



## Overview

Spielart (Play Art) are a European company whose factory is located in a rural area that was formerly part of East Germany. Created in 1991, they now employ some 60 highly skilled wood workers, cabinet makers and joiners who together specialise in creating beautiful, bespoke structures made predominantly using whole sections of Robinia timbers.

A standard range of designs is available and Spielart are also able to make unique one off's to fit around a certain tree, slope or produce an entire concept specifically for your play area.



## Unique Benefits and Features

- Each piece is made from bespoke materials by craftsmen and women.
- Every piece of equipment produced will be truly unique.
- It is playground equipment as it should be.
- If children were to draw or design equipment they would often design it as Spielart does.
- It is playground equipment that makes people smile.
- It is equipment that people feel naturally attracted to.
- It is equipment that can be designed to harmonise with the natural environment.
- It is very tactile.
- It is warm.
- It is made from sustainable materials.
- It is made without any chemicals or preservatives.
- It is big, chunky, honest equipment.
- Equipment looks bigger in situ than in photos etc.

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## Colours

The equipment can be ordered in 2 basic colour forms;

**Natural** - Without any form of staining. In this form the timber material will silver/grey over a period of time in the same way that Chestnut shingles age.

**Oil Based Stains** - Either coloured or natural/clear. Equipment will need to be re-stained once every 5 years or so. The process is simple and requires non specialist labour.

## Attention to detail

Spielart play products are hand crafted to the highest detail. Using the experience and skills of craftsmen and women to guarantee a high finished product.



## Why Robinia

(False Acacia / Black Locust)

Robinia Pseudoacacia is a temperate hardwood with the resistance and durability typically found only in tropical hardwoods (Teak / Iroko). A native of North America, it is now grown widely throughout Europe especially in Hungary, Romania and Slovakia. The Latin name 'Robinia' honours a French gardener, Jean Robin, who introduced the tree from North America about 1600.

It is one the most frequently cultivated deciduous trees in the world.  
It is grown in a sustainable fashion - it's a fast growing commercial crop.

Robinia is harder than Oak and one of only a few species growing in Europe that is categorised as resistance classification 1 (out of 5) in accordance with DIN 68 364 and resistance class 1 according to BS EN 350-2. As such it can be used without any form of pressure treatment, tanalisation or chemical protection, making it a very safe material, ideal for children's playground equipment. It will typically last up to 70 years in the ground without any form of preservative! As a member of the pea family it has nitrogen fixing nodules on its root system and so it can be used to colonise areas of extremely poor soil.



### Inspections

Post Installation inspections are essential to confirm the unit has been built and re-assembled in accordance to current standards.

### Maintenance and Spares

The equipment requires little maintenance except that of re-staining, where applicable.

Spares are freely available. Timbers can be modelled as required to fit a unique space.

### Guarantees

Ten years for all wooden components.

Five years for all third-party add-on items (e.g. slides, nets, chains)