



When other timber coatings fail
professionals turn to Cutek

FACTSHEET No 6 – How to use Cutek Proclean



Timber prior to cleaning



*Same piece of timber after cleaning with
Cutek QuickClean*



*Same piece of timber after a further
application of Cutek Proclean*

Surfaces that have been previously coated with **Cutek** products 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 QuickClean** or **Cutek Proclean**, and the application of one or two further coats of a **Cutek** wood protection oil.

How do I clean my deck?

If the timber is only dirty and faded, **Cutek QuickClean** may be all that you need to prepare the surface for another coat of a **Cutek** oil. **Cutek QuickClean** is designed as a cost effective, biodegradable cleaner for the restoration of uncoated, dirty and weathered timber. **Cutek QuickClean** is less powerful than **Cutek Proclean**, however it is less hazardous, and will not damage substrates or vegetation adjacent to the timber surface being restored, eliminating the need for containment or masking.

If your timber is quite weathered and stained, better results will be obtained by using **Cutek Proclean**.

Unlike bleach, Cutek Proclean is not considered a strong defoliant, however, the use of absorbent drop cloths to protect delicate and/or adjacent vegetation and surfaces is recommended.

Because of the wide variation in discoloration and timber 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. If the timber is proving easy to clean, it might be more cost effective to use **Cutek QuickClean** instead of **Cutek Proclean** on a large project.

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Application

Protect adjacent areas. Use safety equipment as specified in the Safety Data Sheet available for download at www.cutek.com.au/msds.html. After testing a patch of timber and determining the required dilution, if any, apply **Cutek Proclean** liberally to a pre-wetted timber 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–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 fibre brush.

Removal

Once **Cutek Proclean** has cleaned the timber, 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 timber. **CAUTION** must be used when cleaning soft timber 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 timber 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 oil

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