

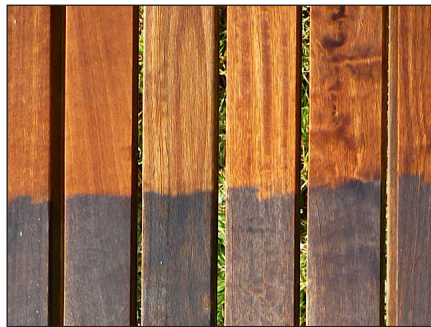


When other timber coatings fail
professionals turn to Cutek

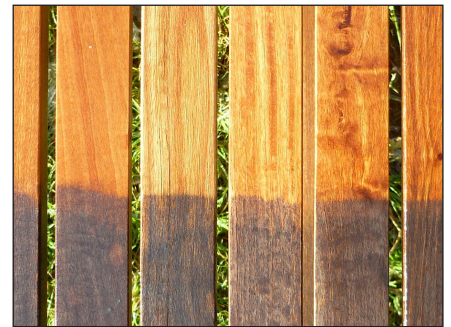
FACTSHEET No 5 – How to use Cutek QuickClean



Timber prior to cleaning



*Same piece of timber after cleaning with
Cutek QuickClean*



*Same piece of timber after a further
application of Cutek Proclean*

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.

How do I clean my deck?

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**.

Unlike bleach, Cutek QuickClean is not considered a strong defoliant, however, the use of absorbent drop cloths to protect delicate and/or adjacent vegetation is recommended.

Because of the wide variation in discoloration and timber species that are encountered, a test area should always be cleaned prior to commencement of the project to determine how much time the restoration procedure will require, and how much **Cutek QuickClean** will be required. This enables an accurate application procedure to be determined and cost estimated. It is important for the user to determine the suitability of the product for its intended application.

Cutek QuickClean must be diluted 8:1 with water. Always test to determine if the dilution being used is effective in cleaning. If the timber is proving difficult to clean, it might be more cost effective to use **Cutek Proclean** instead of **Cutek QuickClean** on a large project.

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Application

Protect adjacent areas. Use safety equipment as specified in the Safety Data Sheet available for download at www.cutek.com.au/msds.html. After testing a patch of timber, 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.

Removal

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.

Additionally, certain types of wood surfaces may leave a raised grain effect after stripping is completed. Sanding or poly pad scrubbing may be required to smooth out this condition.

Cleanup and Precautions

Cutek QuickClean is slippery when applied to a surface so use caution when walking on horizontal surfaces. **DO NOT** walk on surfaces coated with **Cutek QuickClean**. Water flush all equipment, vegetation, paths, concrete, asphalt, and other adjacent surfaces immediately upon contact. Leave job site free of any trace amounts of **Cutek QuickClean**. Always remember that **Cutek QuickClean** is a hazardous chemical, and refer to the health and safety considerations listed in the MSDS sheet prior to commencing any project. Fully protect adjacent surfaces including vegetation and be aware of the potential for wind drift into areas with cars or pedestrian traffic when rinsing or applying. Never leave behind any containers or equipment, and appropriately label any containers of residue for disposal.

Recoating with a Cutek oil

Following the restoration of the timber with **Cutek QuickClean**, it is important to complete the restoration process by coating the timber with an appropriate **Cutek** oil, following the procedure detailed in the relevant factsheet. Failure to treat the timber after restoration will result in the weathering process occurring more rapidly than it took prior to restoration.