



DECK STAINING

SOFTWOOD Care Plan

PREPARATION

- **Chemical Residue:** H3 treated pine is often treated with chemicals that may leave a residue on the surface. It's important to wash the deck with a cleaning solution designed for treated pine to remove this residue before staining.
- **Drying:** After installation, allow your treated pine decking to dry out for several weeks. This ensures any moisture from the treatment process has evaporated and the timber is ready for staining or painting.

PRODUCTS

- **Stain Selection:** For treated pine decking, choose a stain that's specifically formulated for treated wood to ensure compatibility and durability. Our top recommendation is "Sikkens Cetol BLX-Pro".
- **Application Tools:** For an even and effective stain application, consider using UNi-PRO 175mm Jumbo Deck Brush or a lambswool mop. While both are commendable, the broom-style brush offers ease of use.

APPLICATION

- **Multiple Thin Coats:** Apply stain in multiple thin coats rather than one thick coat, allowing time for each to dry. This prevents the formation of a sticky residue on the surface and promotes even coverage.
- **Application Worries:** It's natural to feel unsure about the initial look of the stain. However, as the stain dries, it will penetrate the timber and result in a rich, uniform finish.

MAINTENANCE

- **Covered Decks:** If your deck is sheltered, consider re-staining every 1-2 years. Often, the outer boards that are more exposed may need re-staining sooner than the sheltered ones.
- **Exposed Decks:** For decks directly exposed to the elements, it's ideal to re-stain every 6 months for optimum protection. However, an annual application is also acceptable, but consider multiple coats for better protection.

