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TIMBER CLEANER Preparation & Application

PREPARATION

Remove loose dirt by sweeping and washing down with water. Wet area thoroughly. Prepare Timber Cleaner solution by dissolving 1 cup of Deck-Doctor Timber Cleaner in 5 Lt of warm to hot water. Stir Thoroughly. Allow a few minutes to dissolve.

APPLICATION

Apply Timber Cleaner liberally to surface using Deck-Doctor Mop Head with Cleaner Pad attached. Do not scrub at this stage. Leave to stand and activate for 10-15 mins. Scrub surface using the Cleaner Pad. Work forward and backward to soften and loosen dirt. Rinse well with clean water using a hose or a pressure washer. Continue rinsing and scrubbing with water to remove any residue.

For badly stained surfaces repeat as necessary.

Make sure all cleaner is removed and surface is completely dry before applying any oil applications.

Clean up by washing applicator pads in clean water.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT TIMBER CLEANERS

When considering cleaning timber it is important to be aware of the chemical composition of the product to be used. The majority of timber cleaners contain OXALIC ACID. Oxalic acid is a strong timber bleach and is an effective cleaner, however, OXALIC ACID causes a vigorous chemical reaction when exposed to any galvanised metal such as nails, screws and joist hangers.

Oxalic Acid reacts with and destroys the protective galvanised coating leaving steel completely exposed and causing rapid corrosive rusting to occur. This is of particular concern with elevated decks as many decks have collapsed because of rusted and corroded joist hangers. Another problem encountered with products containing oxalic acid is that it is necessary to thoroughly flush off the timber after use. Unfortunately, in most cases a certain residue remains in the timber which can cause a reaction with certain protective coatings resulting in premature product failure and blotchiness of the finished coating.



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