

How Wood Changes Color Over Time

COLOR SHIFT OVER TIME

Wood is a natural material that reacts to ambient light. Some woods gain richness in color once exposed to sunlight. Others may lighten over time. The most dramatic changes occur within the first six months following installation. The tendency to shift color over time is rated as Minimal or Moderate.

Images below show an example of moderate color shift over time.



New

After Time

WALNUT:

New walnut has a consistent dark brown color, but as it gets older it does two things. It gets lighter and a rich honey color starts to come through the grain.

Black walnut wood is dark, hard, dense and tight-grained. It's prized by woodworkers for its strength, grain and color. It polishes to a very smooth finish, and the color ranges from creamy white in the sapwood to a dark chocolate in the heartwood. Over the years, natural walnut wood develops a lustrous patina.

