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## Determination Of Form (Shape) Stability Performance On Curved Laminated Wood (Lvl) Elements

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### Abstract

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The following determines performance stability of curved laminated wood elements made with a vacuum membrane press. For this purpose, 13 layers of 1.5 mm thick beech (*Fagus orientalis* Lipsky), sessile oak (*Quercus petraea* Liebl) and pine (*Pinus sylvestris*) veneer layers were glued with D4 adhesive using a vacuum membrane press and curved laminated wood samples were prepared. Diagonal compression test was applied on the prepared samples. The highest diagonal compression strength difference found between beech laminate and oak laminate was statistically insignificant. Most low strength samples consisted of laminated pine.

## Kavisli Ahşap Lamine Elemanlarda Biçim (Form) Kararlılığı Performansının Belirlenmesi

### Özet

#### Anahtar Kelimeler

Vakumlu Membran  
Pres, Lamine Ahşap

Bu çalışmada, vakumlu membran preste üretilmiş kavisli ahşap lamine elemanların biçim (form) kararlılığı performanslarının belirlenmesi amaçlanmıştır. Bu amaca uygun olarak 1,5 mm kalınlığında Doğu kayını (*Fagus orientalis* Lipsky), sapsız meşe (*Quercus petraea* Lieble) ve sarıçam (*Pinus sylvestris*) papel kaplamalar, PVAc dispersiyonu D4 tutkallı ile vakumlu membran preste yapıştırılarak 13 katmandan oluşan kavisli lamine ahşap örnekler hazırlanmıştır. Hazırlanan numunelere diyagonal basma direnci deneyi uygulanmıştır. Sonuç olarak, diyagonal basınç direnci en yüksek kayın laminasyonda çıkarken meşe laminasyon ile arasındaki fark istatistiksel olarak önemsiz çıkmıştır. En düşük direnç değerini sarıçam laminasyon örnekler vermiştir.

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### 1. Introduction

Compared to other composite materials (wood-based boards), laminated wood is preferred as it demonstrates strong similarity to wood and has forming-flexibility. Laminated materials are widely used as columns, beams, arches, molding, and various building elements, such as brackets and in furniture manufacturing. In particular, the use of laminated material in curved furniture elements are more technical, aesthetic and economical and offer several advantages in terms of ease in production.

It is stated that laminated wood is formed from wooden panels handled by cutting, peeling and

trimming techniques, then the layers are glued hot or cold pressing flat in a mould. The wood fiber are parallel to each other and to the axis of the length between the elements, (TS EN 387, 2003).

With laminated wood, wood waste can be avoided, with homogeneous layer regulation and pres could be obtain desired building or furniture elements. Laminated wood allow with the help of large column-free spans and can be safely crossed, (Colling, 1995).

Laminated Veneer Lumber (LVL) has superior value, technological properties, and aesthetic qualities and it is more economic than solid woods. It can be used

in the manufacture of such as furniture, cupboard, desk, chair, table and so on (Eckelman 1993).

According to the deformation analysis results of curved laminated wood structural members by loading and unloading when the installation of wood type and time periods of deformation were not effective. 11 mm of elastic deformation and 4 mm of plastic deformation in the examples have been identified within the specified period of deformation (fatigue) were not increase (Altınok et al. 2008).

To determine the bonding performance in laminated wooden elements produced with a vacuum membrane press, with 1,5 mm thickness beech, oak and pine paper veneers pressed in 13 layers by using PVAc D4 adhesive were prepared. Parallel and vertical adhesion strength tests were applied to the samples. The highest parallel adhesion strength was obtained in oak, the lowest in pine and the highest vertical adhesion was obtained in beech, the lowest in pine samples (Altınok, 2009).

Parallel to the fibers and the counter directional 3 layers, static bending resistance of laminated samples that were prepared from 5 wood types was investigated in this study. As a result of this study it was stated that the modulus of elasticity, tear resistance is proportional to the voltage limitation and perpendicular to fibers, increases counter-lamination and decreases the density of the material which determined to continue this increasing (Park et al. 2003).

