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Decking Oils – Water Based or Solvent Based

If you prefer a natural, transparent look, it's best to select a decking oil to highlight the natural grain and character of any timber. It's then a simple choice between water and solvent.



Cabot's Natural Decking Oil is solvent based and Australia's most popular decking oil. That's because it's highly durable and formulated with TRIPLEGUARD™ technology to ensure it won't crack, peel or blister due to the effects of intense sun or moisture. It's also designed to highlight and enhance the colour and features of your timber with just two coats.



Cabot's Aquadeck is a long lasting water based alternative to solvent based decking oils. Aquadeck lasts twice as long and you can recoat in 3 hours, meaning you can cut application times by two thirds (compared to solvent based oils) and get two coats on in a day. Aquadeck dries in one hour with a matt finish and you can wash up easily with water.

Decking Stains

Decking Stains are ideal for rejuvenating decks that have lost their original colour, or for transforming the look of timbers such as treated pine. Staining is a hardwearing, penetrating, weatherproof option suitable for all types of timber. Just like a decking oil it's a simple choice between water and solvent.



Cabot's Decking Stain is a protective, oil enriched, penetrating stain for exterior decking, trim and outdoor furniture. It is solvent based and dries to a semi transparent finish and is available in a choice of 5 great colours that dry to a semi-transparent matt finish.



Cabot's Decking Stain Water Based is a highly durable, low odour water-based decking stain which offers all the benefits of decking stain, plus more: Longer Lasting – compared to traditional solvent based stains and decking oils. Saves time - You can recoat your deck in 3hrs instead of 18 hrs, meaning you can get your deck done in a day! A Beautiful Natural Finish - Available in Jarrah, Merbau, October Brown and Redwood.

Decking Paint

Cabot's Timbercolour is a premium oil enriched acrylic paint developed specifically for use on timber, providing superior protection against staining, fungi and algae. It's formulation provides preservation and additional protection and durability for all exterior situations. It can be applied directly to new, or previously painted timber, without the need for a primer, and is suitable for timber that will be walked on.

Cabot's Timbercolour has an opaque low sheen appearance and is available in a range of 60 great colours.

WHAT EQUIPMENT WILL I NEED?

Applying Deck Clean



You will need a bucket for mixing, a stiff scrubbing brush and/or a broom.

Deck Clean needs to be diluted at a ratio of 1 part Deck Clean to 4 parts water. It also needs to be washed away after application, so a supply of water is required. Please ensure when coating that you avoid contact with painted or metal surfaces or vegetation. Rinse off if contact occurs.

Applying Decking Oils and Decking Stains



For the fastest results on large areas, it's best to use a Cabot's Decking Applicator and a roller tray. Other means of applying Cabot's Decking Oils or Stains can also be applied by rollers, or soft brushes, with long, dense bristles (50mm for trims, 70mm for broad areas).

Applying Decking Paint

For best results on large areas with Cabot's Timbercolour it's best to use a roller on a pole and a roller tray. A 10-15mm nap roller is ideal.

Other items needed

To protect your plants and paths, we also recommend you buy a few plastic drop sheets - and of course some rags to clean up any drops or spills. When using solvent based products you will need some mineral turps for wash up.

And make sure you use a flat stirrer to ensure you get an even colour. Your local Cabot's stockist, paint or hardware store can supply you with these materials.

CONSIDERATIONS BEFORE YOU COAT YOUR DECK

New timber decks

Always allow new timber to weather for 4-6 weeks before coating.

Sanding



In most cases, an application of Cabot's Deck Clean will be sufficient to clean and revitalise your deck before you coat it.

For old decks, sanding may be required to bring the timber back to its original state as it may be warped and uneven.

This gives it a smooth, splinter-free finish and gets rid of old paint, and some of the mould or algae that may have built up over the years.

Before you sand, punch all the nail heads into the deck so you

don't damage the sanding machine. If you like, you can fill the nail holes with an exterior grade water based putty.

If you do decide to sand, give the deck a good wash beforehand. This will prevent the dirt and debris being pushed further in to the timber fibre by the sanding. Remember, you'll need to wash it with Deck Clean after sanding.

When sanding your deck use a drum sander. Always sand in the direction of the grain. Start with a medium coarse sandpaper (eg. 50-80 grade), finishing with a fine grade (eg. 150 grade).

Previously painted surfaces

If coating with Cabot's Timbercolour, remove any loose or flaking paint by sanding or scraping. To test if the surface is sound, cut an X through the old paint with a sharp blade. Press adhesive tape firmly over the incision and rip the tape off. If the paint peels away on the tape, the old paint should be completely removed.

For decking oils and stains please refer to the back of the container for simple and clear re-coat guidelines by product.

If coating with Cabot's Natural Decking Oil, Aquadeck, Decking Stain or Decking Stain Water Based completely remove all paint.

THREE EASY STEPS TO COATING YOUR DECK

Step 1: Cleaning or preparing your deck

Before you get to work coating your deck, you'll firstly need to prepare the surface. It's no secret that all of the best decks come down to good preparation. You can start by ensuring your deck is totally clean of dust, dirt, wax, grease tannins or oil with Cabot's Deck Clean. It's the easiest way to clean and restore new and weathered timber, before coating. What's more, it's water based so cleaning up is easy. For particularly stubborn greasy areas, rub down with mineral turps and wipe off any excess with a clean rag. The effort you put in at this stage will help lay a sound base to ensure long lasting results.

How much will I need?

The quantity of products you need will not only depend on the size of your deck but also on the type of timber used and its absorbency.

| PRODUCT | APPROXIMATE COVERAGE | RE-COAT AFTER |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Deck Clean | 5-10 sq/m per Litre when diluted | 15-20 mins |
| Decking Stain | 8-10 sq/m per Litre | 24 hours |
| Decking Stain Water Based | 8-10 sq/m per Litre | 3 hours |
| Natural Decking Oil | 6-10 sq/m per Litre | 18 hours |
| Aquadeck | 8-12 sq/m per Litre | 3 hours |
| Timbercolour | 10-16 sq/m per Litre | 2 hours |

Step 2: Applying the coating

Your deck is now clean and ready for coating. For decking oils and stains it's best to use a Cabot's Decking Applicator so you can apply more, easier and faster. Apply smooth strokes evenly along the grain, aiming to coat about two or three boards at a time. Once you've allowed the first coat to sink in for a few minutes, remove any excess oil by back brushing. Finally, using the same method, apply a second coat and allow it to dry. Please check on pack for re-coat times.

For decking paint, such as Timbercolour, use a roller instead of a pad applicator.

One final thing to remember is to coat the edges and end grain of your deck thoroughly with a brush.

Step 3: Sit back and admire

And there you have it, a beautiful, long lasting timber deck. Be sure to reward yourself with some time to sit back and admire your results. You won't be disappointed. Your deck will look as good as new. What's more, you'll be proud to spend every opportunity you can entertaining on it.

The results speak for themselves

Thanks to this decking guide, you now have all the information you need to achieve the best decking results possible. As you can see the results are amazing.

Good luck and enjoy the transformation!



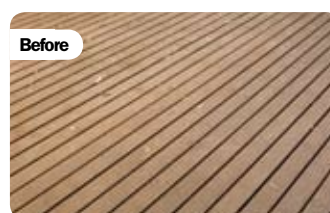
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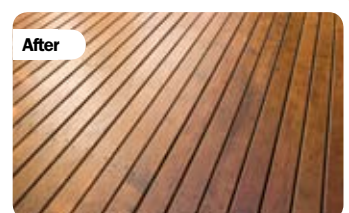
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Before



After

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