



EXTERIOR TIMBER PROJECT GUIDE





○ Natural Decking Oil - Natural on Merbau timber

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About Cabot's

Cabot's Timber Finishes are the leading woodcare products in Australia. Since 1877 Samuel Cabot has manufactured a range of superior timber finishes. Cabot's timber finishes are made in Australia with pride and offer a comprehensive range of stains, varnishes, clear finishes, oil, paints and polishes for the preservation and beautification of timber around your home. Cabot's will help you to achieve a premium finish from an easy to choose range of products and provide you with step by step information on how to do the job properly.

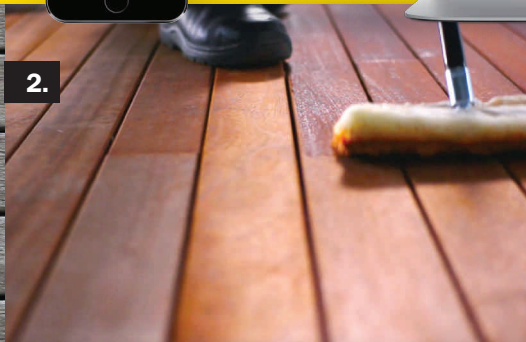
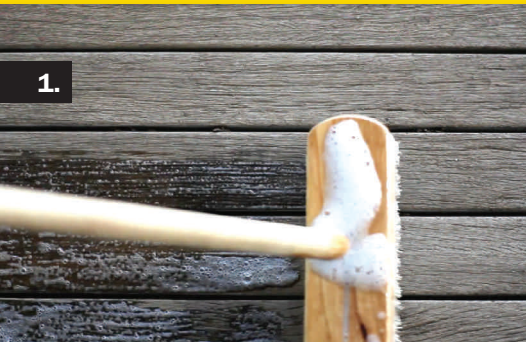
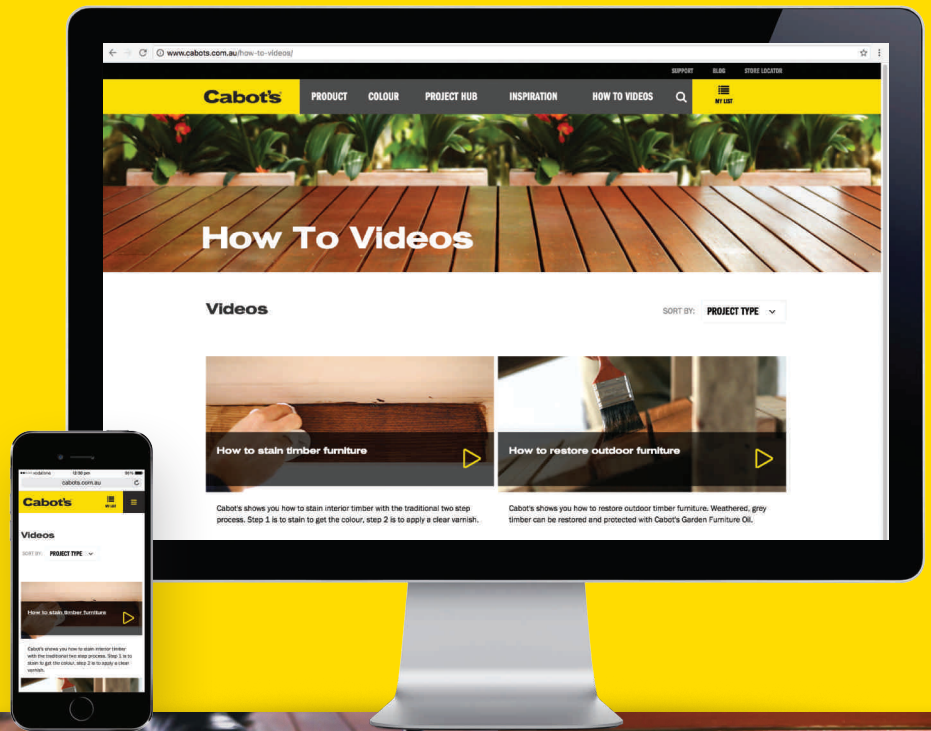
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Front cover: Aquadeck - Merbau on Merbau timber

How to videos with Cabot's.

To find all the advice you need to make your next woodcare project easy, go to the Cabot's website for handy how-to videos.