Glued with Klebit 303, 305.0 and Super Lackleim 308 KLEIBERIT the beech, oak and pine wood with the highest order of resistance of fibers parallel to the bonding adhesive used Klebit 303 beech and oak, and lowest in use of super glue Lackleim 308 303 Klebit used glue were mentioned (Örs et al.1999).

PVAc-D3 strengthened with the addition of 5% hardener two component PVAc-D4 and polyurethane adhesive with glued acacia, pear, chestnut, sessile oak, fibers parallel to the bonding strength and Taurus cedar wooden prepared

samples, the highest-D4 PVAc glue with the acacia (14.418 N / A mm<sup>2</sup>), the lowest in the PVAc-D3 with glue Taurus cedar (6.249 N/mm<sup>2</sup>) has been reported (Söğütü and Döngel, 2007).

To determine the effects of open-air conditions on the performance of laminated elements, fir wood and glue with phenol-resorsin solid-solid, veneer-solid laminating and veneer-veneer combinations of elements were prepared according to the principle. As a result of the experiments, the shear and tensile resistance in the direction perpendicular to glue line is the most high-solid-solid samples, water samples kept in the most solid-solid samples in resistance takes place, solid-solid samples of shear resistance showed more than 44% compared to according veneer-veneer samples was determined (Leufenberg, 1982).

Study investigating to the effect of the mechanical properties of Alder lamination process, the layer thickness of 2 mm thick layer of laminated specimens are more resistant than the layer thickness of 4 mm laminated samples, fibers parallel to the pressure, shear parallel to the fibers, fibers perpendicular to the bending modulus of elasticity resistance are higher on the samples with PVAc glue, fibers perpendicular to tensile splitting strength and screw holding ability of polyurethane glue in the samples were found to be higher (Kılıç and Gürey, 1996).

This study of laminated wood type examined the number of layers of glue and the effects of cultivar strength to bending. As a result of the study, the 7-layer samples, respectively, the highest bending strength of beech, pine and oak laminated materials have shown the highest bending strength (Altınok and Döngel, 1999).

The technological properties of wood material with 4 layers laminated with PVAc-D4 adhesive from 5 mm thick Taurus sedge, yellow peach, Oriental beech and stemless oak veneers were superior to massive wood materials representing these tree species. (Keskin, 2001).

Oriental Beech and Black Poplar were prepared with a combination of 5-layer laminated specimens (glued with PVAc-D4 glue) air-dry density of 0.571 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, bending strength 98.66 N/mm<sup>2</sup>, flexural modulus of elasticity of 9020.24 N/mm<sup>2</sup>, compression strength 54,49 N/mm<sup>2</sup>, shear strength 9.11 N/mm<sup>2</sup> and the cleavage strength is determined as 0.540 N/mm<sup>2</sup> (Keskin and Togay, 2003).

Shaped laminated wood components with Radio Frequency (RF) presses are widely used in wooden laminated furniture elements. However, the use of RF presses, hazardous to human health and the environment as known (Genbilim, 2007). Double sided patterns are also needed for them and double-sided mold making is a very sensitive, very difficult and costly task. In case the mold and the conjugate are not compatible, the mold affects the quality of the product adversely. This study aimed to determine production capabilities and some mechanical performance by encouraging the usage of vacuum membrane presses which eliminates the above mentioned disadvantages.

## 2. Material and Method

### 2.1 Papel veneer

In laminated veneer which has 1.5 mm thickness and 8-10 % moisture content up to the amount of dried, beech (*Fagus orientalis* Lipsky), oak (*Quercus petraea* Liebl) and pine (*Pinus sylvestris*) were used. Papel veneers were obtained with a random type of purchase. In papel veneer was given special care by production of the excellent wooden materials with smooth fiber.

### 2.2 Glue

The samples were glued with 5% of hardening adhesive (Turbo Hardener 303.5) and reinforced with two-component polyvinyl acetate (PVAc-D4) glue. PVAc-D4 increased resistance to moisture, according to BS EN 204 glue that brought the quality of adhesion D4 (Söğütlü and Döngel 2007). The manufacturer gave the following technical characteristics of the glue as density ~ 1.12 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, viscosity (20 °C) 13 000 ± 2000 mPas, pH ~ 3, the

gelling time of 6-10 min., frost resistance -300 °C, the amount of 180-200 g/m<sup>2</sup>, mode of application by brush or roller riding machine, storage duration ~ 12 months, press time, 20 °C for 15 min., 50 °C for 5 min., and 80 °C for 2 min. (Kleiberit, 2006).

