



Ash

BOTANICAL NAMES

Fraxinus excelsior L.

It belongs to the Oleaceae family.

TRADE NAMES

Frassino, frassino maggiore Italy

Frêne France

Ash Great Britain

GROWTH AREA

This type is readily found in lowland and mid-mountain forests throughout Europe, North Africa and western Asia.

TECHNOLOGICAL FEATURES

Sapwood and heartwood appear very similar with a light or pale brown hue that darkens with ageing. A particular type is represented by the oiled ash: used for decorative purposes, it is characterized by irregular dark streaks of various widths. The wood has a fairly coarse texture and straight grain.

DRYING METHOD

The drying process, while requiring attention to avoid possible cracking, is simple and fast.

SPECIFIC WEIGHT

When dried in the open air it has an average specific weight of 710 Kg/m³.

MAIN USES AND WORKING

Due to the rising costs of the main exotic and of the more valuable European woods, plus the difficulty of finding them, ash is currently in great demand due to its excellent qualities and greater availability. Particularly flexible and resistant, this wood is easy to work with and is mainly used for the production of furniture, handles, and sports objects.

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and perfection is not a
detail."