



Basic Requirements for Samples to be Tested for Preservative Treatment

Ideally any sample should be taken at least 300 millimetres from the original end of the length of timber, be 100-150 millimetres long and include the whole cross section of the piece of wood. Smaller samples can be tested but the size and quality of the sample will influence the accuracy of the results.

Samples should be:

- Large enough to determine the species and whether heartwood is present. (Minimum 30-50g)
- Clean and relatively sound. Rotten wood and knots are not suitable for analyses.
- From several pieces of wood - multiple samples are preferable to a single sample.

Include the following details:

- Who is it from?
- Where is it from?
- What tests are required?
- What address do the results go to?
- A separate identification number for each sample.

Other information that will help with analysis:

- Details of brands on the ends or along the timber
- What was it? Was it a stud, a plate or something else?
- The approximate age and exposure conditions. Had it been enclosed in a building for two years or out in the weather for six months?

Send samples to: Veritec, c/o Scion, Private Bag 3020, Sala Street, Rotorua