### 2.3 Preparation of Test Specimens

Papel veneers were allowed to reach equilibrium humidity at 20 ± 2 ° C temperature and 65 ± 5% relative humidity conditions in a ventilated and non-direct sunlight environment. According to TS EN 322, the average amount of moisture in the preliminary control was % 12 ± 0,5 in 20 randomly selected samples. In the preparation of the test specimens, the fiber directions from the papel veneers were formed 13 layers parallel to each other and glue was applied to the layer surfaces. In the gluing of layers; the glue solution was applied to one of the surfaces with a glue application roller so that it would be 180-200 g/m<sup>2</sup>, and is pressed in the membrane press. Pressing duration is 20 minutes, press temperature is set at 80 °C. The draft samples were stored until reaching the constant weight in the air conditioning cabinet with a temperature of 20 ± 2 °C and relative humidity of % 65 ± 5 according to BS EN 204 (2001) before the experiments.

Moreover curve lower limit of the production of curved laminated element was determined by preparing molds having curves in four different radius (40, 60, 80 and 100 mm). Test samples were prepared by cutting the standard sizes. 3 wood types, 3 widths and 5 radius of samples prepared with 10 units to 450 units (Fig. 1).

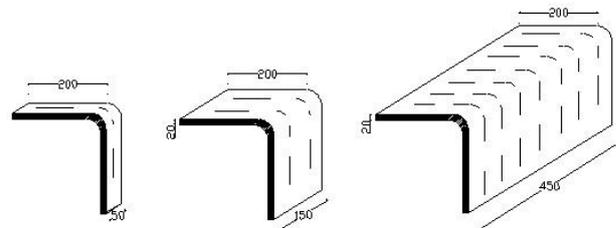


Fig. 1 Three test samples of different widths

### 2.4. Method

The diagonal compression test was applied to the test samples with of 5 tonnes 'of universal tester' and with static loading which enabled 2 mm/min.

speed at pressure column (Fig.2). The diagonal compressive strength (Mb) was calculated by the formula below (Fig.2). The test applied according to ASTM D4761 (2013).

$$M_b = F_{max b} \times L_b$$

Mb = Moment (Nm)

Fmaxb = Maximum force at the time of fracture (N)

Lb = Moment arm (m)

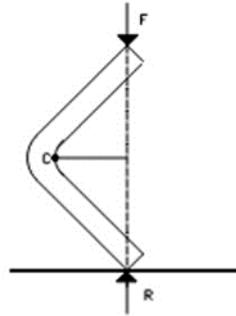


Fig. 2 Diagonal compression test

### 2.5 Evaluation of the data

Multi-variance analysis was performed to determine the effects of the wood type, curve

Table 1 Average values of diagonal compressive strengths

Radius (mm)	Width (mm)	Wood Type Diagonal Compressive Strengths (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )					
		Beech		Oak		Pine	
		DCS <sup>1</sup>	S	DCS <sup>1</sup>	S	DCS <sup>1</sup>	S
40	50	61,12	8,53	62,72	9,31	37,12	2,26
	150	63,36	9,65	59,15	2,44	32,75**	4,37
	450	67,25	6,51	64,29	3,96	39,84	6,79
60	50	63,21	6,31	61,54	5,95	43,99	3,14
	150	65,74	4,07	63,01	5,65	37,02	4,61
	450	71,35	4,78	68,97	5,94	46,42	5,18
80	50	58,53	12,93	67,69	7,03	49,21	3,63
	150	65,39	4,87	64,24	3,73	51,09	10,79
	450	74,39	3,94	69,47	10,46	50,92	3,47
100	50	65,76	2,20	64,86	1,07	53,78	3,87
	150	66,17	7,80	63,31	7,02	58,59	3,18
	450	76,38	3,12	78,50*	4,20	55,18	3,90

According to Table 1 the highest strength was with the beech lamination (78.5 N/mm<sup>2</sup>) and the lowest strength obtained with the pine lamination (32.75 N/mm<sup>2</sup>). With the increase in the radius and width of the beech lamination, the strength of element was seen to be thriving. Increasing the overall strength increases as the radius of the curved sessile oak lamination. However, the element would decrease the width of the transition to 150 mm. The Pine lamination strength change curve radius of sessile oak, with 40 and 60 also showed similarity.

radius and width difference of curved laminated elements. Mutual interactions of sources of variance  $\alpha=0.05$  according to the case of significant differences, which are important factors determined by Duncan's test.

