

MICROSCOPIC AND MACROSCOPIC CHARACTERISTICS OF BRANCH WOOD COMPARED TO WOOD FROM STEM

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Abstract: *Secondary resource, branch wood, could be used in new eco-products as an alternative to stem wood providing its characteristics are understood. This paper presents a review of the literature with regard to the main microscopic, and macroscopic characteristics of branch wood compared to stem wood as a data base to further analyse strength behaviour of branch products.*

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