1. How to prepare a deck
 2. How to oil a deck
 3. How to stain a deck
 4. How to stain exterior timber
 5. How to stain and varnish
 6. How to restore outdoor furniture
 7. How to stain timber furniture
 8. How to restore timber furniture
 9. How to re-coat interior floors
- And many more!



How to prepare previously coated or grey timber

Step 1. Know your timber

The final appearance of any timber coating is affected by the unique characteristics of the timber species being coated, so ensure you are familiar with your timber and its natural properties. Some common exterior timber types include:



Timber: Merbau



Timber: Jarrah



Timber: Spotted Gum

Step 2. Water Bead Test

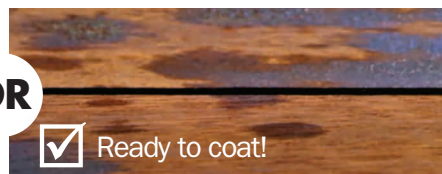
Is your timber ready for coating?
Check with a simple Water Bead Test.

- Sprinkle droplets of water on the timber surface



Water beads on timber

If the water 'beads' on the surface further weathering, sanding or use of a timber stripper is required before applying coating.



Water soaks into timber

If the water soaks into the surface you are ready to clean your timber and apply your preferred coating.

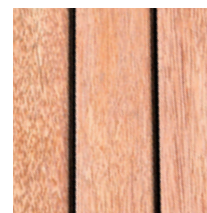
Step 3. Clean

Depending on the condition of your timber additional preparation may be required. Go to the how-to section on our website to find out more.

- Always prepare timber with Deck Clean to remove dirt and timber oil that may impact the final finish
- Scrub the cleaning solution into the timber, wait 20 minutes then hose off



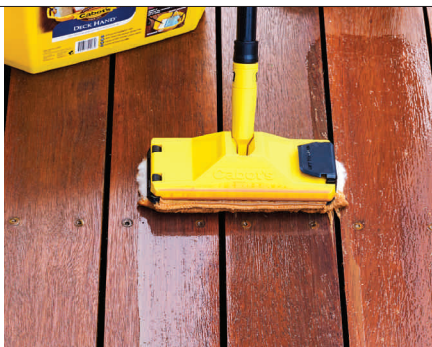
Aged timber



Prepared with Deck Clean

Step 4. Coat

- Apply decking oil or decking stain with a decking applicator for an even finish and to save time
- You may need to 'cut in' around the deck edges with a brush first



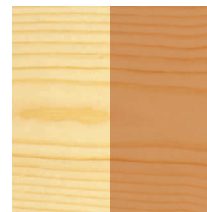
Decking Oils –
enhance natural
timber colour



Uncoated

Coated

Decking Stains –
change the
timber colour



Uncoated


Coated

How to coat your deck in a day.


A simple 3 step process for new bare timber.





STEP 1
Prepare new bare timber with New Timber Prep




STEP 2
Clean your deck with Deck Clean

STEP 3
Coat your deck with Aquadeck



Preparation products



Cabot's New Timber Prep

Use on	New bare timber	
Coverage	2 litres of undiluted New Timber Prep will treat 20m ²	Skip the Weathering Process. Instead of waiting 4-6 weeks to coat your new timber you can now coat your deck in just one day. Cabot's New Timber Prep is designed to draw out the natural tannins, oils, treatment residue and contaminants from new bare or uncoated timber surfaces.
Apply with	Deck Prep or stiff bristled brush	
Rinse off after:	15 mins	
Clean up	Water	



Cabot's Deck Clean

Use on	All exterior timber or decking	
Coverage	1 litre of Deck Clean diluted with four parts water will treat 5-10m ²	When used in conjunction with New Timber Prep, Cabot's Deck Clean removes the natural tannins, oils, treatment residue and contaminants that have been drawn to the surface and neutralises Cabot's New Timber Prep.
Apply with	Deck Prep or stiff bristled brush	
Rinse off after:	20 mins	
Clean up	Water	

Application products

Cabot's Signature Range. Makes the decking process faster easier and more effective.