### 3. Results

The average values of diagonal compressive strength are given against wood type, curve radius and width of the formed laminated elements in Table 1.

The beech samples did not change the form, in the form of pine and oak samples of opening (deformation) were found to occur. Some oak and beech samples seen in the outer layers of the fracture, pine samples were broken all the layers from outside to inside. The diagonal compression strength acting on the wood type, radius and width of the multiple variables analysis of variance results are given in Table 2.

Table 2. Diagonal compression strength acting on the wood type, radius and width of the multiple variables analysis of variance results

Source of Variance	Sum of Squares	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Squares	F Value	P ≤ 0,05
Wood type	9399,01	2	4699,51	126,89	0,00
Radius	1649,17	3	549,72	14,84	0,00
Width	895,23	2	447,61	12,08	0,00
Wood type x Radius	689,58	6	114,93	3,10	0,01
Wood type x Width	236,68	4	59,17	1,59	0,18
Radius x Width	81,33	6	13,55	0,36	0,90
Wood type x Radius x Width	404,71	12	33,72	0,91	0,54
Error	2666,52	72	37,03		
Total	398476,13	107			

In terms of the diagonal compression strength the effects of wood type, radius, width variables and the interaction between the binary wood type-radius are a significant difference the between groups ( $\alpha = 0.05$ ). The averages of the diagonal compressive

strength at the level of the wood type, radius, width variables and values of the LSR to 0.95 Duncan test comparison results are given in Table 3.

Table 3. The results of the comparative averages of diagonal compression strength at the level of wood type, width and radius

Wood type	Diagonal compression strength (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )		Width (mm)	Diagonal compression strength (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )		Radius (mm)	Diagonal compression strength (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )	
	Xav	HG		Xav	HG		Xav	HG
Beech	66,55	A	50	57,46	B	40	54,17	C
Oak	65,64	A	150	57,48	B	60	57,91	B
Pine	46,32	B	450	63,58	A	80	61,21	B
						100	64,72	A
LSR ± 0,91			LSR ± 0.02			LSR ± 3.32		

According to Table 3 at the level of wood type the highest level strength is in the beech (66.55 N/mm<sup>2</sup>) and sessile oak and the dual interaction between them are ineffective and scotch pines are recorded with the lowest strength (46.32 N/mm<sup>2</sup>). At 450 mm width at the level of strength to the highest (63.58 N / mm<sup>2</sup>) and the lowest at 50 mm (57.46 N/mm<sup>2</sup>) and 150 mm, with the minor was found. The high strength level of 100 mm in radius (64.72 N/mm<sup>2</sup>)

and the low strength of 40 mm (54.17 N/mm<sup>2</sup>) are found.

The wood type-radius of the test samples of the binary interactions of the effects of diagonal compression strength of the diagonal averages and Duncan test results of the comparison are given in Table 4.

Table 4. The wood type-radius of the binary interactions and the Duncan test results of the comparison

Radius (mm)	Wood Type Diagonal compression strength (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )					
	Beech		Oak		Pine	
	Xav	HG	Xav	HG	Xav	HG
40	63,91	AB	62,05	BC	36,57	E
60	66,76	AB	64,51	AB	42,48	E
80	66,11	AB	67,13	AB	50,41	D
100	69,44	A	68,89	AB	55,85	CD
LSR ± 0,37						

According to the binary interactions of wood type and radius the high strength in 100 mm radius was

beech and sessile oak, the difference between the minor was found. Scotch pine was the lowest with 40 and 60 mm radius. Effects of wood type at the

level of pressure and radius of the diagonal are given in Fig. 3 graphically.

