
TECHNICAL BULLETIN

Reverse Grain

Reverse grain is a natural characteristic found in any wood species but is relatively prevalent in Ipe. Reverse grain is not an issue when sharp tooling is used in milling, where sanding can typically remove any irregularities. Dull tooling or milling at too high of a speed can cause tear-out, which can be problematic if it is too deep to be removed by sanding, in which case it becomes a milling defect.



Tight or Smooth Reverse Grain



Torn Reverse Grain