





Aesthetic performance of commercial wood building materials for outdoors use in Sweden



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Examples of "new" cladding products









New products in service...









Examples of "new" decking products from brochures





In service...

















Field test (Decking-cladding rigs)

- Artificial weathering
 - Weatherometer (WoM: water and UV)
 - QUV (Only UV)

Wood material studied: Softwoods

- Pine and Spruce sapwood
- Siberian Larch

Modified wood

- Acetylated
- Furfurylated
- Thermally modified **Tropical wood**
- Bankirai
- Cumaru
- lpê





Decking-cladding rigs



- **Decking** = 4 horizontal samples (20x95x700 mm)
- **Cladding** = 4 vertical samples (20x95x700 mm)



Rig = preservative treated wood







- QUV acc. to EN 927-6. Exposure to UV light without condensation and water spraying: 140, 200 and 400h
- Weatherometer acc. to ISO 11341:2004, Method A . Continuous exposure to UV light, cyclic water spraying: 140, 200 and 400h





Using the **CIELAB** system with the co-ordinates L^* -, a^* - and b^*



Δb* positive changes = yellower color, negative changes = bluer color

Total color change ΔE^*

 $\Delta E^*_{\rm ab} = \sqrt{(\Delta L^*)^2 + (\Delta a^*)^2 + (\Delta b^*)^2}$

∆a*

ΔL*

positive changes = lighter color, negative changes = darker color

 L^*

positive changes = reder color, negative changes = greener color





















Softwoods: example.





QUV

Change in lightness (ΔL*)





Outdoors exposure





∆a*

positive changes = reder color, negative changes = greener color

WoM





Outdoors exposure







positive changes = yellower color, negative changes = bluer color





Outdoors exposure











Non exposed <u>400h QUV</u> 400h WoM 2 years DRY **2 years WET** Acetylated Furfurylated Therm. Mod.

Modified wood







Concluding remarks

- There should **not** be a difference between what the producer sell and what the costumer have to live with.
- It is important to determine material capability in a broader way in order for a successful introduction on the market with satisfied costumer
- We have just looked at color changes. Where are other important aspects
 Dimensional stability not always easy to predict from literature data
 Climatic factors- where the material are to be exposed
 Importance of treatments: impregnation/coatings

Thank you, for your attention!

Questions and Comments??