

CSI (Clear, Solid, Interior)

The requirements of an outstanding interior trim board vary from those of an exterior trim board. The need to prevent rot is not present, nor is the need to offer protection against termite attack. What is essential is a fine paint job applied to dependably stable substrate. If that substrate is sturdy enough to resist the wear and tear of vacuums, toys, hands and feet, the interior trim board has done its job.

Alpine's Interior Trim is intended to deliver the rugged substrate of radiata pine in combination with a smooth paint finish. The initial coat of an acrylic latex primer bonds with the wood and provides a silky smooth base to which to apply the acrylic latex top coat. Each coat is buffed prior to application to provide the smoothest possible surface for top coating in the field. Alpine has developed this line of solid (NOT finger jointed) boards in response to demand for the surety of performance expected from a solid piece of pine.

The goal of this product is to combine a high standard of visual quality with an affordable cost. It looks good, feels smooth and costs less.

Compare CSI with Poplar

Hardness: CSI 625lbf Poplar 540lbf

Density : CSI .42 Poplar .42

Shrinkage at 0% mc

Tangential : CSI 6.7 Poplar 8.2

Radial : CSI 3.4 Poplar 4.6

Working Properties: Poplar

“Yellow Poplar works well in planing, turning, gluing, and boring. It is average in mortising and nail and screw holding abilities. It is poor in shaping and sanding. It holds stain and paint well.”

Working Properties: CSI

CSI “machines easily.....is easy to nail and glue; takes paint and varnish well”.

CSI meets or exceeds all the working properties of yellow poplar. It will shrink and move less after installation than will poplar. It is more resistant to bangs and dents than poplar. It holds nails and paints as easily as poplar.

The combination of better length selection, greater durability thru increased hardness, less movement in service, and lower price makes CSI a product to be considered when trying to separate you from the competition.

All information is drawn from the Center for Wood Anatomy Research

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