

COMPLETE GUIDE TO THE CARE AND
MAINTENANCE OF

**OUTDOOR TIMBER &
FURNITURE**
(GENERAL PURPOSE)



THIS COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE SUPPLIES FULL
DETAILS REGARDING THE COATING OF ALL
OUTDOOR TIMBER INCLUDING FURNITURE

IT IS IMPORTANT TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS
CAREFULLY IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE MAXIMUM
LIFE OUT OF YOUR TIMBER AND FURNITURE

**IMPORTANT: IF YOU ARE WANTING TO COAT A
DECK OR WALKWAY PLEASE REFER TO THE
SPECIAL RYSTIX PAMPHLET HEADED:**

“TIMBER DECKS AND WALKWAYS”

DO'S!

- DO** Select your timber carefully and be sure it is suitable for the items to be constructed - in the case of softwoods the timber must be preservative treated, but ensure the treated timber is redried before use and before coating
- DO** Ensure the timber is clean and dry before coating
- DO** Stir contents of the tin thoroughly before use
- DO** Apply the sealer with good quality long bristle paint brushes (spray application can be used on furniture components etc)
- DO** Apply three **neat** coats of exterior sealer all round the timber. If applying **clear** non-tinted sealer, then an extra coat is advised to ensure adequate protection
- DO** Ensure end grain areas are liberally coated to protect against the ingress of moisture
- DO** Allow sufficient time for each coat to dry before applying the next coat. Actual time will depend on weather conditions and type of sealer used. Oil-based sealer will require longer drying time than water-based sealer
- DO** Sand thoroughly with a fairly coarse grit sandpaper any areas which have been previously coated to remove any loose material and to ensure good adhesion of the new coats
- DO** Clean dirt and other atmospheric deposits off the surface of your timber and furniture, at regular intervals to maintain the beauty of the wood and to obtain the maximum life out of the sealer
- DO** Pay special attention to preparing door & window frames especially cottage style frames where ideally the sealer should be applied all round before the frames are built into the walls



DON'T'S!

- DON'T** Apply exterior sealer to rough timber. Ensure all timber is smooth before coating
- DON'T** Apply exterior sealer to outdoor timber in damp and rainy weather.
- DON'T** Apply later coats onto earlier coats without ensuring the surface is clean and free from any dirt and other atmospheric deposits especially if close to the sea.
- DON'T** Allow excessive time between coats. If final coats applied some months after first coats, then sand surface first to ensure good adhesion of the later coats.
- DON'T** Use clear sealers on horizontal areas as these allow UV to attack timber and darken the wood. Preferably use a tinted sealer which closely matches the colour of your timber.
- DON'T** Dilute the exterior sealer even when applying to hardwoods – apply only even neat coats.
- DON'T** Use any outdoor furniture before the sealer coating has hardened sufficiently. Depending on weather conditions and type of sealer used, this could take a few days.
- DON'T** Allow rain or dew to wet freshly coated areas soon after coating, when using water-based Armadek sealer. This will produce a “milky” appearance which will disappear if allowed to dry.
- DON'T** Allow any timber coated with Rystix Timbacare to discolour by weathering before undertaking touch-up recoating. Sand very lightly to roughen the coating slightly and apply two neat coats of the same Rystix Timbacare sealer as originally used as soon as signs of dulling or discolouration are noticed. If discolouration is excessive, then sand sufficiently to return the timber to its natural beauty prior to application of new coats. Remember if all previous coats are removed, it is necessary to re-apply three neat coats for the best results



RYSTIX TIMBACARE EXTERIOR SEALERS ARE AVAILABLE IN TWO TYPES:

OIL-BASED:

CALLED "RYSTIX TIMBACARE EXTERIOR SEALER" AND AVAILABLE IN SIX TRANSLUCENT SHADES; **CLEAR, NATURAL / LIGHT YELLOW, MAHOGANY, OAK, TEAK & EBONY**. BRUSHES ARE CLEANED IN DECENT QUALITY MINERAL TURPENTINE.



WATER-BASED:

CALLED "RYSTIX TIMBACARE EXTERIOR ARMADEK" AND ALSO AVAILABLE IN SIX TRANSLUCENT SHADES: **CLEAR, OREGON, MAHOGANY, BROWN, ROSEWOOD & IMBUIA**. BRUSHES ARE CLEANED IN NORMAL TAP WATER OR MILD SOAPY SOLUTION.



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FACTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WHEN USING RYSTIX TIMBACARE EXTERIOR SEALERS

ALL RYSTIX CLEAR SEALERS CAN BE TINTED TO WHATEVER COLOUR IS REQUIRED BY USING READILY AVAILABLE QUALITY "UNIVERSAL" TINTS.

OIL-BASED SEALERS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR APPLICATION TO DENSE HARDWOODS. WATER-BASED SEALERS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR ITEMS SUBJECTED TO HEAVY WEAR AND TEAR SUCH AS OUTDOOR FURNITURE..

TIMBACARE SEALERS ARE NOT VARNISHES AND WILL NOT PEEL OR FLAKE WHEN EXPOSED TO THE WEATHER.

THEY ALSO CONTAIN SPECIAL APPROVED BIOCIDES TO PROTECT AGAINST SURFACE INSECT, DRY-ROT, AND FUNGAL ATTACK.

SPECIES OF TIMBER SUBJECT TO CRACKING & SPLITTING WILL ALLOW MOISTURE TO PENETRATE THESE CRACKS. LIBERAL APPLICATION OF SEALER INTO THE CRACKS WILL PREVENT FURTHER MOISTURE FROM EVENTUALLY BREAKING DOWN THE COATING FROM UNDERNEATH.

IT IS ESSENTIAL TO APPLY SUFFICIENT SEALER TO THE TIMBER IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A PROTECTIVE FILM WHICH WILL EFFECTIVELY FILTER OUT THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF THE UV IN SUNSHINE & ALL EXPOSED TIMBER SEALED WITH RYSTIX TIMBACARE SHOULD BE REGULARLY CLEANED TO REMOVE ALL ATMOSPHERIC DEPOSITS WHICH COLLECT ON THE TIMBER. THIS WILL PROLONG THE LIFE OF THE SEALER & TIMBER, PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN DAMP OR COASTAL LOCATIONS WHERE HEAVY DEPOSITS FROM THE ATMOSPHERE ARE MORE COMMON.

IF RYSTIX SEALERS ARE SPRAY APPLIED (IN THE CASE OF FURNITURE), IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO DILUTE SLIGHTLY, HOWEVER CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO APPLY AN EXTRA COAT TO ALLOW FOR THE DILUTION AND ANY OVERSPRAY.

Warranty:

All information is based upon current knowledge and experience and is given in good faith. While all Rystix Timbicare products are manufactured to the highest quality standards, since they may be stored, handled and used under conditions which are beyond our control we cannot accept responsibility for any direct or consequential loss suffered, how so ever this should arise, from the use of our products. Active technical service forms an integral part of our service and customers are encouraged to make use of this in optimising the performance of Rystix Timbicare under their particular conditions.



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