

Ebony

Take pride in decorating your houses with furniture made from ebony wood.

General Information

In our lives, we are constantly surrounded by wooden furniture and wooden items of our interior and exterior decoration. We use different kinds of wood for various purposes since wooden items are a great feature of our lives. It is the best way to keep our house and neighborhood clean and sophisticated.

We all like to adorn our homes with wooden furniture, which is one great way to decorate our homes, and at the same time it is the most stylish decorum for our house interiors. Wooden furniture is famous all over the world for their classy, elegant looks as they are really one of the best kinds of furniture. Wooden furniture is quite expensive and cannot be procured very easily. The cost of such furniture certainly depends on the quality and the type of wood material used. One such classic kind of wood is the ebony



An example of grain from Macassar Ebony

wood, which is popular all over the world for its high quality.

The general name for the class of dense black wood is known as Ebony wood. It is procured from a special species with genus named as Diospyros. However, there are other black or dark colored woods, which have also been categorized in the class of Ebony wood.

Some of the renowned species of Ebony wood include the Diospyros ebenum, which is also referred to as the Ceylon Ebony, and Diospyros dendro, which is usually found in Western Africa.

The color of this wood is what segregates it from the rest of the other wood types. This intensely black colored wood has a very high density and is known to sink in water. The fine texture of this wood is amazing and spectacular and this wood has the capability of being polished very finely and smoothly and thus it has become a very valuable ornamental wood in today's times.

There are other species in the genus Diospyros which are referred to as the striped ebony. They have very similar properties to the black wood. Many of the species of genus Diospyros do not produce ebony but they are definitely known to at least yield timber.

More General Information

Ebony wood has been used in a variety of ways from historical times and it has been widely used in carved pieces, which have been found in the Ancient Egyptian tombs. The word ebony is actually an Ancient Greek word and has been developed from Latin and Middle English.

It is believed that by the end of the 16th century, you will find that there were fine cabinets which have been prepared from ebony and has been observed in Antwerp. In the course of time, the trend floated to France and eventually such lavish cabinets also began to be prepared in Paris and the finesse of ebony wood travelled all around the world

Modern uses are largely restricted to small items, particularly in [musical instrument](#) making, including [piano](#) and [harpsichord](#) keys, [violin](#), [viola](#), [guitar](#), [double bass](#), and [cello](#) fingerboards, [tailpieces](#), [pegs](#), [chinrests](#), and [bow frogs](#). Traditionally, black piano and harpsichord keys were ebony, and the black pieces in [chess sets](#) were made from ebony, with rare [boxwood](#) or [ivory](#) being used for the white pieces. Modern east Midlands-style lace-making [bobbins](#), also being small, are often made of ebony and look particularly decorative when bound with brass or silver wire.

Due to its strength, many handgun grips, and rifle fore-end tips, are made of ebony as well. Many plectrums, or guitar picks, are made from this black wood. The style and glamour of ebony wood is what makes it a world renowned wood of interior decoration purposes. People take pride in decorating their houses with furniture's made from ebony wood.

In the modern east, one can certainly find the Midlands-style lac-making bobbins which are made of this special wood and they look very chic and decorative when they are attached to brass or silver wire.

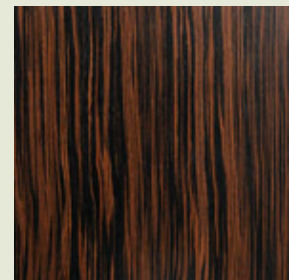
The strength of ebony wood is quite enormous and it is one of the main reasons for the exclusive use of the wood in various aspects of our life. It is only because of the strength factor of this wood that many handgun grips have been exclusively prepared from ebony wood. This black wood is also exclusively used for the preparation of various plectrums and guitar picks.

In the southern part of India, there are several ebony tree forests which have rapidly been cut down to accommodate the urban populations. Ebony wood is also used as firewood and the importance of this wood is that it can even burn in moist conditions.

