



When other wood coatings fail
professionals turn to Cutek

FACTSHEET – How to maintain Cutek Extreme

Surfaces that have been previously coated with Cutek Extreme that have faded or started to “grey off” in the sun are easily and quickly restored to their original appearance without the need for any sanding and stripping by treatment with Cutek ProClean, followed by the application of one or two further coats of Cutek Extreme. Cutek Extreme must be reapplied as frequently as necessary to retain the natural beauty and colour of the wood.

How to maintain Cutek oiled wood - step by step

IMPORTANT

If the deck has been previously coated with another coating other than Cutek, the wood will need to be stripped back to bare as most other coatings on the market have a film-forming surface polymer which forms a barrier which will inhibit the penetration of Cutek Extreme.

1. Clean the wood – Apply cleaner

If the wood is only dirty and faded, Cutek ProClean may be all that you need to prepare the surface for another coat of Cutek Extreme. Cutek ProClean is designed as a cost effective, biodegradable cleaner for the restoration of uncoated, dirty and weathered wood.

Apply Cutek ProClean liberally to the wood substrate with brush, roller, or garden sprayer. Let Cutek ProClean do most of the work by letting it dwell on the surface for 10 – 20 minutes, or such time as deemed to be necessary by the test procedure. It may be necessary to scrub stubborn stains moderately with a stiff fibre brush.

2. Clean the wood and remove the cleaner

Once Cutek ProClean has cleaned the wood, it must be power water rinsed (hot water works best) off. For best results wash off with high-pressure water at approximately 750 p.s.i. pressure. Clean from the lowest point and work upwards methodically. ALWAYS clean off with a water jet that produces a “putty knife” shaped fan that is 40–50mm wide about 100mm out from jet. Adopt a continuous “mowing action” working with power water fan-jet 100mm from the face of the substrate. DO NOT use “turbojets” on wood. CAUTION must be used when cleaning soft timber to reduce the pressure and avoid damaging the sapwood. The longer that Cutek ProClean is left on the substrate, the greater the rinse time required.

3. Recoating with Cutek Extreme

Following the cleaning of the wood with Cutek ProClean, it is important to complete the maintenance process by coating the wood with Cutek Extreme following the procedure detailed in the relevant factsheet.

CAUTION must be used when cleaning soft and hard wood - reduce or increase pressure by allowing the fan to get closer or further away from the substrate. Certain types of wood surfaces may leave a raised grain. These areas can be sanded once dried. If you only have a low pressure cleaner, a turbo head can be used with caution.

IMPORTANT: Cutek Extreme is designed to gradually fade over time rather than peel off, split or crack as is the case with many conventional film forming coatings. For this reason, the rejuvenation and maintenance of Cutek coated surfaces is a simple, fast, and cost effective process. Recoat time varies widely according to many factors including the age and porosity of the timber, species, situation, and exposure to the weather so we are unable to offer any specific performance warranties. Typically, horizontal exterior smooth surfaces exposed to full weather such as pool decks and handrails may require recoating every 6 months to 2 years, while vertical rough-sawn cladding may require maintenance less frequently.