

TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

CETOL® BL DECK & WOOD CLEANER

Sikkens Cetol® BL Deck & Wood Cleaner is a fast acting, non-drip gel that takes around 15 to 20 minutes to revitalise and brighten age-grayed and weathered timber. It is ideal for decking, cladding and garden furniture.

Before use: Read the Health, Safety and Environmental Information. See Safety Data Sheet.

For new (unseasoned) tannin-rich hardwoods such as Merbau (Kwila), Spotted Gum, Tallowwood, Jarrah and Ironbark: Natural tannins and oils need to be extracted prior to coating. This will happen naturally over a period of 3-6 months depending on exposure, or the process can be accelerated using Sikkens Cetol® Tannin & Oil Remover followed by Sikkens Cetol® Deck & Wood Cleaner.

For age-grayed or weathered (seasoned) bare timber, previously-oiled weathered timber, and new timber with no tannin content: Use Sikkens Cetol® BL Deck & Wood Cleaner alone.

Please note that Sikkens Cetol® BL Deck & Wood Cleaner will not remove film-building coatings (i.e. paint, varnish and stain products) from the timber surface.

To revitalise timber with an intact Sikkens finish: Before recoating with a Sikkens Cetol® finish, clean timber using a stiff bristle brush, water and a mild detergent. Sikkens Cetol® BL Deck & Wood Cleaner is not essential.

For weathered timber with a flaking and peeling surface coating: Depending on the degree of coating failure, sanding back to bare timber, or pre-treatment with a stripping agent, may be required before use of Sikkens Cetol® Deck & Wood Cleaner and Sikkens Cetol® finishes.

Before application, remove excess dirt with a stiff bristle brush, wet the timber to delay drying out during application. The surface must remain wet during the whole application process.

Application: Stir thoroughly before use. Wearing suitable protective gloves, apply liberally with a brush or mop. Work in manageable sections to ensure the surface remains wet throughout the process. Immediately after application, the timber will start to lighten in colour. Work into the surface of the timber, using a mild abrasive scrubbing pad or stiff bristle brush. Leave until no further lightening occurs, but for no more than 15 to 20 minutes. Wash off with plenty of water using a pressure washer on the fan setting, or a garden hose with highest pressure, in combination with a stiff brush, until the water runs clear. Allow the timber to dry thoroughly before applying a suitable Sikkens finish. Please refer to application guidelines on your chosen Sikkens finish.

Do not apply in temperatures below 5 °C or if rain is likely before the job is complete.

Protect any areas around the timber being restored to minimize splashes and staining.

Avoid contact with grass or plants as it may cause browning or die-back. When washing off, avoid splashing onto plants or grass. If this occurs, dilute splashes with copious amounts of water.

After use: Remove as much cleaner as possible from brushes and equipment before cleaning with water. Do not use or store in extremes of temperature or wet conditions. Clean up any spills while still wet.



Drying time: Allow to dry thoroughly before applying a protective finish. When using an oil-based system allow at least 3 days.

Available in 1 & 5 L

Coverage: 1 L covers up to 8 m², 5 L to 40 m². Coverage can vary depending on application method and the condition and nature of the surface.