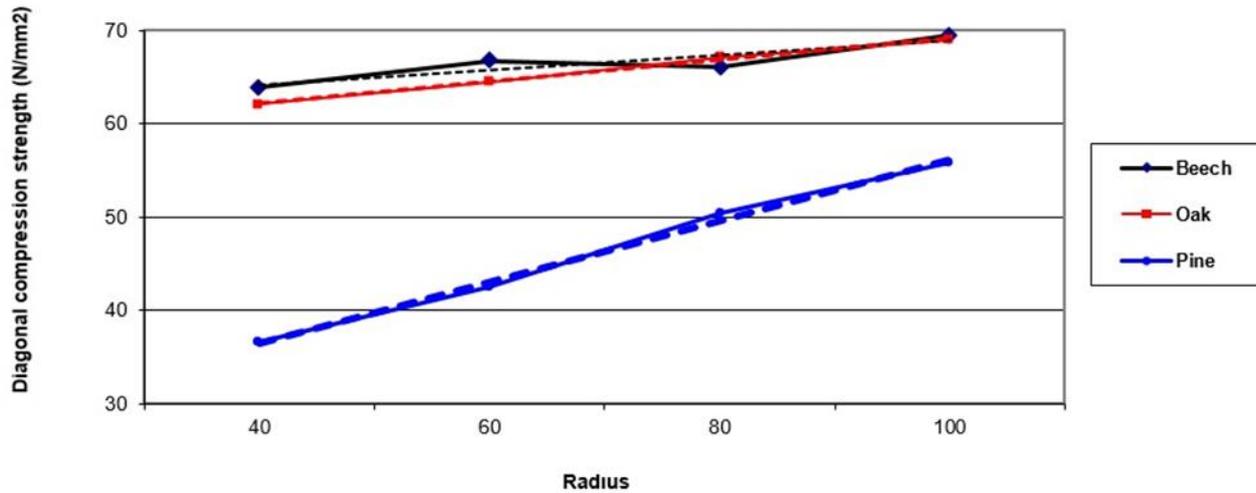


Fig. 3 At the level of the radius the effect of wood type to diagonal compression strength

Table 5. The relationship between the radius, width, wood type variables and diagonal compression strength and on the shaped laminated elements

Variables		Radius	Width	Wood type
Strength (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )	Radius	1,00	-0,08	0,35
	Width	-0,08	1,00	0,21
	Wood type	0,35	0,21	1,00

According to correlation analysis (Table 5); to the diagonal compression strength the highest linear relationships with rate of 0.354 between curve – wood type, the lowest linear relationship with rate of 0.082 between curves - widths were observed.

#### 4. Discussions and Conclusions

The diagonal compression strength, the effect of wood type and width, wood type-width binary interaction terms were significant statistically. At the level of wood type strength of beech samples were higher and between their strength and oak the difference of strength was negligible. The other two wood types Scots pine strength of the samples was approximately 50% lower.

Radius and width of the samples increases, the strength of beech experiment also was seen as increasing. As resistance increases, increasing the overall radius of oak samples width of 50 mm to 150 mm, but decreased strength to the transition. On the Scotch pine lamination the radius of 40 and 60

samples were similar the strength change with oak lamination.

Correlation analysis; between strength with wood type radius width the highest linear correlation with the ratio of 0.35 between radius-wood type, the lowest linear relationship ratio of 0.08 between the radius of - the width were obtained.

Convex and concave, with two different test pieces made of mold, but the concave curved inner parts of the membrane during vacuum pressure to provide the desired die pattern produced for the concave curved adhesion test samples were of poor quality.

For this reason, only by the convex curved molds produced draft samples were used in the study.

In parallel with the results obtained in this study, Uysal (2005) applied the dowel resistance test to lamine wood materials and obtained the best resistance values in the beech samples. In various researches, the best results in the production of laminated wood as well as in the production of all

kinds of timber production in PVAc applied applications, as known in the literature and in practical applications, have been obtained in beech. In addition, as a deterioration factor of adhesion quality, the surface smoothness of the oak may also be effective. Sönmez (2005) concluded that in the study the highest surface roughness after planing of surface roughness detection was found in oak specimens.

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