



## Pressure Treated Wood

Southern Yellow Pine (SYP) is the predominate species of wood used in the pressure treated market. Typically, pressure treated wood has a green look to it after treatment, some darker, some lighter. As the wood is exposed to weather, including sunshine, rain, snow, ice, wind or anything else Mother Nature has in store, it naturally changes in appearance. Sometimes, this change can occur before it is treated. This is a natural phenomenon, and isn't considered a defect. There is no set timeframe for this to happen, therefore, this change may happen quickly, or it may take a longer time. The SYP wood can change to a golden brown or a grey. Some people believe this change-over indicates the wood is not new, or that it must be a year or longer old, when in fact, it could be just as new as the next piece that didn't show the same effects of the natural weathering. Just because one piece is browner or greyer than the other, don't think that it is inferior in any way. In time, it will all look the same.

Wood posts have another natural process - checking.

The Southern Pine Inspection Bureau (SPIB) defined "Checks" as:

(found in Standard Grading Rules 2014, #704, page 128)

"A separation of the wood normally occurring across or through the rings of annual growth and usually as a result of seasoning."

This is very typical in most wood species. In the fencing industry, we see this in cedar or pressure treated posts, along with other species used. This is natural and expected.