


How far do you have  
to go to find the wood  
you need?

**Not as far as you  
might think**



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Looking for timber that's fit-for-purpose and competitively priced? Then look no further than UK wood.

For lots of jobs our timber really does fit the bill, and can save you more than a few pounds into the bargain.

UK wood may just surprise you!

Little Lindsfarne. Architect: Brian Robertson. Photo: Nigel Rigden





## IS UK WOOD STRONG ENOUGH FOR CONSTRUCTION?

The answer is a resounding yes! Some 40 % of the timber produced by the mainstream UK sawmills goes to the construction industry – everyone from odd job builders to the biggest corporations. Timber used in construction is strength graded. UK timber for softwood carcassing is commonly graded as C16 which for the majority of house construction purposes is perfectly adequate.

## IS UK WOOD OF A GOOD ENOUGH QUALITY?

UK timber used for carcassing – timber framing for example - is visually graded to BS4978 and machine graded to BS EN519 as well as being strength graded. It is usually kiln dried and pressure treated where required giving you a product that is absolutely fit for purpose. Our panelboard products are second-to-none, including OSB, MDF used in the worktops and cupboard doors you'll see in many British homes.

## WHAT CAN I USE UK WOOD FOR?

The UK produces a wide range of sawn and panelboard material, for all parts of the house or office, indoors and out including structural timber, sheeting, fencing, decking and landscaping.





A photograph of a sawmill interior. In the foreground, there are stacks of light-colored timber planks. Behind them, several chainsaws are leaning against a structure. The background shows the industrial structure of the sawmill, including metal beams and a large white wall.

## IS UK WOOD CHEAPER?

We wouldn't say cheap, as that sounds like an inferior product! UK wood is high-quality and fit-for-purpose ....and is usually competitively priced, even more so since the devaluation of the GBP following Brexit.

## IS UK TIMBER ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND?

Absolutely. The leading British sawmills and panel plants operate to the highest environmental standards and, in the timber processing industry nothing is wasted. What can't be sawn into

planks of timber will be used for boards and what can't go into boards is used for biomass. Every part of the log is used for something useful and nothing is thrown away. And, of course timber is the most sustainable mainstream building product there is.

## INVESTING IN OUR COMMON FUTURE





UK panelboard and sawmill businesses have invested hundreds of millions of pounds in recent years, and the UK now has some of the most modern and efficient wood manufacturing facilities in the world meaning you can get the product you want at a price you'll like when and wherever you need it. Alongside innovation and service, quality is at the heart of UK wood.

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