

TOLKO VISTA EVERHEART RETHINKING DOUGLAS-FIR FOR EXTERIOR PERFORMANCE

A Durable, Natural Wood Solution for High-Use Applications

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Material selection is increasingly critical in high-use exterior applications. Tolko VISTA Everheart was developed to meet that need. It delivers the strength and wear resistance of Douglas-fir heartwood in a natural, non-treated product designed for demanding environments. The result is a practical solution for projects where durability, value, and a natural wood appearance all matter.

Built for High-Wear Applications
Everheart is manufactured entirely from Douglas-fir heartwood, with sapwood removed to improve overall consistency and performance. This heartwood-only composition provides:

- Natural resistance to rot and decay without chemical treatment

- More consistent density across boards
- Improved long-term durability in exterior environments

This also contributes to a tighter grain structure and a more resilient surface that remains comfortable underfoot, even in high-use outdoor spaces.

Compared to traditional softwood options, Everheart offers:

- Greater resistance to denting and surface wear
- Reliable performance in high-traffic environments
- A durable, natural alternative to treated lumber

Designed for high-use environments, Everheart performs reliably in decks, patios, and outdoor living spaces.

Ideal applications include:

- Decks and patios
- Docks and boardwalks
- Stairs and outdoor structures
- Cladding and exterior paneling

For builders, this means a product designed to perform consistently where exposure and use place higher demands on materials.

A Practical Choice for Natural, Low-Maintenance Wood

In many exterior applications, material selection comes down to balancing durability, maintenance, and appearance.

Everheart is particularly well suited for projects where:

- Increased wear and traffic require a more durable surface
- Ongoing staining or chemical treatment is not desired
- A natural wood aesthetic is preferred over composite materials

Everheart does not require treatment, supporting a more straightforward maintenance approach. It weathers naturally over time without the need for re-treatment, helping reduce long-term upkeep while maintaining performance.

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Decay Resistance: Good
 Moisture Resistance: Excellent
 Durability: Excellent
 Janka Hardness: 620 lb
 Common Use: Indoor/Outdoor
 Value Category: Value-driven
 Specialty: High-Wear Resilience

Where Everheart Fits

Different materials serve different roles across a build. Everheart fills an important space between traditional softwoods and alternative materials.

- Compared to **cedar**, Everheart is well suited for higher-use applications where durability and wear resistance become more important
- Compared to **treated lumber**, Everheart offers a natural wood solution without chemical treatment
- Compared to **composites**, Everheart delivers the authenticity and workability of real wood

This allows builders and developers to align material selection with both performance demands and client expectations.

Designed for Consistent Performance

Beyond durability, Everheart is engineered for predictable results in exterior environments.

- **Dimensional stability:** Dense grain helps limit moisture uptake
- **Consistency:** Heartwood-only composition reduces variability
- **Workability:** Machines cleanly and installs efficiently

This combination of density, tight grain, and uniform fibre structure results in a more stable and resilient material for above-ground applications.

Natural Aesthetic, Built to Last

Everheart offers warm pinkish-brown tones and a tight, straight grain at installation. Over time, it weathers naturally to a clean grey that aligns with many modern outdoor design preferences. This allows builders and designers to achieve a refined natural look while maintaining durability and long-term value.

Supporting Project Value

In addition to performance, Everheart supports overall project value. Its accessible price point gives builders and homeowners greater flexibility in how they allocate budget across the project.

This flexibility can help support:

- Larger deck footprints
- Additional outdoor features
- More complete backyard living environments

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Everheart delivers enhanced durability and strength in high-use exterior applications, offering a natural, cost-effective wood solution.

By reducing material cost pressure while maintaining performance, Everheart helps enable more comprehensive outdoor builds.

A Smarter Specification for High-Use Environments

“Everheart gives our customers a compelling option when increased wear calls for a tougher surface, but they still want a natural, untreated wood product,” says Jeff Law, Product Specialist at Tolko. “It fills a real gap in the market as an affordable, high-performance solution that’s easy to understand and easy to specify.”

Reliable Supply and Availability

Backed by Tolko’s manufacturing footprint and [T-LINK Product Distribution Network](#), Everheart is positioned for consistent quality and dependable supply.

Everheart offers a practical, high-value solution.

To learn more, view product specifications or discuss availability, contact your Tolko representative. www.tolko.com

