

Analysis of Peeling Results of Red Meranti Wood Types on a Spindleless Rotary Lathe Machine at PT Rimba Raya Lestari, Kutai Kartanegara, East Kalimantan

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ABSTRACT

Rotary lathe veneer peeling machines with large spindles are widely used in veneer and plywood factories in Indonesia. On average, half of the raw material logs become waste, and the rotary lathe contributes 25%. Meanwhile, on the other hand, the world's need for plywood products will never disappear and even continue to increase. This is because plywood is one of the most environmentally friendly building material products and comes from renewable natural resources. With the regrowth of the plywood industry as in its former heyday, the consequence is that the demand for log raw materials will also increase, and the potential for loss of logs as waste will also increase. In this regard, there must be fundamental changes in this industry, including the shift in production machines from large rotary spindles to spindle-less. The purpose is to analyze its contribution to increasing the yield or peeled veneer volume. Furthermore, to find out the volume of the by-products, log-core, and waste spur-knife. The difference in results between the two variables, independent factors, were fed in rotary lathe machines without spindle (spindleless) was also tested. This study used a 3x5 factorial experimental design with two factors or fixed variables: quality class and the diameter range of log raw materials. Based on the analysis of the results of the calculations, this study shows that, in general, spindleless rotary lathe machines provide a yield of more than 60% of the raw material logs that are peeled off into a veneer, in the form of a continuous/ endless veneer and a poly piece core/odd veneer, in all quality and diameter classes. The rest is waste in the form of round-up veneer and log-core up to 15% with an average diameter of 23 cm. If stripping were continued to a diameter of 7 cm, this would increase the finished yield more than 10%. The statistical analysis showed that only the different rotary lathe types had a nearly significant effect on the peeled veneer's outcome. The interaction of the three factors tested also substantially affected the peeled veneer's yield.

Keywords: *Spindleless rotary lathe, veneer, rendemen*

1. INTRODUCTION

The need for veneer and/or plywood in the world will never disappear and will even continue to grow. This is because plywood is one of the most environmentally friendly construction materials and comes from sustainable natural resources. Therefore, it is vital to encourage the plywood industry to make positive changes, such as replacing raw materials from natural forest wood to tree wood, notably sengon wood.

It also needs to shift from large-scale to small and medium-scale industries and substitute large rotary spindles with rotary spindleless spindles. This one is significant because it offers a more substantial and better veneer yield. This study aims to provide an overview of the yield produced by the rotary spindleless peeling machine, mainly the product in the form of continuous veneer and veneer core of the poly piece, both of which are called green veneers. Even in the

shape of a log-core, spurkine waste, and round-up veneer, to find out the number of by-products.

Wood that is widely used in Asia as raw material is mainly from the Dipterocarpaceae family [1]. Although this wood only occurs in mixed forests, more than half of the potential stand accounts for this type of dipterocarp. It is characterized only by strength, straightness, and knuckle-freeness such as Meranti Merah, Lauan Putih, and Mersawa. Other types are Jelutung and Ramin. For veneer manufacture, the condition that the logs must fulfill is that the fibers must be straight. Deviations from this rule are allowed to the degree that they are considered economical and meet the quality criteria since the logs used as veneer raw materials are expensive. And also, the logs must be circular or cylindrical, another specification. Dumanauw requires that it be wide in diameter, round, defect-free, or moderate weight to create a log veneer or plywood. Some examples are Meranti Merah, Meranti Putih, Nyatoh, Ramin, Agathis, and Benuang [2].

It also reported that the absence of knots or surface defects, straightness and cylindrical defects, and the free ends of defects decide the quality of round wood. For the veneer, the wooden defect is also a significant log problem. Typically, the quality class is defined based on straightness, free in the middle from rot or softness, and free from wood streaks or other defects. Also, for two reasons, the quality of logs entering the factory is essential: monitoring the quality of veneer produced and reducing the number of logs installed in a peeling machine prove to be defective. The pulping machine output speed can be decreased by faulty logs or sawn logs [3]. More detail the specifications for logs to be turned into sheets of veneer: available in large quantities, density between 0.35-0.8 g / cm³, diameter > 40 cm, straight and cylindrical stem, straight fibers, free of defects (such as knots, pinholes, broken ends, or surfaces), high mechanical properties, decorative texture, light color, and low price [4].

