

EFFECT OF HEAT TREATMENT ON COLOUR, DENSITY AND DIMENSIONAL STABILITY OF SUBFOSSIL OAK WOOD

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ABSTRACT

The subject of this paper was analysis of the influence of heat treatment on colour change and dimensional stability of subfossil oak wood. The subfossil oak logs used in this experiment originated from the Morava River in Central Serbia. Heat treatment was conducted on oak samples in a laboratory vacuum chamber at temperature of 180°C for 4 hours. After the heat treatment, subfossil oak wood retained its natural colour, but its density and dimensional stability were changed. Density decreased from 0.637 g/cm³ to 0.620 g/cm³ and shrinkage was reduced by 25% in radial and 35% in tangential direction.

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