



### **Bamboo Faces – Beautiful, Durable, and Renewable**

Bamboo (*Phyllostachys Pubescens*) is offered by Mohawk to provide customers with the ultimate in “Green” Rapidly Renewable products. Bamboo is harvested at maturity between 5½ to 6 years to achieve the highest level of hardness. It is grown in managed agricultural plots by independent farmers in the Zhejiang Province of China. The result is a product that is 25% harder than oak and 12% harder than maple.

Bamboo contributes to “Green” certification under the LEED® Rating System for MR Credit 6: Rapidly Renewable Materials. The intent is to reduce the dependency on domestic and exotic timber resources by manufacturing a competitively priced, Bamboo grass veneer, which has a very short growth period as compared to hardwood alternatives.

#### **Bamboo Two Grains/Cuts and Two Color Grades**

**Grains/Cuts:**

**Colors:**



*Vertical (Narrow)*

*Flat (Wide)*

*Natural  
(not boiled/steamed)*

*Caramelized  
(boiled/steamed)*

Bamboo is a grass, *not* a wood. It does not have the same attributes as wood veneer. There are no grading rules, selection options, and no veneer matching options. Traditional HPVA, WDMA, and AWI veneer rules do not apply (today) - no book vs. slip, no balance vs. running, and no pair or set match. The nature of grass is that the fibers are bundled in processing; as a result some minor “grain” anomalies can be seen in a random fashion. While visually seen in both cuts, it will be more prominent in flat (wide) cuts (seen above). Bamboo faces can be factory finished and Bamboo veneered vertical edges are available upon request. Please consult a Mohawk representative for more details and lead-times.