Kollmann et al. mentioned that rotary-peeling, which is the foundation of the modern plywood industry, produces most veneers. The purpose of rotary-peeling is to make endless veneers (long continuous finish), so they need to be rolled. Although not flawless, the veneer created in this way is smooth [1]. In Britannica, it is stated that more than 90% of the veneer is peeled. Still, the veneer made for furniture and other decorative uses from figurative wood is obtained by cutting. In contrast, the sawn veneer is rarely produced because it creates a lot of waste [5].

2. MATERIAL AND METHODS

2.1. Materials

The log of the Meranti Merah species is the material used in this study. The research was conducted at a manufacturing plant for plywood (ply mill), in Loa Kulu village, Kutai Kartanegara Regency, East Kalimantan, PT Rimba Raya Lestari (PT RRL).

2.2. Veneer Peeling

Logs that are typically 10-17 meters long were split into log-blocks of specific sizes: 3', 4', 6', and 8', and the results were calculated again to quantify the amount of raw material input in their length and diameter. Additionally, in the debarker log machine, the block was skinned to eliminate any skin and foreign or other items that stick to its surface. The block moved toward the log cleaning system from the log debarker, still with the same roll conveyor, to be sprayed with high-pressure water to clean the debris attached to the block. In this situation, no pretreatment was carried out, such as log-blocking and boiling.

2.3. Log Peeling

The block was positioned on the conveyor chain deck to wait for the turn to decide the log-block centering, then moved to the rotary lathe. Until two spindles grasp the block, the hoist fitted with clamps performs this job. As the peeling process continues, the disk was pulled slowly so that only the knife-holder and the nozzle wheels clamped the block that remains spinning against the rodent blade. The long veneer (continuous veneer) was the outcome of this process. It was rolled up and then put on the reeling-unreeling veneer decks temporarily. Simultaneously, odd-veneer (poly piece core) and spur-knife waste were also produced beginning and at the end of the peeling process. The peeling process ended with the remains of a pith (log-core).

2.4. Data Measurements

The thickness of all peeled finishes, both face/back persistent finish, core finish (poly piece core), and spur knife waste, was measured. For the veneer coils on the reeling-unreeling veneer decks, the radius (r , cm) was also calculated to determine the diameter (B_v , m), as well as the length (l cm). Then the veneer volume was measured after the diameter of the winding bobbin was known (B_b , m). The volume measured was marked as (V cm³). In order to determine the volume, the pith (log core) was calculated for both length (l) and diameter (d).



Figure 1 Log-Block Quality Class Criteria

2.5. Calculation

Diameter measurement, log-block volume and volume of veneer rolls were measured using the formulas below [6]. Using equation 1, the log-block and pith diameter were determined.

$$D = \frac{1/2[(d_1 + d_2) + (d_3 + d_4)]}{2} \quad (1)$$

The volume of log-block and pith was calculated by equation 2.

$$V = \frac{1}{4} \pi D^2 \times l \quad (2)$$

The gross volume of veneer in bobbin winding on reeling-unreeling machine was calculated by equation 3.

$$V = \frac{1}{4} \pi (B_v^2 - B_b^2) \times l \quad (3)$$

The yield (rendement) of the veneer, both continuous veneer and poly piece core (PPC), was calculated using Equation 4 [7].

$$Yield = \frac{Veneer\ volume\ on\ each\ log}{log\ volume} \times 100 \quad (4)$$

where:

- D = log-block or pith diameter (cm).
- d₁, d₂, d₃ & d₄ = the diameter of the 4 repetitions (cm)
- V = volume (m³)
- L = log block or pith length (m)
- B_v = veneer rolls diameter (m)
- B_b = bobbin diameter (m)

Table 1. Average Percentage of the A Quality Log-block Peeling Result of the Red Meranti Type with Different Diameter Classes on the Spindleless Type Rotary Lathe Machine

Log-block				Rotary Machine Peeling Results (%)				
Diameter Class	Average Diameter (cm)	Average Length (cm)	Average Volume (m ³)	Green Veneer		Waste		
				Rolled veneer	PPC	Pith	Spur-knife cuttings	Round-up
1	52.67	259.40	0.565	57.649	25.34	13.086	0.666	3.256
2	56.33	259.90	0.648	62.599	23.20	9.924	0.827	3.449
3	61.67	260.00	0.776	62.693	23.20	7.665	0.964	5.475
4	67.00	259.53	0.915	61.377	22.23	7.627	0.894	7.876
5	73.03	259.90	1.089	76.932	14.29	6.043	1.003	1.730
Average	62.14	259.75	0.799	64.250	21.65	8.869	0.871	4.357

