

Technical Information

Cabot® Decking Stain

Composition:

Lightly pigmented, deep-penetrating, alkyd resin and refined natural linseed oil.

Restrictions:

Do not apply over previously painted or sealed surfaces, metal, masonry or adjacent to fresh stucco. Not recommended for use on vertical exterior cladding. Do not thin this product. **Not intended for interior surfaces. For exterior use only.**

Clean-up:

Clean brushes and equipment with mineral spirits. **DANGER: Rags, steel wool and waste soaked with Cabot Decking Stain may spontaneously catch fire if improperly discarded. Immediately after each use, place rags, steel wool and waste in a sealed, water-filled metal container.**

Surface Preparation:

Proper surface preparation is the key to maximum stain performance. The durability of this product can be impaired by an unsound or poorly prepared surface. It is very important that the surface be clean of all dirt, mildew stains, loose wood fibres and other foreign matter. In order to be effective, a stain must be able to penetrate. Surfaces must be structurally sound and absolutely dry. (Moisture content must be below 15%, or wood must be exposed to dry weather a minimum of 3 to 5 days.) Previously semi-transparent stained or weathered wood surfaces must be sanded or washed down to sound, bare wood by scrubbing with a detergent solution or Cabot Problem-Solver Wood Cleaner and a stiff bristle brush. Power washing is also effective to remove the surface layer of all loose stain, loose wood fibres, dirt, mildew stains, chalky residue and other foreign matter. Use Cabot Problem-Solver Strippers to safely remove oil or water based finishes from wood surfaces. Use Cabot Problem-Solver Wood Brightener to easily remove nail and metal rust stains, and renew the wood's appearance. New smooth wood that is unseasoned or appears shiny should be allowed to weather sufficiently before staining, but generally no longer than three to four weeks.

Application of Coating:

Stirring:

Stir thoroughly before and occasionally while using. If the job requires more than one batch, blend them together.

Methods:

Apply stain to small sections at a time. To avoid lap marks, start at one edge and follow through to the end of the boards. This product must be applied evenly and **only with a brush**. Best results can be obtained by using a high quality, natural bristle brush.

Number of Coats:

Apply only one coat. Over-application will result in a glossy appearance and sagging. Apply evenly and sparingly.

Precautions:

Do not apply in direct sunlight, to hot surfaces, or when air or surface temperature is below 50°F or may fall below 50°F for 48 hours after application. Do not apply over wet or damp surfaces or when rain is imminent.

Maintenance:

Minimal because Cabot Decking Stains resist cracking, peeling or blistering. Depending upon exposure or wear, evaluate re-staining needs every 2-4 years.