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PREPMAX™

Timber Clean & Prep



DANGER

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN
IF MEDICAL ADVICE IS NEEDED HAVE PRODUCT
CONTAINER OR LABEL AT HAND
READ LABEL BEFORE USE



PRODUCT INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION:

Concentrated, high strength exterior timber cleaner for cleaning and preparation of all new, weathered, greyed, stained and mould affected decking and timber surfaces prior to staining or coating.

PROPERTIES:

PREPMAX concentrate is a blend of Oxalic Acid, Citric Acid and Benzalkonium chloride which produces a performance cleaner to prepare decks and timber surfaces by cleaning, treating and removing dirt, mould, mildew, grease, oil and other contaminants and also assists penetration prior to coating. Typical mixing ratios are 1 part Prepmax to 4 parts water.

PRINCIPAL USES:

Timber surfaces with mould or mildew: Pre-treat the timber surfaces in advance with PREPMAX (as per instructions below) and leave for at least 2 weeks, then remove any dead material by scraping, scrubbing or sanding. Re-clean the surface with PREPMAX before application of coating.

New Pine: New decking timber should be weathered for 8 weeks. Clean and treat with Prepmax.

Note: Shiny (mill glazed) machined timber surfaces should be sanded to allow penetration.

New Hardwoods: We recommend hardwood timbers be weathered for 12 or more weeks before the application of a coating. This is to assist with the removal of oily tannins and opens the fibres to aid penetration. Rinsing with water several times over this period is beneficial in addition to the use of PREPMAX to prepare the surface.

Weathered Pine & Hardwoods: If the natural wood grain is to be restored, badly weathered and greyed timber may require sanding back to a clean sound surface. Clean and treat with PREPMAX before application of coating.

Previously Stained & Oiled Timber: Clean and treat with PREPMAX or if a natural wood grain look is required, it may be necessary to sand back to bare timber followed by cleaning and treating with PREPMAX.

To remove paint or other coatings back to a bare surface, a combination of paint remover and sanding should be used followed by Prepmax.

Note: Heavy water blasting is not recommended as it can "fluff" the timber surface, use a low-medium pressure wash down and/or scrubbing.

APPLICATION DATA:

Application:

Please read "Safety Precautions" before use and wear personal protective equipment.


Avoid contact with vegetation, painted or metal surfaces (corrosive properties may react with metal) but if contact does occur, rinse immediately and thoroughly with water. It is a good idea to keep all surrounding areas well saturated with water during the cleaning process to dilute the rinsing off water.

Apply with a brush or broom.

1. Sweep or wash down with water to remove any surface dirt.
2. Shake PREPMAX concentrate thoroughly. **Mix 1 part PREPMAX to 4 parts water** in a plastic container. For severe staining, tannin rich or badly weathered and greyed timber a stronger mixture or repeat applications may be required.
3. Wet the timber area to be cleaned with water.
4. Using a stiff bristle broom/brush apply the PREPMAX mixture generously to the timber surface in sections, ideally along the full length of each piece of timber. Scrub the timber vigorously to ensure good "foaming" of the mixture. Avoid spot cleaning as it may create an uneven finish.
5. Leave the mixture on the timber surface for approximately 15 min. During this time, it may be necessary to apply more mixture to ensure the surface is kept wet. Avoid applying to hot surfaces and in direct sunlight.
6. Rinse off the timber surface thoroughly using a low-medium pressure wash down.
Note: Failure to remove the solution could result in an uneven finish of the coating.
7. Allow the timber surface to dry before applying the coating.

- Coverage:** The mixture of 1 litre PREPMAX to 4 litres water will treat approximately 10-15 square metres depending on the texture and absorbency of the timber.
- Clean-up:** Wash equipment with water.
- Safety Precautions:** Do not breathe fume/mist/vapours/spray. Ensure adequate ventilation during use. In non-ventilated areas ensure a respirator mask is worn.
When using this product do not eat, drink or smoke.
Wash hands thoroughly after handling.
EYES: Avoid contact with eyes. Causes serious eye damage. Wear splash resistant glasses.
SKIN: Avoid contact with skin. Causes severe skin burns. Wear protective gloves & clothing.
CUMULATIVE EFFECTS EXPOSURE: May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeat exposure. You must wear personal protective equipment.
- First Aid Instructions:** **IF SWALLOWED:** Rinse mouth. DO NOT induce vomiting. Immediately call a POISON CENTRE 0800 764 766.
IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do so. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTRE 0800 764 766 or doctor/physician.
IF ON SKIN (OR HAIR): Remove/take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.
IF INHALED OR FEEL UNWELL: Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTRE 0800 764 766 or doctor/physician.

GENERAL DATA

- Theoretical Coverage:** 1 litre of concentrate diluted with 4 litres of water covers 10-15 sq metres.
4 litres of concentrate diluted with 16 litres of water covers 40-60 sq metres.
- Application Temperature:** Avoid applying to hot surfaces over 25°C and in direct sunlight.
- Specific Gravity:** Approximately 1 = 1 kg/litre
- Sizes available:** Prepmax concentrate is supplied in 1 litre (makes 5 litres) and 4 litre (makes 20 litres) plastic containers.
- Handling Precautions:** Keep only in original container. Store locked up.
Do not empty into drains. Toxic to aquatic organisms.
Dispose of the substance and the packaging responsibly. Take to a local hazardous waste disposal station. Dispose of the empty containers according to your local council regulations.
- TRANSPORT PRECAUTIONS
UN 3265
Packing Group II
HAZCHEM 2X
DG Class 8
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- Shelf Life:** Store in cool conditions away from direct sunlight. Under normal conditions full containers can be stored for several years.
- Contains:** <100 g/litre Oxalic Acid as well as Citric Acid and Benzalkonium Chloride

COMMON QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- Q** Any special precaution we need to take before using?
- A** Always use/wear personal protective equipment and avoid contact with vegetation, painted or metal surfaces (corrosive properties may react with metal) but if contact does occur, rinse immediately and thoroughly with water. It is a good idea to keep all surrounding areas well saturated with water during the cleaning process to dilute the rinsing off water.

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OTHER NOTES

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