Table 2. Average Percentage of the B Quality Log-block Peeling Result of the Red Meranti Type with Different Diameter Classes on the Spindleless Type Rotary Lathe Machine

Log-block				Rotary Machine Peeling Results (%)				
Diameter Class	Average Diameter (cm)	Average Length (cm)	Average Volume (m ³)	Green Veneer		Waste		
				Rolled veneer	PPC	Pith	Spur-knife cuttings	Round-up
1	49.97	261.47	0.515	59.135	20.24	14.24	0.653	5.741
2	57.83	258.83	0.681	68.837	15.52	11.19	0.656	3.798
3	62.57	259.60	0.798	60.828	24.86	9.75	0.662	3.896
4	67.60	260.17	0.934	60.840	28.95	6.10	1.048	3.067
5	77.67	261.50	1.240	62.516	24.50	6.23	0.906	5.847
Average	63.127	260.31	0.834	62.431	22.81	9.501	0.785	4.470

Table 3. Average Percentage of the C Quality Log-block Peeling Result of the Red Meranti Type with Different Diameter Classes on the Spindleless Type Rotary Lathe Machine

Log-block				Rotary Machine Peeling Results (%)				
Diameter Class	Average Diameter (cm)	Average Length (cm)	Average Volume (m ³)	Green Veneer		Waste		
				Rolled veneer	PPC	Pith	Spur-knife cuttings	Round-up
1	52.67	259.50	0.565	55.187	26.575	8.126	1.083	9.029
2	56.56	259.77	0.654	54.341	20.226	10.307	0.129	14.996
3	61.00	259.33	0.758	63.562	16.435	15.946	0.742	3.316
4	71.00	259.43	1.027	53.005	19.976	11.746	0.905	14.369
5	65.00	259.23	0.705	50.003	17.727	15.017	2.202	15.051
Average	61.000	259.51	0.742	56.524	20.188	12.228	1.012	11.352

2.6. Treatment and experimental design

The data and measurement results are then tabulated and evaluated based on a factorial experimental design with 2 treatments and each with 3 levels x 5 levels, to see the effect of treatment and interaction between treatments on the performance of peeled results in a rotary lathe machine, consisting of 1) Factor A (log-block quality) which consists of 3 levels, class A (a₁), class B (a₂) and class C (a₃); 2) and Factor B (diameter) which consists of 5 levels, diameter class 50 - 54 cm (b₁), 55 - 59 cm (b₂), 60 - 64 cm (b₃), 65 - 69 cm (b₄), and 70 - 44 cm (b₅).

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The raw material observations include the log-block diameter, weight, and volume fed to the rotary lathe machine. The average diameter of the log-block fed to the spindleless rotary lathe is 63.13 cm (in quality class A), 62.14 cm (quality B), and 61.00 cm (quality C), with almost the same average volume of 0.80 m³ in all

three. The complete results of the log-block conversion to veneer in a rotary lathe spindleless machine are presented in Table 1, Table 2, and Table 3.

It was followed by 3 other forms of by-products like waste, i.e., waste spur knife, round-up veneer, and log-core, while peeling the log-block into a veneer sheet. The results showed that most of the peeling outcomes were 64.25% (for log-block A quality class), 62.43% (B quality), and 56.524% (C quality), respectively, in the form of continuous/endless veneers. Next is the poly piece core veneer, 16,340% (quality A), 17.55% (quality B) and 20.19% (quality C), respectively, of PPC (odd veneer). In log-block quality classes A, B, and C, the log-core volume is 8.87%, 9.50% and 12.23%, respectively. The cut edges of the spur-knife cuttings that have been verified to be waste were 0.87% (log-block quality class A), 0.79% (quality B) and 1.012% (quality C), while the number of the round-up was 4.36% (quality class log-block A), 4.47% (quality B), and 11.35% (quality C). This result is better than other study which states that the result of peeling in a rotary

lathe machine was 72.84% volume of logs, the remaining 27.16% was garbage. The veneer results ranged from 51.88% (for yellow meranti) to 74.55% for continuous veneer (for red meranti) [8]. The previous study also reported that 58% of the peeling results were endless veneers (full veneer), 27% odd veneers (non-intact finish for cores), 10% pith, and spur-knife waste with the round-up veneer of about 5% [9].