Deck Coat

- Larger lambswool area for maximum coverage
- Swivel head for coating on different angles
- Easy to load replacement Deck Sleeve
- Self release opening and closing latch
- Solid construction for greater control and navigation
- Universal interchangeable pole that can be clicked on to Deck Prep



Deck Prep

- Thick outer bristles for strength and scrubbing capability
- Soft inner bristles for liquid holding capacity – holds more liquid
- Squeegee for removing pools of water after cleaning for a faster dry time
- Scraper for removing tough dirt and debris



Deck Hand

- Multi-use bucket for deck preparation and coating
- Drainage tray for removing excess product from applicator
- 15L capacity for larger jobs
- High sides to prevent splashing



Deck Sleeve

- Replacement lambswool Deck Sleeve
- Larger surface area for faster application
- Greater coverage and holds more product



Deck Sander

- Premium sanding tool for preparation of exterior timber & decking surfaces
- Removes grain raise & severely flaking and patchy coatings
- 3 replaceable sanding pads





Aquadeck - Merbau on Merbau timber

Decking products

Decking oils

Finish: Semi-transparent, natural look that enhances the timber grain. Matt finish.



Cabot's Aquadeck

Use on	Decks, garden furniture, pergolas, fences & gates	
Coverage	12m ² per litre	Cabot's Aquadeck is a highly durable, low odour decking oil that is designed to provide exceptional durability to all exterior surfaces and lasts twice as long as traditional decking oils.
Apply with	Cabot's Deck Coat or brush	
Number of Coats	2 coats	
Recoat	2 hours	
Clean up	Water	



EVERYDAY DECK WASH
MAINTENANCE CLEANER

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**EVERYDAY DECK WASH
MAINTENANCE CLEANER**

**Don't forget
decking
application
essentials.**

☒ Deck Hand ☒ Deck Prep ☒ Deck Coat

Timber: Merbau Uncoated



Timber: Jarrah Uncoated



Timber: Merbau

Coating: Natural Colour



Timber: Jarrah

Coating: Natural Colour



Timber: Merbau

Coating: Merbau Colour



Timber: Jarrah

Coating: Jarrah Colour

Decking products

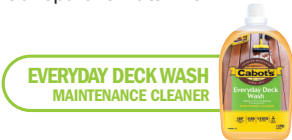
Decking oils

Finish: Semi-transparent, natural look that enhances the timber grain. Matt finish.



Cabot's Natural Decking Oil

Use on	Decks, garden furniture, pergolas, fences & gates	
Coverage	10m ² per litre	Cabot's Natural Decking Oil is a fast drying penetrating oil that nourishes and protects the timber, providing a semi-transparent matt finish.
Apply with	Cabot's Deck Coat or brush	
Number of Coats	2 coats	
Recoat	6 hours	
Clean up	Mineral Turpentine	



Don't forget decking application essentials.

☒ Deck Hand
 ☒ Deck Prep
 ☒ Deck Coat

SIGNATURE RANGE



Timber: Jarrah Uncoated



Timber: Jarrah

Coating: Natural Colour



Timber: Jarrah

Coating: Jarrah Colour



Timber: Merbau Uncoated



Timber: Merbau

Coating: Natural Colour



Timber: Merbau

Coating: Merbau Colour



Natural Decking Oil - Natural on Merbau timber

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Decking & exterior products

Decking & exterior stains

Finish: Semi-transparent, pigmented look that changes the colour of timber. Matt to Low Sheen finish.



Cabot's Deck & Exterior Stain (Water Based)

Use on	Decks and all exterior timber	
Coverage	12m ² per litre	Cabot's Water Based Deck & Exterior Stain is a highly durable stain that lasts longer than traditional decking stains. It is designed to rejuvenate and transform the colour of all exterior timber, delivering a long lasting, beautiful result.
Apply with	Cabot's Deck Coat or brush	
Number of Coats	Semi-transparent (1 coat) or opaque finish (2 coats or more)	
Recoat	If more than one coat is required, 2 hours	
Clean up	Water	

EVERYDAY DECK WASH
MAINTENANCE CLEANER



Cabot's Deck & Exterior Stain (Oil Based)

Use on	Decks and all exterior timber	
Coverage	10m ² per litre	Cabot's Oil Based Deck & Exterior Stain is a durable stain which rejuvenates and transforms the colour of all exterior timber.
Apply with	Cabot's Deck Coat or brush	
Number of Coats	Semi-transparent (1 coat) or opaque finish (2 coats or more)	
Recoat	If more than one coat is required, 18 hours	
Clean up	Mineral Turpentine	

