

TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

CETOL BL TANNIN & OIL REMOVER

Sikkens Cetol BL Tannin & Oil Remover is specially formulated to prepare new exterior hardwood / decking prior to treatment. This revolutionary formula eliminates the need to wait months for new hardwood to weather, by encouraging oils and tannins to be drawn to the timber surface in 15-20 minutes. The oils and tannins can then be removed from the surface with Sikkens Cetol BL Deck & Wood Cleaner before applying a suitable Sikkens coating.

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

Note: Sikkens BL Tannin & Oil Remover can be slippery when wet. Take special care when walking.

Application: Sikkens Cetol BL Tannin & Oil Remover works in conjunction with Cetol BL Deck and Wood Cleaner in the sequence below.

Step 1) Application of Cetol BL Tannin and Oil Remover

Apply undiluted. Remove loose dirt and contaminants using a scrubbing brush or scraper. Ensure surrounding areas are covered with a plastic sheet for protection from tannin splashes and unwanted stains. Apply Sikkens Cetol BL Tannin & Oil Remover generously by brush, spray or watering can (fitted with a rose). When spraying, use a coarse (airless) spray and avoid misting. Scrub affected area with a stiff brush and leave for 15 to 20 minutes. Do not let the solution dry. If it dries apply more to retain a wet surface. It is normal for the timber to turn dark in colour. Wash the extracted tannin deposit from the surface either with a pressure washer on the fan setting, or a garden hose with highest possible pressure, in combination with a stiff brush. The surface of the timber will look darkened due to the oils and tannins attached to the timber fibers. Sikkens BL Deck and Wood Cleaner will lighten the timber by removing such residue (Step 2 below).

For highly tannin rich timbers such as Merbau, Step 1) may need to be repeated before moving to Step 2).

Step 2) Application of Cetol BL Deck and Wood Cleaner

Using a bucket and mop while the timber is still wet apply Sikkens Cetol BL Deck & Wood Cleaner evenly across the whole surface. Work the cleaner into the timber with a stiff bristle brush and allow to rest for 15-20 minutes. Do not let it dry. If it dries apply more to retain a wet surface. The timber surface should now lighten in colour. Wash off any tannin residues from the timber surface either with a pressure washer on the fan setting, or a garden hose with highest pressure in combination with a stiff brush. Allow timber to dry completely before application of a suitable protective finish.

After use: Remove as much cleaner as possible from equipment before cleaning thoroughly with water. Do not use or store in extremes of temperature or wet conditions.

Application rate: 1 L covers up to 8 m², 5 L to 40 m².

Drying time: Drying times can vary depending on the nature and the weather conditions. When using an oil-based system allow at least 3 days.