It is mainly because of urbanization that a vast number of species of the ebony wood have become extinct and there are certain species in the category which has been marked in the threatened species as well. In Africa, most of its rich ebony wood forests have been cut down and the illegal means of tree cutting has thus resulted in the extinction of the several species of ebony wood.

Some Examples

Macassar ebony originally referred to the celebica species although it is commonly used now to refer to any ebony that is striped in appearance. Celebica has wide, brown to gray-brown streaks accented with typical jet-black color of the ebony genus. Spiderwebbing is common. In recent years, macassar has become increasingly more easy to find than black ebony, especially in quarter sawn and wide boards. It also takes a brilliant polish



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Black ebony at one time was assumed to be the same as Gaboon ebony (*diospyrus crassiflora*). The availability of true Gaboon has gotten very spotty and as such it has become perfectly acceptable to use any diospyrus where black ebony is needed. This includes indian and ceylon species. In truth, the ebonyes all have desirable qualities and can generally be used interchangeably without issues. This is considered the wood of choice for upright fingerboards and, by extension, is often considered the wood of choice for fretless electric basses. It is dense, hard, and resists wear well. Almost all black ebonyes are exceedingly difficult to find in wide or long boards.



Black Ebony

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Ebony is a general name for very dense black wood. In the strictest sense it is yielded by several species in the genus [Diospyros](#),

but other heavy, black (or dark colored) woods (from completely unrelated trees) are sometimes also called ebony. Some well-known species of ebony include [Diospyros ebenum](#) (Ceylon ebony), native to southern [India](#) and [Sri Lanka](#); [Diospyros crassiflora](#) (Gaboon ebony), native to western [Africa](#); and [Diospyros celebica](#) (Macassar ebony), native to Indonesia and prized for its luxuriant, multi-colored wood grain. The Mauritius ebony, [Diospyros tessellaria](#), was largely exploited by the Dutch in the 17th century.

As Ebony is one of the most intensely black woods known, its very high density (it is one of the few woods that sink in water), fine texture, and very smooth finish when polished, have made it very valuable as an ornamental wood.

Some species in the genus *Diospyros* yield so-called striped ebony, with similar physical properties, which is not evenly black, but striped. Most species in the genus do not yield ebony at all, even in those cases where they do yield timber (as in the case of [American persimmon](#), [Diospyros virginiana](#)).

Ebony has a long history of use, with carved pieces having been found in [Ancient Egyptian](#) tombs. The word "ebony" derives from

the [Ancient Egyptian](#) *hbnw*, via the [Ancient Greek](#) ἔβενος (*ébenos*), by way of [Latin](#) and [Middle English](#).

By the end of the 16th century, fine cabinets for the luxury trade were made of ebony in [Antwerp](#). The wood's dense hardness lent itself to refined moldings framing finely detailed pictorial panels with carving in very low relief ([bas-relief](#)), usually of allegorical subjects; or scenes taken from classical or Christian history. Within a short time, such cabinets were also being made in [Paris](#), where their makers became known as [ébénistes](#), which remains the French term for a [cabinetmaker](#).

Delivery Specifications

Sawn wood in Rough surface

AD

S4S / No grade

With slabs as:

WTL

L : 2,500 mm

W : 8"

T : 6"

Strips : \$ 3,500 USA / M3

Full black : \$ 4,500 USA / M3

FOB : POM PNG

CNT : 20 M3 per CNT

Weight: 22 TON

CNT : 33 Cubic

ORIGIN: PNG

Payment: terms and conditions applied

FOB EDL : June 30 2011-

July 16

Sourcing M3 at EDL: 100

Cubic or 5 CNT

Next sourcing: ED August

2011 10 CNT / per month or

160 CNT /PA

Gallery



Ebony Chess Set



Kamagong (Ebony) Chair



Planks of Gaboon Ebony (front)