EVERYDAY DECK WASH
MAINTENANCE CLEANER



All colours are shown on Treated Pine



Uncoated Treated Pine



Lavender Stream ^B



Waterman ^B



Violet Storm ^B



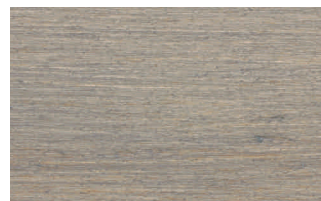
Blue Oak



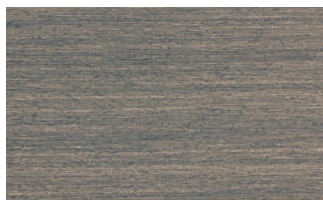
Ocean Drift ^B



Silver Mist ^B



Hunter Grey ^B



Blackburn ^B



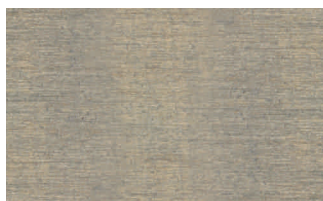
Lutz River ^B



Lake Oberon ^B



Swampy Gum ^B



Dusty Gum ^B



Cheesewood ^B



Elm Grove ^B



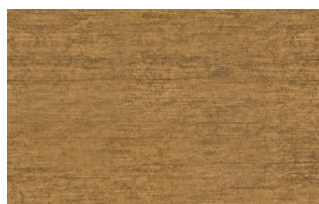
Hacienda Grey ^B



Huon Pine ^B



European Beech ^B



Northern Tallowwood ^O



October Brown



Golden Pine ^O



Native Mahogany ^O



Spanish Cedar ^O



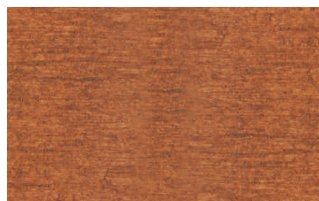
New Jarrah



Redwood ^B



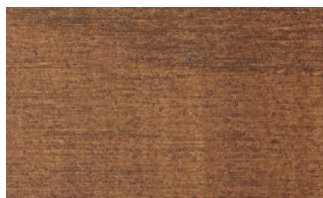
Australian Red Cedar ^J



River Red Gum ^J



Classic Walnut ^J



Ironwood ^M



Rustic Chestnut ^M



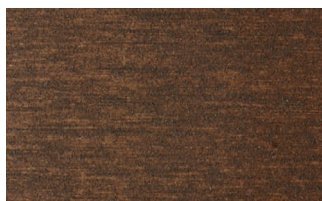
Merbau [•]



Mission Brown ^M



Chocolate Brown ^M



Ebony ^M



Weathered Quartz ^B



Rich Teak ^B



Aged Oak ^B



Misty Ash ^B



Tasmanian Oak ^B



Silky Hazelwood ^B



Acacia Green ^B



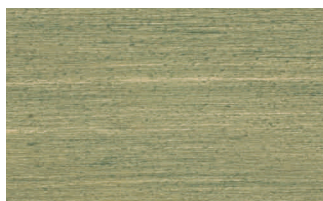
Sycamore Leaf ^B



Dense Forest ^B



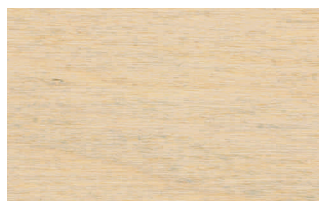
Mountain Eucalypt ^B



Wild Olive ^B



Douglas Fir ^B



Beach House Grey [•]



Silver Birch ^B

*All colours are available in both Oil and Water Based Cabot's Deck & Exterior Stain. All colours shown are Cabot's Deck & Exterior Stain Water Based on Treated Pine.

Note: As a semi-transparent stain, the final appearance of Cabot's Deck & Exterior Stain is affected by many factors including the timber species and unique characteristics of timber within the species. The colour and timber species combinations above should be used as a guide only. To see what your unique timber species and colour combination would look like, pick up a 250ml sample pot to trial.

