

WHAT IS



# NATURAL LATEX?



WHAT IS THE  
DIFFERENCE

BETWEEN

DUNLOP

AND

TALALAY?



*Natural Latex is a milky substance harvested from rubber tree plants.*

*Harvesting the liquid latex is similar to tapping trees for maple syrup.*

*The trees are not harmed, providing a sustainable resource. Natural Latex is bio-degradable and naturally resistant to mold, mildew & bacteria.*

THE TWO TYPES OF LATEX ARE NAMED AFTER THE MANUFACTURING PROCESSES USED TO MAKE THEM.

## DUNLOP

The traditional Dunlop process has been used in latex manufacture since 1929. The thick rubber sap, or serum, is whipped into a froth in a centrifuge, poured into a mold, covered, and steam baked. Natural sediments in the mixture settle to the bottom of the mold. This makes every Dunlop layer slightly firmer on its bottom side.

## TALALAY

The Talalay process adds two steps. After the latex is poured, the mold is sealed and the process is continued in a vacuum chamber. The mold is then flash-frozen before it's baked. Talalay latex has a more consistent cell structure from top to bottom and edge to edge. It is also more expensive than Dunlop. All Talalay pieces wider than 40" are seamed with a safe, natural latex glue. Seam locations will vary.

## WHICH IS BETTER?

We can say with confidence that neither is superior to the other. Dunlop is denser, which makes it a bit firmer overall than Talalay. Talalay is a good choice if you'd like a pillowy-soft surface "feel". What matters is which type, or which combination, will create the right comfort and support for your needs. Both make a fine mattress and are extremely pure in comparison to conventional mattress materials.