

12 Why is Western Red Cedar the best timber?

Western Red Cedar is the best timber for shutters because of its natural strength, durability and stability. Not too mention it's beauty. Simply, Western Red Cedar meets the requirements of Australian weather conditions. Western Red Cedar's cellular structure creates interior airspaces that give it an insulation value higher than most woods – and much higher than brick, concrete or aluminium www.realcedar.org

Forest & Wood Products Australia, recently conducted a survey which confirmed why Western Red Cedar is the preferred timber for many building products. To read about the findings you can find them at www.fwpa.com.au.

Western Red Cedar is well known for it's strength. It achieves this strength through the way it is milled. Every OpenShutter Western Red Cedar product is cut from solid timber.

"Isn't that how all shutters are made?"

"Well actually, no it isn't!"

Many timber products these days are made from what the industry refers to as 'manufactured' or 'engineered timbers'. Basically, cheap timber pieces of a variety of unstable timbers are glued together, to create one piece. Although providing cost savings for the manufacturer, the benefits are not proven for the end user. In some shutters, sold as Western Red Cedar, are in actual fact an 'engineered timber' core with a Western Red Cedar veneer surface, glued on. This may be strong and look good, but there is no guarantee that the glue and structure of these 'timbers' will not fail over time.

Nature created Western Red Cedar, naturally strong, durable with good looks. Your home deserves Western Red Cedar, just as nature intended.