



Durability and Modification of Wood Surfaces

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Wood interacts with its environment through its surfaces, and various physical, biological, and chemical factors can cause significant changes or even degradation and decay of wood. To ensure long-term performance in applications, wood should be protected by appropriate coating systems or by surface modification treatments. Various physical, chemical, or combined (physical and chemical) wood surface modification methods can improve surface properties, such as increased adhesion property, improved wettability, enhanced water repellence, etc. Innovative modification treatments based on nanotechnology are promising for wood surfaces where the general trend requires as few visible changes as possible due to environmental and economic concerns as well as for aesthetic reasons. This Special Issue covers all methods of surface modification which can improve UV and weathering durability, decay resistance, mechanical durability, fire retardancy, and hydrophobicity of wood surface or improve its compatibility with adhesives and coatings. The aim of this Special Issue is to increase the knowledge of wood surface modification by collecting the latest research information.





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