



When other wood coatings fail
professionals turn to CUTEK®

FACTSHEET No4 How to maintain CUTEK® EXTREME

The maintenance and rejuvenation of exterior wood structures and projects protected with **CUTEK® EXTREME** is a simple, fast and, cost-effective process. No sanding or stripping! Simply wash, then reapply!

CUTEK® EXTREME will continue to penetrate and diffuse deeper into the wood. A maintenance application is required when the wood is no longer beading water or as necessary to retain the natural beauty and colour of the wood.

Projects protected with clear **CUTEK® EXTREME** may require maintenance less frequently than projects that used **CUTEK® EXTREME** with a **Colourtone**. The **Colourtone** will gradually wear or fade over time (rather than peel, split or crack), which will not require sanding or stripping!

Due to the cumulative effect of **CUTEK® EXTREME**, each reapplication will typically use less oil, and extend the time between maintenance applications.

IMPORTANT



Deck Source Inc. is unable to offer any specific performance warranties.

It is important to realise that penetration rates and colour durability varies widely according to many factors including, but not limited to: the species, age and porosity of the wood, use, situation, exposure to the weather and how rough the wood surface is.

The colour will fade faster in full weather exposed areas whereas wood in protected areas will retain colour with minimal maintenance over time.

Typically, horizontal smooth surfaces exposed to full weather, such as pool decks, will require maintenance applications more frequently (initially every 6 months, then annually), while vertical rough sawn cladding may require maintenance less frequently (every 2 - 5 years).

How to maintain projects protected with CUTEK® EXTREME

Clean the wood

If the wood needs a basic cleaning, or the removal of greasy residue (such as BBQ drippings), or the colour has faded, **CUTEK® QuickClean** may be all that you need to prepare the surface for a maintenance application of **CUTEK® EXTREME**.

If the wood is starting to silver/grey (and that is not the desired look), or to remove stubborn marks caused by water, tannin, resin, iron, mold/mildew or heavy foot traffic, better results will be obtained by using **CUTEK® ProClean**.

Refer to the appropriate Factsheet for more information about how to use the required cleaner: FactSheet No5 **CUTEK® QuickClean**, or FactSheet No6 **CUTEK® ProClean**.

Reapply

Once the project is clean and dry it is ready for the maintenance application of **CUTEK® EXTREME**. Refer to Factsheet No2 **CUTEK® EXTREME**, if required.

If a **Colourtone** was used in the previous application the colour can be refreshed, or darkened, by using **Colourtoned CUTEK® EXTREME** for the reapplication, or to keep the look of the faded colour use clear **CUTEK® EXTREME** (but note that the colour will continue to fade). If there are protected areas on the project that do not require more **Colourtone**, apply clear **CUTEK® EXTREME** to those areas and **Colourtoned CUTEK® EXTREME** to the faded areas. Heavy wear paths can have **Colourtoned CUTEK® EXTREME** lightly feathered into those areas prior to the full reapplication.