
HUES NEWS

Exterior Wood Projects

According to the North American Deck and Railing Association there is an estimated 40 million decks in the United States that are over 20 years old. Why do we stain decks and outdoor wood furniture? To protect and to beautify. Protecting your investment means enjoying that beautiful outdoor space for years to come. Here's how.

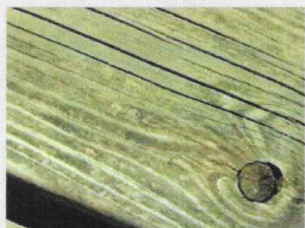
STEP 1: DETERMINE THE STATE OF WOOD



Mold and mildew requires a wood cleaner



Previous coats, especially those peeling requires a stripper



Weathered wood needs a wood brightener

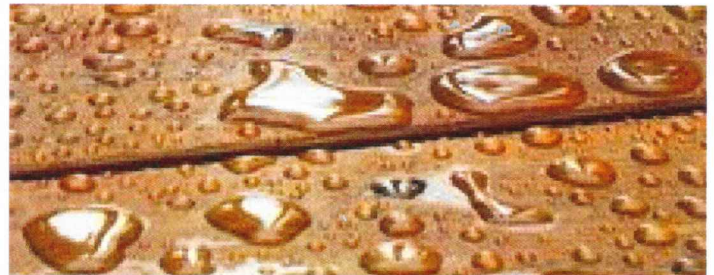


Even new wood needs a cleaner to remove mill glaze

STEP 2: CHOOSING THE RIGHT STAIN

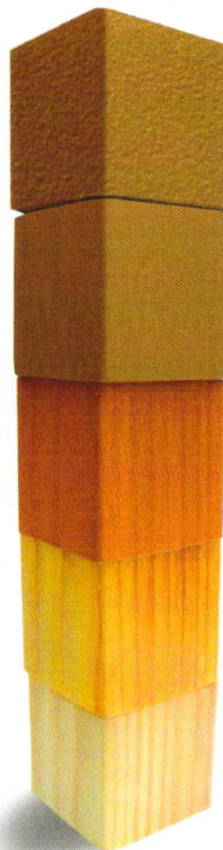
The stain you need is about personal preference for the desired look. Hard woods such as mahogany, ipe, cambara and teak should use Australian Timber Oil.

See chart to the right for guidance.



If moisture beads up on your surface, your wood is already protected. If you are getting ready to stain a surface, like the water, the stain will bead up and not penetrate the surface. You should remove any previous coating including a waterproof coating or mill glaze prior to starting your project.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT STAIN



Solid: opaque/ painted appearance, film-forming

Semi-solid: rich pigmentation, more color with little wood grain showing

Semi-transparent: light pigmentation, color with more wood grain showing

Toner: trans-oxide pigments to resist UV, natural look, flat or gloss finish, accentuates wood grain

Clear: little or no pigmentation, limited or no UV protection