



Frequently Asked Questions:

What is the drying time?

The Aquaoil and Timbre Plus range are penetrating finishes and naturally slow drying. This is particularly noticeable in cold weather on horizontal surfaces. White spots may appear on flat surfaces where dew or rain may puddle. Left alone, this spotting will disappear as the finish cures.

Do I have to prepare the surface?

Preparation is vital when using Aquaoil and Timbre Plus. The product has to be able to penetrate into the timber, so a clean sterile surface is paramount for the integrity of the coating. Power washing using a timber cleaner or fine sanding is recommended for vertical surfaces only to remove any loose coating or fungal growth. Weathering and cleaning on decking surfaces is all that is necessary. We do not advise sanding on decking timbers as this can liven up the oils on the surface of the timber and inhibit drying and curing of coating.

Can I overcoat Gold with Timbre Plus?

Both systems are compatible. Gold over Timbre Plus or Timber Plus over Gold. Dex can also be over coated with Gold or Timbre Plus.

Can I use Aquaoil or Timbre Plus over an acrylic?

No, our products need to be able to penetrate the timber and they can't do this over a surface coating. Unless you are prepared to sand the previous coating off, repaint with an acrylic.

What is a transparent stain & what is its life span?

A transparent stain allows you to see the grain of the timber through the coating. We have our range of coloured transparents or our natural transparents; Gold, Timbre Plus and Dex. These can all be tinted to the transparent colours which will benefit their lifespan.

Life depends on penetration, application and the amount of weather exposure. Average life is between 3-5 years. UV does the most damage.

What's an Opaque stain and what is its life span?

Opaques give you a total block of colour; Aquaoil Opaques penetrates becoming part of the timber allowing the profile to show through unlike an acrylic which sits on the surface. These have a longer life, approximately 7 years if applied correctly. To recoat, simply wash down and reapply.

Why do transparents have a shorter life than Opaques?

The UV rays getting through the coating degrade the timber from underneath. Water sitting on the surface acts like a magnifying glass adding a hundred fold to the damage. Flat and horizontal surfaces always suffer.

Will Aquaoil and Timbre Plus coatings crack and peel?

All the coatings in the Aquaoil and Timbre Plus ranges oxidise at the end of their life, this means they fade away unlike acrylics which tend to crack and peel at the end of their life.

Can I have colour and see the grain of the timber?

Our transparent range is perfect for this. A full range of transparent colours allow the natural beauty of the timber to show through with a very long life. Formulated here on our premises in Seaford, these are very much in demand.

Nano-Tinted Primer gives you a base transparent colour with top coats of Timbre Plus, Gold or Dex. This is a great system for maximum life.



Can Aquaoil or Timbre Plus be watered down or diluted?

We do not recommend dilution as the life, performance and UV protection may be reduced.

Why can't I use Dex on my windows and walls?

Dex is a budget range product ideal for easy to recoat surfaces like decking, BBQ's, sleepers etc. Painting windows is a job you do not want to undertake every 9-12 months.

Why do I need to do my deck so often?

Being a flat surface exposed to the elements and traffic it stands to reason it needs to be an annual job. Please refer to our decking system.

What's the difference between Timbre Plus for Doors and Windows and Timbre Plus Decking?

Timbre Plus Doors and Windows has a Teflon wax in it which helps repel water. Timbre Plus Decking has a non slip wax much like surfboard wax. When the surface is wet it helps prevent slipping. Timbre Plus Texture incorporates textured beads for extra grip.

What's the difference between Gold and Timbre Plus?

Gold is perfect for broad surface areas as it is of thinner consistency and much easier to apply. Timbre Plus is thicker to cling to windows and doors. Gold has a red hue whilst Timbre Plus has a yellow hue.

What should I use on doors and windows?

Timbre Plus Doors and Windows. This product is thicker and heavier than our other products giving you more film build, which is needed on these surfaces. Teflon is added to aid beading and to repel water.

Can I have a coating that doesn't change the colour of my timber, a clear coating?

A totally clear external coating will have a very short life. We have added transparent oxides (which act like an umbrella against UV rays) and UV blockers. The transparent oxides enrich the colour of the timber and increase the lifespan of the finish.

Can I paint in the hot sun?

The ideal time to coat external timber is when the temperature is rising, so early morning starts are most productive.

What do I fill cracks and holes with?

Linseed putty or exterior grade fillings.

How are lap marks avoided when using transparents?

You can avoid lap marks by working along the full length of the boards. If the coating appears to dry too quickly, finely mist the timber with water to slow the drying time.

How often should I recoat transparents?

This will depend on exposure and the original amount of product used. Horizontal surfaces and edges will show signs of weathering first. When water stops beading on sills or flat surfaces, it is a good time to recoat. A fine sand to roughen the timber surface and a clean is required before applying 1 or 2 coats.