



## Timbakote Good Coating Practices

Achieving a lasting and satisfactory finish on exterior timber depends on appropriate preparation and correct application of the coating. A full understanding of the application method, durability and maintenance requirements is required before commencing any coating project.

The correct coating selection and application will enhance and prolong the life of your timber.

As one would expect better coatings cost more as they usually contain higher quality pigments, resins, UV inhibitors and other additives.

The level of exposure to ultra violet light and sunshine is the major cause of coating deterioration particularly north and west facing timber and these areas require extra attention.

### Maintenance

All coatings will perform better and generally last longer if kept clean by regular washing. Surfaces should be inspected annually for early signs of deterioration or maintenance requirements. Maintenance should be carried out while the coating is still intact, has a uniform look and is providing good water repellency.

Maintenance carried out in time will provide a good level of appearance with minimal work and minimal cost.

### Coating Practices

\*Put a coating plan in place prior to starting (you will save time and money)

\*Ensure all timber to be coated has a moisture content of 18% or less.

\*LOSP Treated timber must be allowed to flash off prior to coating to allow the solvents to evaporate.

\*Ensure surface of timber is dry, free of grease, dirt, mould, oil, salt and any loose timber fibres.

\*Dressed timber should have a light sand with the grain and band Sawn timber should be broomed down to remove loose timber fibres prior to coating.

\*All sharp edges of timber must be sanded to at least a 3mil radius.

\*Oily resinous timber and dressed cedar require a wash down with a priority timber cleaner to allow for good adhesion.

\*All faces, edges, rebates, and engrains must be sealed with 2 coats.

\*All exposed timber should have a minimum of a seal coat prior to installation.

\*Follow manufactures instructions at all times.

\*Never apply products in direct sunlight a follow manufacturers temperature guidelines.

\*Thoroughly stir product with a flat stirrer before and during use.

\*Do not thin product unless specified.

\*Coat to your natural breaks and keep a wet edge.

\*Ensure coats are dry before applying further coats and complete the coating system within 4 weeks.

\*If using masking tape make sure that the coating has cured (4-10 days) and remove masking tape as per manufactures directions.

\*Do not over brush, as the correct film build is important to the life of semi-transparent coating.

\*After initial application, brush over with an unloaded brush to remove any excess coating

\*Dispose of all materials safely.

\*When undertaking any work always follow good trade, health and safety practices.

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