

# Intergrain Timber Finishes Cleaning and Maintenance

## For Coated Exterior Woodwork

Environmental stress factors such as coastal locations, prolonged exposure to UV, chemical fall out and geographic location all have an influence in the longevity of a coated timber surface.

As a general guide, AS2312.2 as described in AS4312 “Atmospheric Corrosivity Zones in Australia” is a good point of reference in determining the recommended frequency of inspection and ongoing maintenance of a finished timber substrate that is exposed to the relevant elements.

For the best protection of the external timber, frequent inspection and cleaning commensurate with the geographic location is identified. It is also essential that the maintenance coat is a compatible Intergrain timber finish which is applied before deterioration of the coating and timber underneath occurs.

Geographic Environment As per AS4312	Requirement	Recommended timeline
<b>C1 – C2</b> In-land very low and low environmental conditions	Routine inspection.  Routine cleaning during the recommended timeline.  Reapplication where applicable.	<b>12 months</b>
<b>C3/T</b> Medium, Typical Environmental Conditions		<b>6 - 12 months</b>
<b>C4</b> High Environmental Conditions Eg.: Coastal, swimming pool areas and light industrial zones		<b>3 - 6 months</b>
<b>C5M/C5I</b> Beach Front/ Marine & Heavy Industrial Environmental Conditions		<b>3 months</b>

For all environmental conditions, the first indication of the need for recoating will be observed as patchiness, poor water repellence or discolouration on edges and areas where insufficient product had been applied. Routine cleaning and maintenance coat application recommendations as per the guidelines below.

### Routine Cleaning

- Exterior woodwork can be washed with Cabot’s Everyday Deck Wash and scrubbed with a soft bristle brush or broom, as required. Rinse with clean water.
- Heavily soiled woodwork may require more regular cleaning – We recommend using Intergrain UltraPrep Timber Cleaner in these situations.

### Maintenance Coat Application

1. Clean thoroughly with Intergrain UltraPrep Timber Cleaner to remove dirt and contamination. See label instructions for directions for use.
2. Allow to dry thoroughly.
3. Apply one coat (or two coats if required) of the compatible Intergrain coating, referring to the relevant label and TDS for directions for use.

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