



Caribbean Heart Pine

Botanica || Name: Pinus caribaea



At least once per day, we get a call asking about replacing some very old heart pine, whether it be for a restoration or just a patch job. Most of the time those callers are trying to avoid paying the ridiculous prices being charged for Antique Reclaimed Heart Pine and that is where the Caribbean Heart Pine comes into the conversation.

Caribbean Heart Pine is a beautiful wood prized throughout the world for its distinctive grain, rich, lustrous patina, and durable hardness. Caribbean Heart Pine is uniform in color over a range from golden brown to red brown heartwood to lighter brown sapwood. Caribbean Heart Pine deepens in dark red color over time. From natural oils to clear poly, this floor can literally become whatever you can imagine, including the addition of age.

- Janka Hardness Rating: 1,240 lbs. By comparison Northern Red Oak's value is 1,290 lbs.
- Stability: Width movement expected in a 3" face from a one percent change in moisture content is between 0.008" and 0.009". By comparison Northern Red Oak's Value is 0.004" - 0.010".
- Manufacturing Specifications: Moisture content: 7% to 9%. Weight: 2.9 lbs./Sq. Ft.

Unfinished - 3/4" solid flooring (1/2" thickness available in 5" face only) tongue & groove, square edge - end matched. Nested bundles with an average length of over 7' in rustic and 6' in prime, with every bundle having a 12'.

Prime Grade: Our more refined quality is virtually clear of defects except Occasional small pin knots. Color is more consistent and harmonious, with a high degree of red heartwood and limited sapwood. 85% Heart Content visible on face.

Rustic Grade: Our rustic grade will be less uniform and contain a variety of grain pattern, knots, heartwood and sapwood. 85% Heart Content visible on face. About 90% of our finished heart pine floors are 5” and 7” rustic grade.

Prefinished Options: Southern Yellow Pine Direct, along with Bayou Rustic Designs and have developed an ala carte menu that takes your floor from the unfinished mill; to either a custom shop in Atlanta or our commercial finish partner in North Carolina depending on which method you choose. Both choices offer our Monocoat oil finishes and a complete list of options regarding color blends. The real difference between by hand versus machine is the face distressing, such as hand scraped, which is not possible on a machine.

If you are interested in our unfinished or our prefinished Caribbean Heart Pine contact Jason @ 888 286 2057 or sales@southernpinefloors.com