
Subject: any stocks of Live Oak up north?
Posted by [PakProtector](#) on Sun, 28 Oct 2007 00:39:10 GMT
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hey-Hey!!!,I want some Southern Live Oak for an amp project. I can't quite run to the Gulf Coast with a saw and truck, so I ask here. Teak I can find, along with many other exotics from all over the globe. No Live Oak...cheers,Douglas

Subject: Re: any stocks of Live Oak up north?
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sun, 28 Oct 2007 14:11:35 GMT
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A couple years back, when we were building prototypes of my wood tweeter horn, we needed a relatively inexpensive wood that we could cut down to size on the CNC table. We needed fairly large chunks, so I suggested oak. Last time I checked, that was the budget wood. The guys at my cabinet shop laughed and said, "it's been a while since you priced oak, hasn't it?" We use a ton of different types of wood around here, so I thought myself pretty familiar with it. But I hadn't really paid attention to oak. It isn't the same as it used to be, oak is a little less common now days, and while it isn't as expensive as some exotics, it isn't cheap anymore either.

Subject: Re: any stocks of Live Oak up north?
Posted by [PakProtector](#) on Sun, 28 Oct 2007 15:08:10 GMT
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this isn't just any Oak. It is Quercus Virginiana. It's protected from commercial logging. However, if some white boys hang nooses from one, it can be cut down without raising much issue. It is 50% more dense than White oak for one. It is battleship sturctural stuff, as used in the Constitution, which accounts for the Navy hunting it after storms.cheers,Douglas

Subject: What about Brazilian epay?
Posted by [colinhester](#) on Sun, 28 Oct 2007 17:23:23 GMT
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Doesn't get much more dense than this stuff, and it's waterproof...C

Subject: Re: What about Brazilian epay?
Posted by [PakProtector](#) on Sun, 28 Oct 2007 18:55:15 GMT
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nope, it's old Battleship structural stuff I want. Nothing else will do unfortunately.cheers,Douglas

Subject: I hate Ipe.
Posted by [Shane](#) on Sun, 28 Oct 2007 19:13:17 GMT
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That stuff will kill any cutting tool instantly, I swear. It's definitely dense though. Sinks right to the bottom of a pool for sure.Pak, you might be able to find some Live Oak on some of the carving sites. It's pretty hard for carving, but you can find some strange stuff on some of those sites.

Subject: Re: any stocks of Live Oak up north?
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sun, 28 Oct 2007 19:29:40 GMT
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I see. Interesting. Must be expensive stuff. What does it cost per board foot?

Subject: heh-heh-heh!!!
Posted by [PakProtector](#) on Sun, 28 Oct 2007 20:39:44 GMT
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have to find it for sale in order to answer that question. Basic answer is it costs as much as it costs.cheers,Douglas

Subject: Re: I hate Ipe.
Posted by [PakProtector](#) on Sun, 28 Oct 2007 20:42:32 GMT
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Thanks Shane, more places to look. I wish I were in Jena when they cut down that tree in front of the school. The photos were characteristic Live Oak...and they just cut it down and ground the

stump. Serves 'em right for being so poorly behaved.cheers,Douglas

Subject: What are you talking about?

Posted by [colinhester](#) on Sun, 28 Oct 2007 21:16:56 GMT

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"Serves 'em right for being so poorly behaved."

Subject: ranting and raving

Posted by [PakProtector](#) on Sun, 28 Oct 2007 22:21:53 GMT

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They cut down the tree, because of its connection to their poor behaviour. It wasn't all that young a tree, and now it's gone. It was OT, and I should probably have thought about it more carefully before pressing the 'POST' button. Should probably be taken out.Douglas

Subject: Re: I hate lpe.

Posted by [Skip Pack](#) on Mon, 29 Oct 2007 12:59:38 GMT

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Funny you should mention lpe. I finished the switchbox I had mentioned in the group build forum a while back -- just cleaningup the exterior before doing the writeup (over-dignified termfor such a simple device) to post. It's in an AL box and very light, so I have been fixing up a little plank of ipeto give it some heft. Chamfered the edges very well with a router. Skip

Subject: Re: heh-heh-heh!!!

Posted by [Bill Epstein](#) on Wed, 31 Oct 2007 12:45:35 GMT

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Have you thought about sneaking aboard the Constitution some night with a prybar dressed in Indian clothes?It is in Boston Harbor, after all.

Subject: Re: heh-heh-heh!!!

Posted by [PakProtector](#) on Thu, 01 Nov 2007 18:27:03 GMT

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hey-Hey!!!,First of all, it is still crewed. I have no desire to meet any of its officers under such circumstances. Second, the Live Oak was not in its planking but in the revolutionary main gun deck supports that tied the massive cannon to the hull. The result was a ship that was faster and had heavier cannon. Those supports were removed during the 1920's restoration and nearly destroyed her. The replacements are white oak composites. cheers,Douglas

Subject: Nothing else will do unfortunately.

Posted by [Poindexter](#) on Sat, 22 Dec 2007 23:40:17 GMT

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Howcum? Matching something?Poinz

Subject: Re: any stocks of Live Oak up north?

Posted by [McKinneyMike](#) on Sat, 01 Aug 2009 22:28:31 GMT

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Live Oak is indeed a White Oak, but it is not harder than the true northern White Oak. I have sold hardwood lumber for over 10 years and never heard a claim like this and I live in Texas. It is not a commercially logged tree, more than anything due to its growth habits, more than its being protected. It is not an Oak that is desirable vs the northern White Oak. I have seen it from small sawyers, but it is a gnarly wood that is not as stable as its northern cousins
