

SPECIFICATION DATA SHEET - AXOLOTL PAINT Timber Wash Exterior

For the information of Specifiers and Trades

This product depends upon correct preparation and application for its performance, therefore attention to all written instructions and understanding of the type of timber you are coating is required.

Product description

Axolotl Timber Wash Exterior is an opaque penetrating water based stain, it provides a matt finish and is available in a select range of colours. Axolotl Timber Wash Exterior is easy to use, has low odour and low VOC. It provides a water repellent finish that is highly UV, mould and mildew resistant while binding the wood fibres together reducing swelling and shrinking which leads to cracking and erosion. Axolotl Timber Wash Exterior is slow drying and is not intended for trafficable surfaces.

Suitable surfaces

Axolotl Timber Wash Exterior is designed for use on quality exterior timber such as Cedar, Cypress, Oregon, treated Pine and all texture Ply and hardwoods.

Timber Wash Exterior substrate preparation

Preparation is vital to ensure longevity of the coating. Timber must be clean and sterile, particularly hardwoods and decking. For timbers containing tannin, we advise testing an area before proceeding with application as bleeding of tannin may cause visible staining.

For best results new timber should be allowed to weather to reduce surface oils and contaminants before washing. Wash down timber surface with a timber cleaner following manufacturers instructions with a strong jet of water to remove any mill glaze and sterilise any fungus and mould (dark patches in the timber). The wash down also helps to open the timber grain and assists in the penetration of finish.

Applying Timber Wash Exterior

The timber should be dry and free from contamination. Apply by brush, roller or spray. Do not apply in temperatures below 15 degrees or above 28 degrees. For best results flood coat timber to achieve maximum penetration. When first coat has soaked in and dried, apply a second coat. The final appearance will take 3 to 5 weeks as the coating cures. Apply the first coat liberally; when this has soaked in, apply a second coat.

When applying to weatherboards it is best practice to coat the back of the boards prior to installation.

For textured & plain plywood it is important to saturate the ply to achieve maximum penetration whilst maintaining an even coat. When dry, apply a second coat to achieve an even finish.

Timber Wash Exterior is a slow drying product 8-12 hours 20°C. First coat may be slower to dry due to the extractives in the wood. Clean up with water. Do not pour down drain.

Coverage will depend on the porosity of the timber; old wood may reach 2m² per litre, new timber up to 7m².

Spraying: Airless spray recommended .015 tip with 20 – 30 fan. 1000 - 1400 P.S.I. tip pressure, use normal protection, i.e. mask, overalls. Wash off with soap and water before it dries. Back brushing is recommended for a more uniform coverage.

General precautions

Paint Application

Wet dry jointing will show, so care must be taken to maintain a wet edge. Test for finish and potential tannin staining before proceeding. Colour and tinting is the responsibility of the contractor to ensure colour consistency. We recommend ordering sufficient material to complete the project to eliminate the risk of colour variation.

Temperature

Timber Wash Exterior should not be applied where surface or air temperature is below 10°C or above 35°C. Excessively fast drying can occur if painting hot surfaces or in direct sunlight.

Initial Protection

Do not walk on surfaces within 24 hours (48 hours in cold or highly humid conditions). Protect the surface from mechanical damage for seven days after application, particularly in colder temperatures and trafficable surfaces. Protect from rain for 24 hours (48 hours in cold or highly humid conditions).

Performance

The longevity of Axolotl Timber Wash Exterior is achieved by screening the timber from UV so it is important that at least 2 generous undiluted coats are applied to surfaces exposed to sunlight.

Renewing finish

When the surface requires re-coating, hose and dust off any dirt, apply one coat. Touching up weathered areas as they occur will keep timber looking good for years.

Re-application on decks annually is recommended.

Packaging

Axolotl Timber Wash Exterior is available in 1, 4, 10 and 15 Litre containers.

NOTE FOR SPECIFIERS -

PLEASE ENSURE SPECIFICATION SHEET IS COPIED & ATTACHED TO TENDER DRAWINGS FOR THE REFERENCE OF ALL RELEVANT TRADES.

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