The yield is also measured as the veneer-raw material ratio. This is referred to as green veneer recovery and offers an overview of the overall veneer yield that can be used [10], consisting of rolled veneer and PPC. The peeling outcome in the spindleless machine is 85.90% based on this assumption, composed of 64.25% rolled veneer and 21.15% PPC (see Table 1). On these two spindleless machines, the peeled yield value of quality class A blocks met the provisions of the 2009 Directorate General of Forestry Regulation concerning Processed Timber for Primary Industry Timber Forest Products (IPHHK), that the veneer yield of large diameter blocks peeled off by a rotary machine then logs is 77-81% of the remaining core shelled by rotary spindleless machine.

Research by McGavin found that the yield of fresh veneer ranged from 68-77% from several forms of Eucalyptus wood peeled on a rotary spindleless machine aged 10-16 years [11]. The yield of block A grade veneer is greater than the previous study, which stated that the rubberwood veneer yield peeled by a spindleless machine was in the 62-66% range [7]. The commercial wood type veneer yield (large diameter logs) had averaged 71.0%. This result was far below ours, which ranged from 78.42-85.90% [12]. The production of a veneer with 5 feet of spindleless rotary lathe from a

palm trunk resulting in a yield in the range of 78.82-79.96 % was also defined in Balfas and Malik's research [13]. A high proportion, 85.24%, consisting of 62.43 % rolled veneer and 22.81% PPC veneer, was still seen in the results of class B log-block peeling in the form of green veneer (Table 2). McGavin reported the yield of Eucalyptus globulus wood species aged 13-16 years with an average diameter of close to 50 cm in the form of green veneer, which is only 74-77 % [11]. The high yield of peeled veneer on this machine was caused by good quality inside the wood, which typically suggests healthy wood without rotting wood being present. In the block's cross-section in the direction of the radius, there were thin cracks noticed, but a plastic 'S' nail was still not needed to repair it. The peeling process went well, so the peeling worked optimally. And when the peeling process finished, there was no breakage.

On a rotary machine that can be measured as a veneer yield, the result of peeling quality C blocks is only around 76.71%, consisting of 56.52% rolled finish and 20.19% PPC finish (Table 3). This outcome is lower than the peeling product of quality blocks A and B. The remaining 23.29% is from the first peeling in the form of waste, pith, remaining cut edges, round-up veneer, and irregularly formed veneer. The result of the rolled veneer reached 56.52% with a core finish of 20.19% with the following details. Pith, edge cut, and round-up were respectively 12.23%, 1.01%, and 11.352%. Nevertheless, the quantity of this yield also suggests that even though the consistency of the peeled log-block is the lowest, the spindleless machine can provide high peel yields.

Table 4. Analysis of Variety (ANOVA) Data of Continuous Veneer Volume in a 3 x 5 Factorial Experiment Design

Diversity Sources	Sum of Squares (JK)	db	Middle Square (KT)	F-calculate	F-table		Sig.
					5%	1%	
Treatment	1792.298 ^a	14	128.02	2.49*	2.06	2.8	0.018
Intercept	165685.526	1	165685.53	3222.81			0.000
A factor = Quality class	662.710	2	331.355	6.45**	3.34	5.45	0.005
B factor = Diameter	349.891	4	87.47	1.70 ^{ns}	2.71	4.07	0.176
A*B factor interaction	779.697	8	97.46	1.9 ^{ns}	2.29	3.23	0.098
Error	1542.307	30	51.41				
Total	169020.13	45					
Corrected Total	3334.605	44					

a. R Squared = .537 (Adjusted R Squared = .322)

Notes:

ns = no different on $\alpha = 0,05$

** = very different on $\alpha = 0,01$

If the value of $F_{\text{calculate}} > F_{\text{table}}$, then the treatment has a significant influence (**)

If the value of $F_{\text{calculated}} < F_{\text{table}}$, the treatment does not have a significant effect (ns)

Table 5. Analysis of Variety (ANOVA) Data of Poly Piece core Volume in a 3 x 5 Factorial Experiment Design

