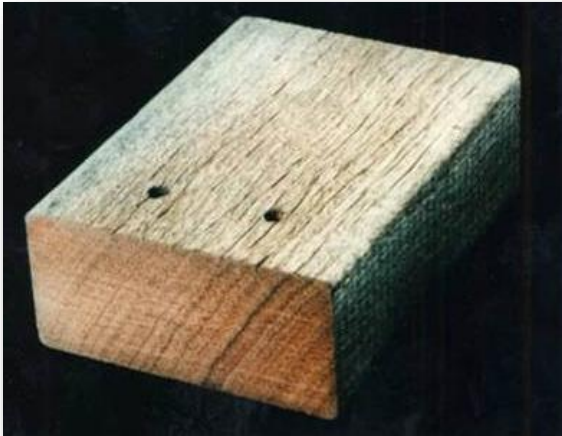


Technical Bulletin – Iron Woods vs Softwoods – Surface Checking

Surface checking is a normal characteristic of all wood decking though much more limited in hardwood decking verses softwood decking as evidenced by these pictures of 25 year old Iron Woods verses 5 year old treated pine.



Larger dimensional lumber sizes and timbers may show deeper checks during the acclimation process which typically reduce once the wood reaches equilibrium. Kiln Dried Decking having been pre-acclimated tends to be less subject to checking than Air Dried Decking.