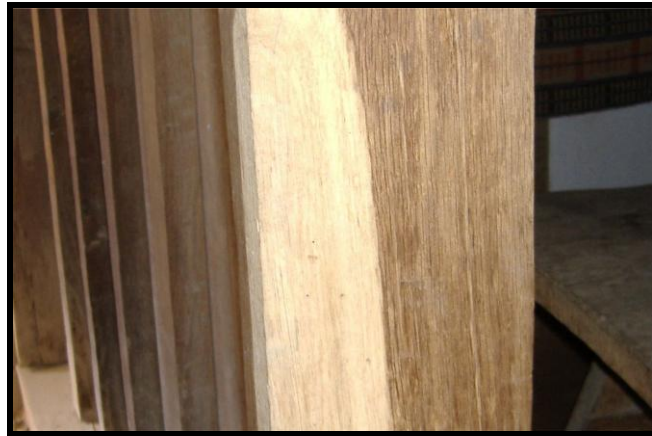








Oak sapwood has been attacked, dark heartwood is undamaged.



## **Plywood**

They will readily attack old plywood with animal protein adhesive



## **Is the infestation active?**

This can sometimes be very difficult to establish.

Holes do not mean that the infestation is active.

If the wood is dry and the relative humidity is below 55%, then the infestation is probably long-dead.

Look for fresh frass and new adult beetles in the Spring near undisturbed objects or timbers.

Old frass will often fall out of cracks and emergence holes when objects are moved or dry out. Old frass is not a sign of active infestation.

## **Similar woodboring species**

Fan-bearing woodborer *Ptilinus pectinicornis*.  
Death watch beetle *Xestobium rufovillosum*