

BARBER POLE

“Barber Pole” is a noticeable color variation between the individual flitches in book matched veneer. This variation may be objectionable to the end-user, even though the doors meet prevailing AWI and WDMA specifications. “Barber Pole” is not considered a manufacturing defect and therefore claims related to its appearance will not be honored.

The pictures below illustrate the typical appearance of “Barber Pole” in book matched door faces.



Plain Sliced Red Oak Book Matched



Plain Sliced White Maple Book Matched

This characteristic may occur in most species and in any cuts of book matched veneer. However, it is most prominent in Rift and Quarter Cut veneer. It is unpredictable in its frequency and severity of occurrence.

Specifying slip match rather than book match may minimize this condition. However, slip matching will slightly alter the grain appearance of the door face, as illustrated below.



Plain Sliced Red Oak Book Matched



Plain Sliced Red Oak Slip Matched

Slip match slightly increases the cost of a door and must be specified prior to order entry at the factory.