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Exterior timber products

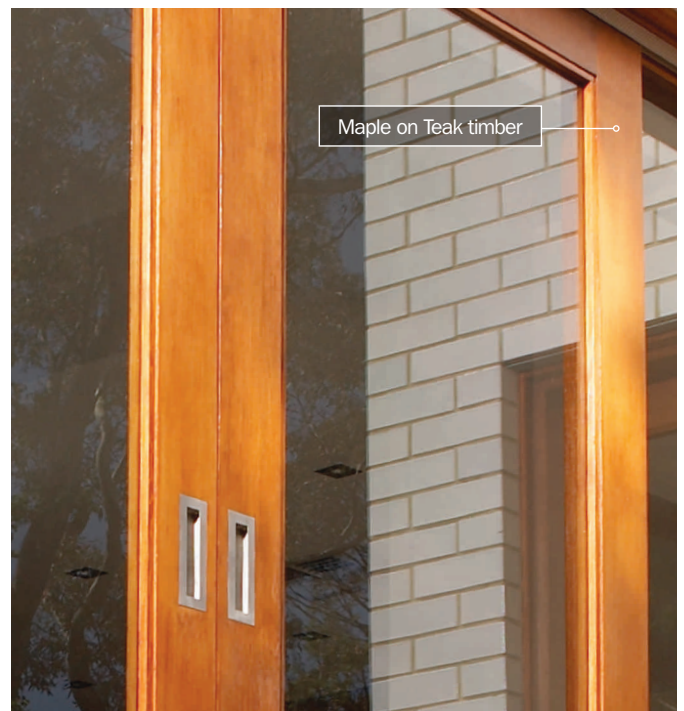
Exterior varnish stains

Finish: Semi-transparent, pigmented look that changes the colour of timber.
Gloss finish.



Cabot's Exterior Varnish Stain (Water Based)

Use on	Exterior timber including doors, windows, trim and garden furniture	
Coverage	12m ² per litre	Cabot's Exterior Varnish Stain is a combined semi-transparent stain and varnish that is highly durable and provides protection, colour and shine without hiding the grain. The exterior durable technology means only 3 coats are required as opposed to 5 or more coats, which may be needed for some other products.
Apply with	Brush or spray gun	
Number of Coats	3 coats	
Recoat	2 hours	
Clean up	Water	



All colours shown on Victorian Ash



Uncoated Vic Ash



Maple •



Rose Mahogany •



Pastel Grey ^{CTB}



Shell Pink ^{CTB}



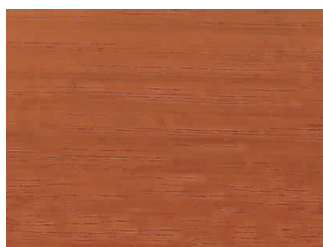
Pastel Grey ^{CTB}



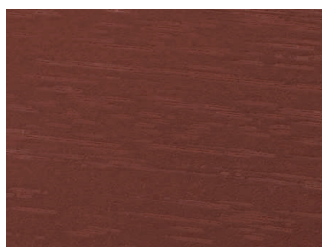
Chocolate Brown ^{CTB}



Smokey Pink ^{CTB}



Terracotta ^{CTB}



Jarrah ^T



Mustard ^{CTB}



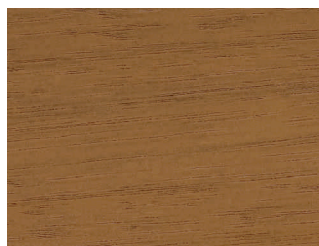
Colonial Baltic ^{CTB}



Teak •



Oregon ^{CTB}



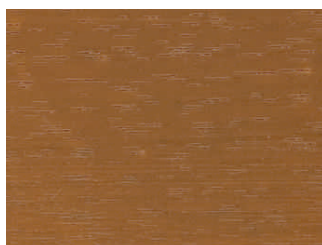
Dark Oak ^{CTB}



Meranti ^{CTB}



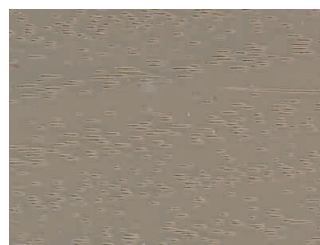
Light Cedar ^{CTB}



New Teak ^T



Rich Walnut ^T



Weathered Cedar ^{CTB}



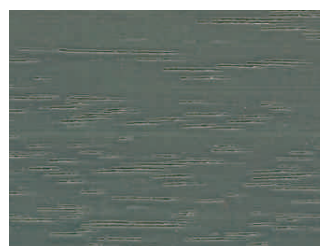
Treated Pine ^{CTB}



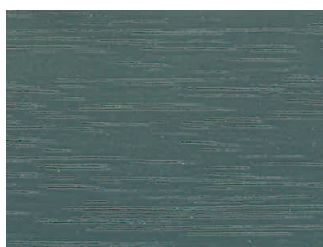
Olive Green ^{CTB}



Forest Grey ^{CTB}



Pacific Blue ^{CTB}



Gunmetal Blue ^{CTB}



Opal Green ^{CTB}



Sea Green ^{CTB}



Light Blue ^{CTB}

Note: As a semi-transparent stain, the final appearance of Cabot's Exterior Varnish Stain is affected by many factors including the timber species and unique characteristics of timber within the species. The colour and timber species combinations above should be used as a guide only. To see what your unique timber species and colour combination would look like, pick up a 500ml can to trial.

