



**AUSTRAL
PLYWOODS**

About Hoop Pine

A Native Australian Specie

Hoop Pine (*Araucaria Cunninghamii*) is a native Australian specie found in Queensland and New South Wales. The colour is generally whitish or light-coloured, the grain is straight and the texture is fine to very fine. The wood weighs about 560kg/m³ when dried (and about 600kg/m³ in plywood form).



A typical example of Hoop Pine grain

Plantation Grown

The Austral Plywoods resource is 100% plantation grown and managed by the Queensland Government's commercial plantation forest grower, Forestry Plantations Queensland (FPQ). The planting to harvesting cycle of Hoop Pine is presently about 50 years. The plantation programme has been in the second rotation stage since the mid 1980's. Tree stems are pruned to a certain height during the first decade of growth in order to maximise the amount of high quality clear wood in the butt logs.



Hoop Pine plywood provides an attractive finish

Forestry Plantations Queensland

FPQ is independently certified to the Australian Forestry Standard (AFS). AFS certification recognises FPQ as a leading environmental agency as well as a premier forest management organisation. It also gives Queensland's timber industry access to a "chain of custody" process for green labelling its products as coming from sustainably managed forest resources when sourced from FPQ.