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## SAP GUM

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<b>BOTANICAL NAMES</b>	Liquidambar styraciflua.
<b>ORIGINS FAMILY</b>	It belongs to the family of Hamamelidaceae.
<b>GROWTH AREA</b>	This wood is a common species of the Southeastern United States where it grows biggest and is most abundant in the lower Mississippi Valley.
<b>SPECIFIC WEIGHT</b>	550 kg/m <sup>3</sup> at 12% C.U.
<b>TECHNOLOGICAL FEATURES</b>	Wide sapwood is whitish to light pink or tan color while the heartwood is gray to reddish brown. Grain is interlocked, with a very fine, uniform texture. Good natural luster, this wood has sometimes been called “satin walnut.” The sapwood is susceptible to insect attack.
<b>DRYING METHOD</b>	It should be carefully and slowly dried to avoid splitting.
<b>MAIN USES AND WORKING</b>	Generally, this wood is easy to work. Glues, stains, and finishes well. Responds moderately well to steam bending. Sap Gum is used for: Veneer, plywood, general furniture, interior trim, boxes, turned objects and acoustic cabinets.