

AUSSIE CLEAR

Exterior Clear Timber Oil Finish

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

Description

AUSSIE CLEAR – A lightly pigmented “clear” oil based exterior timber finish that protects the timber from blackening. It has been formulated using environmentally acceptable ingredients. The penetrating quality of AUSSIE CLEAR allows enhancement of the natural grain and beauty of all timber giving the timber a natural oiled look. Test panels exposed at 45° due north (the harshest weathering conditions) show that timber can be satisfactorily protected from UV degradation and mould growth. AUSSIE CLEAR stabilizes timber at its moisture, reducing checking and splitting. AUSSIE CLEAR has been formulated to dry slowly in service, allowing deep penetration. When correctly applied, no film is allowed to form, so peeling or cracking is never a problem.

Recommended Uses

AUSSIE CLEAR can be used wherever a clear protective exterior finish is required e.g. weatherboards, window frames, cladding, fascia, exposed beams, decking, fencing, trellis and pergolas, etc. AUSSIE CLEAR is pigmented so that it appears transparent (does not alter the natural colour) on all popular mid to dark toned timbers including Cedar, Merbau, Jarrah, Cypress Pine, Red Gum etc. AUSSIE CLEAR LIGHT is pigmented with a transparent colour suitable for all “blond” hardwood timbers such as White Cypress, Blackbutt, Yellow Stringy Bark, Silvertop Ash etc where the pigment will slightly change the colour.

Use Preschem TREATED PINE CLEAR on CCA, LOSP, ACQ or Tanalised treated pine.

Restrictions

Water based paints should not be applied directly over a fresh application of AUSSIE CLEAR as they may not give satisfactory adhesion. If wood treated with AUSSIE CLEAR is to be painted or stained, allow either a long period of weathering before application, or use an oil based formulation. AUSSIE CLEAR is designed specifically for exterior use, general interior application is not recommended. Do not apply AUSSIE CLEAR when dew or rain is expected. Do not apply AUSSIE CLEAR over old weathered timber without cleaning with wood cleaner such as Oxalic Acid first.

Surface Preparation

Apply AUSSIE CLEAR over dry surfaces, free from dirt, grease and wax. Previously varnished or painted surfaces must be thoroughly stripped and sanded for more penetrative products such as the Sikkens HLS/Cetol range. Badly weathered surfaces should be sanded back or cleaned using a suitable wood cleaner containing Oxalic Acid such as Preschem’s Grey Deck Cleaner or similar chemical before application.

Directions For Use

AUSSIE CLEAR can be applied by any convenient means, such as brush, roller, spray or dip application. Floors or decks can be easily treated with a lamb’s wool applicator. Apply one generous coat of AUSSIE CLEAR. Due to differences in the porosity and texture of timber, any excess oil remaining on the surface after 2 hours should be wiped off. If the timber still looks dry or the application patchy, another application may be required.

A minimum of 48 hours drying time for decking and areas subject to foot traffic is advisable. Ensure all end grain wood is well coated with AUSSIE CLEAR to minimize water absorption. For optimum performance, timber which has a waxy nature e.g. Merbau requires initial weathering (up to three months) before applying AUSSIE CLEAR. Under extreme weather conditions, regular applications

of AUSSIE CLEAR every 6-12 months may be necessary to maintain the rich timber colour – especially for decking timber. Apply AUSSIE CLEAR only on the exposed surfaces for cladding timber.

Maintenance

Timber treated with AUSSIE CLEAR will not blacken when maintained regularly. However, over time and depending on the severity of exposure, the rich colour of the timber will fade. Repeat applications are simple, as the timber can be re-oiled to bring back the rich natural timber texture. Areas which wear due to heavy foot traffic e.g. decks, doorways, steps etc, can be touched up when necessary. Each application contributes to an accumulation of AUSSIE CLEAR building up deep within the timber and providing a barrier against biodegradation. Make sure that a build up of AUSSIE CLEAR doesn't occur on the surface of the timber as this may trap dirt and/or mould. After the first 6-12 months of weathering, a second application of AUSSIE CLEAR will ensure a longer service life. Faded timber can be brought back to life with a freshly application of AUSSIE CLEAR.

Coverage

Depending on surface porosity and timber species, one litre of AUSSIE CLEAR will normally cover up to 12 square metres on dressed timber or 8 square metres on sawn timber.

Clean Up

Clean applicators thoroughly with mineral turpentine.

Packaging

AUSSIE CLEAR and AUSSIE CLEAR LIGHT are available in 1, 4, 10, 20 and 200 Litre cans.

Technical Data

Flash Point	64°C (Abel Closed Cup)
Colour	Amber Liquid
Sheen	Flat
Density	0.840 at 20°C
Viscosity	18.0 mm ² / s (cST) at 20°C

Safety Instructions

Avoid skin contact by wearing protective clothing. Don't breathe vapour of spray mist.

First Aid Instructions

If poisoning occurs, contact Doctor or Poison Information Centre

Eyes	Hold eyes open, flood with water for at least 15 minutes – see a Doctor
Skin	Remove contaminated clothing and wash skin thoroughly with soapy water.
Inhalation	Remove to fresh air.
If Swallowed	Do not induce vomiting. Give a glass of water to drink and transport to hospital.

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