^{CTB} Tinted from Clear Tint Base. • Pre-packaged colours. ^T Tinted from Teak Base.

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Aquadeck - Natural on Merbau timber

Exterior Clear - Satin on Pine timber

Exterior timber products

Timber clears

Finish: Transparent, natural colourless look that enhances the timber grain. Gloss or Satin finish.



Cabot's Exterior Clear (Marine Grade)

Use on	Exterior timber including doors, windows and trim	
Coverage	12m ² per litre	Cabot's Exterior Clear is a durable, marine grade polyurethane that provides protection and shine without hiding the grain. It provides resistance against weathering and moisture damage and contains the latest ultra-violet absorber technology to maximise gloss, performance and durability. The exterior durable technology means only 3 coats are required as opposed to 5 or more coats that may be needed for some other products.
Apply with	Brush or spray gun	
Number of Coats	3 coats	
Recoat	12 hours	
Clean up	Mineral Turpentine	
Note	Not suitable for walk on areas, outdoor furniture and broad wall application	



Outdoor furniture products

Furniture oil

Finish: Semi-transparent, natural look that enhances the timber grain. Matt finish.



Cabot's Garden Furniture Oil (Water Based)

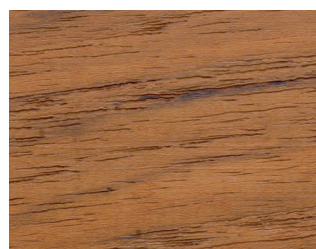
Use on	Timber garden furniture, BBQ trolleys and benches	
Coverage	12m ² per litre	Cabot's Water Based Garden Furniture Oil is a highly durable, low odour exterior oil. It is designed to provide exceptional durability and lasts longer than traditional garden furniture oils. Water Based Garden Furniture Oil's advanced dual technology allows natural oils to penetrate and nourish the timber, and then creates a durable acrylic barrier for a beautiful natural finish.
Apply with	Brush	
Number of Coats	3 coats	
Recoat	12 hours	
Clean up	Water	



Timber: Teak Uncoated



Timber: Hardwood Uncoated



Timber: Teak Coating: New Natural



Timber: Hardwood Coating: Merbau













Timber: Jarrah Coating: Jarrah



Timber: Hardwood Coating: Rustic Oak^M

Product guide

PRODUCT TYPE	PRODUCT	DESCRIPTION	WHERE TO USE	PREPARATION PRODUCTS
OILS Enhance natural timber colour	 Cabot's Aquadeck	Cabot's Aquadeck is a highly durable, low odour decking oil that is designed to provide exceptional durability to all exterior timber surfaces and lasts twice as long as traditional decking oils	Decks, garden furniture, pergolas, fences and gates	Cabot's Deck Clean
	 Cabot's Natural Decking Oil	Cabot's Natural Decking Oil is a fast drying penetrating oil that nourishes and protects the timber	Decks, garden furniture, pergolas, fences and gates	Cabot's Deck Clean
	 Cabot's Garden Furniture Oil (Water Based)	Cabot's Water Based Garden Furniture Oil is a highly durable, low odour exterior oil. It is designed to provide exceptional durability and lasts longer than traditional garden furniture oils	Timber garden furniture, BBQ trolleys and benches	Cabot's Deck Clean
STAINS Change timber colour	 Cabot's Deck & Exterior Stain (Water Based)	Cabot's Water Based Deck & Exterior Stain is a highly durable stain that lasts longer than traditional decking stains. It is designed to rejuvenate and transform the colour of all exterior timber, delivering a long lasting, beautiful result and is available in 48 great colours	Decks and all exterior timber	Cabot's Deck Clean
	 Cabot's Deck & Exterior Stain (Oil Based)	Cabot's Oil Based Deck & Exterior Stain is a durable stain which rejuvenates and transforms the colour of all exterior timber and is available in 48 great colours	Decks and all exterior timber	Cabot's Deck Clean
	 Cabot's Exterior Varnish Stain	Cabot's Exterior Varnish Stain is a combined semi-transparent stain and varnish that is highly durable and provides protection, colour and shine without hiding the grain	Exterior timber including doors, windows, trim and garden furniture**	Cabot's Deck Clean
CLEAR	 Cabot's Exterior Clear	Cabot's Exterior Clear is a durable, marine grade polyurethane that provides protection and shine without hiding the grain. It provides resistance against weathering and moisture damage and contains the latest ultra-violet absorber technology to maximise gloss, performance and durability	Exterior timber including doors, windows and trim*	Cabot's Deck Clean
MAINTENANCE	 Cabot's Deck Wash	Designed to refresh exterior timber decking and help remove dirt, dust and bird droppings making it the perfect everyday cleaning solution	All exterior timber	—
PREPARATION	 Cabot's New Timber Prep	Instead of waiting 4-6 weeks to coat your new timber, you can now coat your deck in just one day. Cabot's New Timber Prep is designed to remove tannins and oils from new bare or uncoated timber surfaces.	New bare timber	—
	 Cabot's Deck Clean	Cleans and rejuvenates new and old timber and prepares timber for coating by removing dirt, oils, grease and other contaminants	All exterior timber	—