Diversity Sources	Sum of Squares (JK)	db	Middle Square (KT)	F-calculate	F-table		Sig.
					5%	1%	
Treatment	972.011 ^a	14	69.429	4.965**	2.06	2.8	0.000
Intercept	15365.381	1	15365.381	1098.74			0.000
A factor = Quality class	35.476	2	17.738	1.27 ^{ns}	3.34	5.45	0.296
B factor = Diameter	277.898	4	69.474	4.97**	2.71	4.07	0.003
A*B factor interaction	658.637	8	82.330	5.89**	2.29	3.23	0.000
Error	419.538	30	13.985				
Total	16756.930	45					
Corrected Total	1391.549	44					

a. R Squared = .699 (Adjusted R Squared = .558)

Notes:

ns = no different on $\alpha = 0,05$

** = very different on $\alpha = 0,01$

If the value of $F_{\text{calculate}} > F_{\text{table}}$, then the treatment has a significant influence (**)

If the value of $F_{\text{calculated}} < F_{\text{table}}$, the treatment does not have a significant effect (ns)

An additional 1% low-quality veneer, sawn-log peeling on traditional rotary machines, resulted in 43% full veneer in theory. Losses were attributed to 6% rounding, 3% shrinkage, and 2% veneer tearing [3]. The loss of end and edge cutting (log end) was 26% and 19% of pith. The number of green veneers varies from 45.89% to 55.05% [14]. Therefore, the spindleless rotary lathe has a great potential to replace the old rotary lathe model that typically has a large spindle or disc diameter, which adds to the waste of block peeling to a veneer. So, replacing the traditional rotary type with the spindleless type is a wise move to restore the veneer and plywood industry's glory and development as in the past two decades. Plywood is the primary product of wood-based materials, specifically panel products in wood-derived from forest products.

3.1. Rolled Veneer (Continuous Veneer)

The ANOVA table below (Table 4) based on several references [15-17], shows that the percentage of rolled veneer volume produced on block peeling is affected by the block quality class treatment. At the test stage, both $\alpha = 0.01$ and $\alpha = 0.05$, indicated by the F-table value higher than the F-count value. But this is not the case with the diameter class, which does not affect the peeled veneer percentage. This study shows that there is a substantial impact on the yield of the rolled veneer in the block consistency class. As with the diameter class and the treatment interactions, it turned out that the volume of the generated rolled veneer was not affected. Even the F-count value was much smaller than the F-table at $\alpha = 0.05$.

This spindleless rotary lathe machine can produce a pith with a minimum diameter of 7 cm. In these calculations, if the peeling is continued until the core reaches the minimum diameter as indicated, an additional yield of 5-10% or even higher will be

obtained if sawn logs with a diameter of 8 inches (16.25 cm) were peeled to a pith diameter of 4 inches (10 cm). It would give a very significant yield of about 21% [18].

3.2. Poly Piece Core

The analysis of the diversity of the core veneer data, the poly piece core, illustrates conditions that are not so different. The block quality class treatment's F-count value indicates a value greater than the F-table value, at level $\alpha = 0.05$, but not greater than F-table $\alpha = 0.01$ (Table 5). So, it can be seen that the quality of blocks has a considerable influence on yield. The core veneer peeled at a test level of 5%. However, this is not the case with the diameter class, which does not have a significant impact on the production of veneer cores of poly pieces.

The raw material blocks fed to the peeling machine are usually relatively cylindrical since they have been sorted in such a way from the beginning, except in certain situations, such as a shortage of raw material logs. However, when peeling, the log-block that is not cylindrical is a significant contributor to the poly piece core acquisition. In this case, the treatment interaction also did not significantly affect the volume of the peeled yield, both at $\alpha = 0.05$ and $\alpha = 0.01$. This ensures that the treatment does not interfere between the quality class and the two's diameter so that it does not affect the volume of the manufactured veneer core.

3.3. Pith (Log-core)

The ANOVA in Table 5 indicates that at the $\alpha = 0.05$ or $\alpha = 0.01$, all F-count values of the applied factors represent higher values than the F-table. The treatments, therefore, have a significant effect on the pith percentage (log-block core). The amount of leftover pith peeled is usually suppressed by good block quality

and wide diameter, which increases the volume of the peeled veneer. The diameter of the core has a direct effect on the number of finishes produced [18]. The resulting increase in veneer in 18 inches (± 50 cm) sawn logs was by reducing the pith diameter from 5 to 4 inches (from 12.5 cm to 10 cm), but the increase was not significant (only about 3%). But the difference becomes vast if the 8 inches (16.25 cm) of sawn logs are peeled (about 21%).



