



When other wood coatings fail
professionals turn to Cutek

FACTSHEET - How to use Cutek ProClean



Wood prior to cleaning



Same piece of wood after cleaning with
Cutek ProClean



Same piece of wood after a further
application of Cutek ProClean

Surfaces that have been previously coated with **Cutek Extreme** 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 ProClean**, followed by the application of one or two further coats of a **Cutek Extreme** wood protection oil.

How do I clean my deck?

Unlike bleach, **Cutek ProClean** 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 wood 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 ProClean** 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.

It is preferable to use **Cutek ProClean** as supplied and it must always be stirred well before use. Sometimes however, the use of hot water rinsing combined with an easy to clean surface, means that **Cutek ProClean** can be diluted with water. If a choice to dilute the product is made, always test to determine if the dilution being used is effective in cleaning.

Application

After testing a patch of wood and determining the required dilution, if any, apply **Cutek ProClean** liberally to a pre-wetted wood substrate with brush, roller or garden sprayer. Let **Cutek ProClean** do most of the work by letting it dwell on the surface for 10 minutes to 8 hours, or such time as deemed to be necessary by the test procedure. It may be necessary to scrub stubborn stains moderately with a stiff bristle brush.

Removal

Once **Cutek ProClean** has cleaned the wood, 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 wood. **CAUTION** must be used when cleaning soft wood to reduce the pressure and avoid damaging the sapwood. The longer that **Cutek ProClean** 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.

If **Cutek ProClean** is being used to remove mill glaze (a smooth glossy surface found on smooth newly sawn lumber which is impervious to most coatings) use the same procedure as above.

Cleanup and Precautions

Cutek ProClean is slippery when applied to a surface so use caution when walking on horizontal surfaces. **DO NOT** walk on surfaces coated with **Cutek ProClean**. 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 ProClean**. Always remember that **Cutek ProClean** 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 Extreme

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