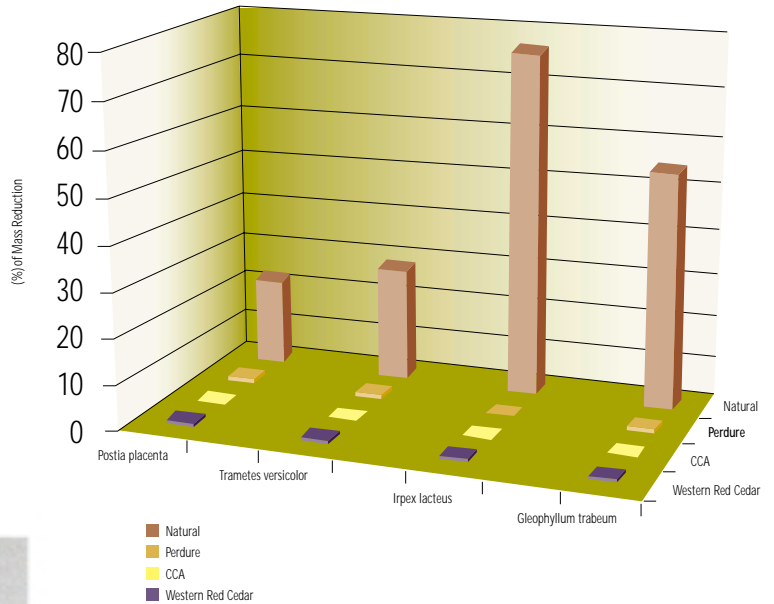




DETERMINATION OF RESISTANCE TO FUNGUS DEGRADATION

The results demonstrate that wood undergoes a significant reduction of its mass when exposed to fungi. For example, the mass loss of untreated Trembling Aspen is 20 to 75 superior (depending on the type of mushroom) to the mass loss of Perdure treated Trembling Aspen. In fact, Trembling Aspen that has received the Perdure treatment has demonstrated mass losses varying between 1% and 1.15%, which is comparable to samples treated with CCA and to Western Red Cedar.

The Mass Reduction of Trembling Aspen in Function of the type of Mushroom and the Type of Treatment



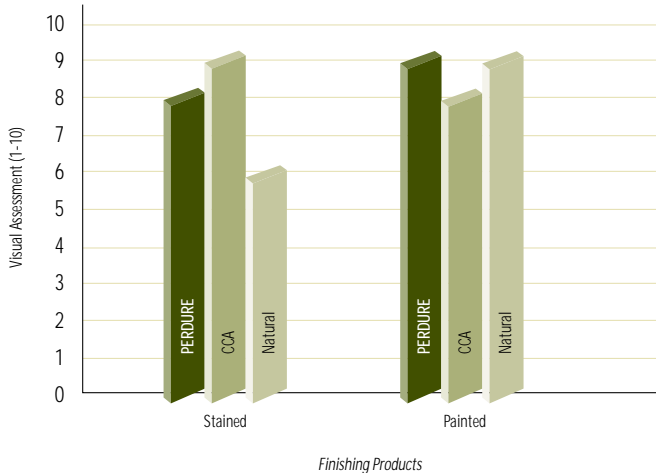
Trembling Aspen Exposed to Decay Fungi



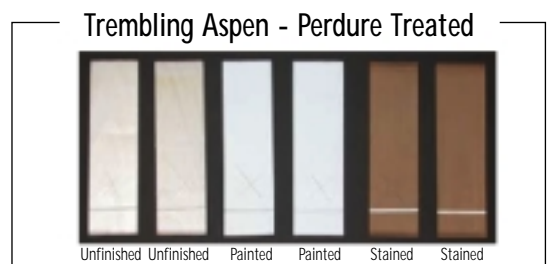
DETERMINATION OF RESISTANCE TO AGEING

The erosion of the stain used on Perdure Trembling Aspen was inferior to the stain used on natural wood.

Visual Assessment Following an Accelerated Ageing Process



Trembling Aspen after 1,500 hours of ageing.



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