Figure 2 Minimum diameter pith on a spindleless rotary lathe machine (Photo taken by the researcher at PT Rimba Raya Lestari, Kutai Kertanegara, Kaltim)

Theoretically, the pith volume's size indicated by the diameter size would be affected by the raw material log block's nature, especially if the log is healthy, sufficiently cylindrical, and free of cracks. But with a note that, for some purposes, rotary machine operators do not interrupt the peeling operation.

3.4. Spur-Knife waste

The block quality factor, indicated by the F-count value that exceeds the F-table value at the 5% and 1% test levels and the diameter class, significantly impacts the edge cut waste veneer. The interaction of the two treatments also has a very substantial impact. Logically, since the cut edge veneer's width on both sides of the rotary engine cutter is more determined by the original block's length, the actual percentage of cut edge veneer is not directly related to the consistency of the original block. The cut edge veneer will be small if the block length is similar to the targeted measurement. On the other hand, if an overall excess size (allowance) is given to the block cutting, it will inevitably provide a big remaining edge cut. The edge cutout volume will increase or become high in this case.

Table 6 shows that all types of treatment significantly affect the percentage of cut edges, based on the study of variance (ANOVA) on the variance sources in this experiment. The volume of cut edges is more affected by the excess of the log-block length, which is often too wide, far exceeding the veneer length targeted.

3.5.Round-up Waste Veneer

This type is a type that can no longer be used in the veneer and plywood making process. This is due to the veneer's unusual size, not intact, and having transverse fibers. Usually, this waste is used for a steam boiler machine that supplies the plant, and the excess was burned. This waste is very high, with 4.36% of Class A quality log-block peeling, 4.47% of Quality B, and 11.35% of Quality C. The rounding process is the most significant contributor to this waste at the beginning of the peeling, mainly when

Table 6. Analysis of Variety (ANOVA) Data of Log Core Volume in a 3x5 Factorial Experiment Design

Diversity Sources	Sum of Squares (JK)	db	Middle Square (KT)	F-calculate	F-table		Sig.
					5%	1%	
Treatment	441.675 ^a	14	31.548	7.096**	2.06	2.8	0.000
Intercept	3733.734	1	3733.734	839.77			0.000
A factor = Quality class	3.500	2	1.750	0.39 ^{ns}	3.34	5.45	0.678
B factor = Diameter	85.149	4	21.287	4.79**	2.71	4.07	0.004
A*B factor interaction	353.026	8	44.128	9.93**	2.29	3.23	0.000
Error	133.384	30	4.446				
Total	4308.793	45					
Corrected Total	575.059	44					

a. R Squared = .768 (Adjusted R Squared = .660)

Notes:

ns = no different on $\alpha = 0,05$

** = very different on $\alpha = 0,01$

If the value of $F_{\text{calculate}} > F_{\text{table}}$, then the treatment has a significant influence (**)

If the value of $F_{\text{calculated}} < F_{\text{table}}$, the treatment does not have a significant effect (ns)

the block conditions are not cylindrical, sapwood, and surface cracks are present. That is why, relative to grade A and grade B veneer waste, grade C blocks have the most considerable veneer waste quantity, which is almost three times the size. The variance analysis indicates that the treatment factors applied significantly affect the percentage or volume of waste. There is a significant influence on the rate of waste in the relationship between the two treatments. Thus, the volume and the percentage of veneer peeling waste can be minimized by a good block quality followed by a proportional diameter.

4. CONCLUSION

The average peeled sawn-log (log-block) yield in the form of a rolled veneer (continuous/ endless veneer) on a rotary lathe spindleless machine is 56,52% to 64.25% and 16,34% to 20.19% in the form of PPC (poly piece core). The log-core volume, meanwhile, ranged from 8.87% to 12.23%. On average, the spur-knife waste veneer is between 0.79% and 1.012%.

It turns out that the block quality, based on statistical tests with a factorial experimental design, has, in general, a very significant impact on both the rolled and the core veneers. Meanwhile, the peeled veneer percentage, both rolled and core veneer, was not affected by the diameter class. There was also no significant effect on veneer yield and other peel results from the interaction between the two treatments studied.

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