



When other timber coatings fail  
professionals turn to Cutek

## FACTSHEET No 8 – How to maintain Cutek

Surfaces that have been previously coated with Cutek oils 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 QuickClean or Cutek Proclean, and the application of one or two further coats of a Cutek wood protection oil. *Cutek oils must be reapplied as frequently as necessary to retain the natural beauty and colour of the timber.*

### How to maintain Cutek oiled timber - step by step

#### IMPORTANT

If the deck has been previously coated with another oil, other than Cutek, the timbers will need to be stripped back to bare as most other oils on the market have a film-forming surface polymer which forms a barrier which will inhibit the penetration of Cutek oils. Please refer to the Factsheet No7.

#### 1. Clean the timbers – Apply cleaner

If the timber is only dirty and faded, Cutek QuickClean may be all that you need to prepare the surface for another coat of a Cutek oil. Cutek QuickClean is designed as a cost effective, biodegradable cleaner for the restoration of uncoated, dirty and weathered timber. Cutek QuickClean is less powerful than Cutek Proclean, however it is less hazardous, and will not damage substrates or vegetation adjacent to the timber surface being restored, eliminating the need for containment or masking. If your timber is quite weathered and stained, better results will be obtained by using Cutek Proclean.

Apply Cutek QuickClean liberally to the timber substrate with brush, roller, or garden sprayer. Let Cutek QuickClean 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 timbers and remove the cleaner

Once Cutek QuickClean has cleaned the timber, 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 timber. CAUTION must be used when cleaning soft timber to reduce the pressure and avoid damaging the sapwood. The longer that Cutek QuickClean is left on the substrate, the greater the rinse time required.

#### 3. Recoating with Cutek oil

Following the cleaning of the timber with Cutek Quickclean or Proclean, it is important to complete the maintenance process by coating the timber with an appropriate Cutek wood protection oil, following the procedure detailed in the relevant factsheet.

**IMPORTANT:** Cutek oils 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.

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