other "cheap" species from there is quite dense and durable.Google walmart wood species and find this and more:
wal mart wood

Subject: Re: What kind of wood are they using at Walmart?
Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 29 Jun 2005 21:45:11 GMT
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Cool link Bill, thanks!

Subject: Dense and durable
Posted by wunhuanglo on Thu, 30 Jun 2005 03:27:51 GMT
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Speaking of which, have you ever run into epe or maybe ipe?Something else - hard, tough like bubinga. Essentially weather proof. Very pretty mahogany looking. Comes in dimensional lumber - saw a dock built out of it at some millionaire's house - they put it out in the ocean raw, no finish.

Subject: EePay (wuz Dense and durable)
Posted by Poindexter on Sun, 03 Jul 2005 02:00:10 GMT
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I've used it extensively. Dense and durable it is. It will also eat your blades alive and tox you into your effing grave.They sell it premilled as deck wood; no milling, only end cutting and making bisquit pockets for the specialized (plastic; separating spacers at the ends and screw hole in the middle) bisquits. My contractor decided he wanted stuff milled out of this stuff. I start a dark mustard/ochre/brown piece through the saw, and this roostertail of bright chartreuse dust comes up from the cut. I'm wearing the mask and goggles, and within ten seconds my nose and eyes are burning, itching . . . any of you turkey necks ever sneeze three times inside the mask? Euw!Hard, dense, variable in color and character, abrasive to blades, okay but generally bland in appearance, toxic, unstable, difficult to glue, de Poinz hate it.Amen,E.

Subject: Re: What kind of wood are they using at Walmart?
Posted by GarMan on Mon, 04 Jul 2005 12:36:54 GMT
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There's a place in town that sells poplar as whitewood and puts a 15% premium on it. And people buy it!