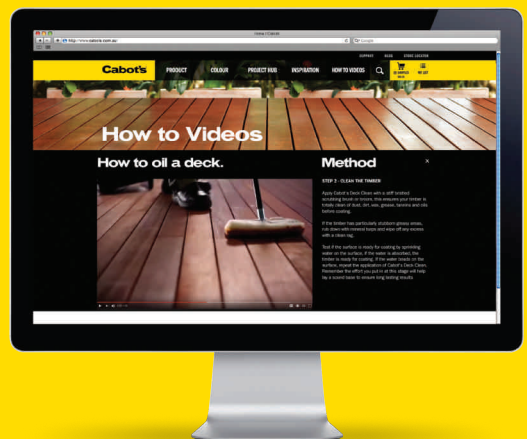
FINISH/ APPEARANCE	APPLY WITH	APPROX. COVERAGE RATE	NUMBER OF COATS	RE-COAT TIME	CLEAN UP WITH	SIZES AVAILABLE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semi-transparent, natural look • Enhances the timber grain • Matt finish 	Brush or Cabot's Deck Coat Applicator	12m ² per litre	2	2 hours	Water	250mL, 1L, 4L, 10L
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semi-transparent, natural look • Enhances the timber grain • Matt finish 	Brush or Cabot's Deck Coat Applicator	10m ² per litre	2	6 hours	Mineral Turpentine	1L, 4L, 10L
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semi-transparent, natural look • Enhances the timber grain • Matt finish 	Brush	12m ² per litre	2	2 hours	Water	1L
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semi-transparent, pigmented • Transforms the colour of timber • Low sheen finish 	Brush or Cabot's Deck Coat Applicator	12m ² per litre	1–2	2 hours	Water	250mL, 1L, 4L, 10L [^]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semi-transparent, pigmented • Transforms the colour of timber • Low sheen finish 	Brush or Cabot's Deck Coat Applicator	10m ² per litre	1–2	18 hours	Mineral Turpentine	250mL, 1L, 4L, 10L [^]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semi-transparent, pigmented • Transforms the colour of timber • Gloss finish 	Brush or spray gun	Up to 12m ² per litre	3	2 hours	Water	500mL, 1L, 2L, 4L [^]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transparent, natural colourless look • Enhances the timber grain • Gloss or Satin finish 	Brush or spray gun	Up to 12m ² per litre	3	12 hours	Mineral Turpentine	500mL, 1L, 2L
—	Cabot's Deck Prep	Diluted Deck Wash will cover up to 60m ² per litre	1	Up to 10 mins	Water	1L
—	Cabot's Deck Prep	2 litres of undiluted New Timber Prep will treat 20m ²	1	15 mins	Water	2L, 4L
—	Cabot's Deck Prep	1 litre of Deck Clean diluted with four parts water will treat 5-10m ²	1 Severe stains and tannin rich timbers may require a stronger mix or repeat applications	10-20 mins	Water	1L, 4L

Left wanting more?

You've found the right colour for the job, now on to the next project!
Pick up an interior or exterior project guide in store, or visit us
online for more information, helpful advice and how-to videos.

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