

Varnishes and Stains



We are proud to stock and use only water-based, breathable paints and varnishes from Fujichem-Sonneborn. These are applied with our triple-coat paint system; to give maximum protection from the elements, while protecting the environment from harsh chemicals contained in solvent-based paints.

Exposure Conditions

All exterior timber products will require regular refinishing to maintain an excellent appearance and to ensure maximum longevity. The regularity (in years) depends on the exposure levels, and is provided as a guideline only.

	Moderate	Hard	Extreme
Sheltered	6	5	4
Partly Sheltered	5	4	4
Not Sheltered	3-4	2-3	2-3

Moderate – non-coastal, low altitude.

Hard – within ½ mile of a coastline.

Extreme – high altitude or exposed coastline areas.

Sheltered – beneath porch or overhang.

Partly sheltered – built into reveal or recess.

Not sheltered – face of building.

Stained products need inspection every year. Any gaps or weaknesses in the finish need immediate recoating. Pay special attention to cills, where the wood is most exposed.

General Maintenance

General Cleaning – Wash with hot water and liquid detergent solution to remove any contaminants, frequently changing the water. Rinse thoroughly with clean water to remove all residues.

Mould and Algae – areas affected by algae and mould growth should be treated with a solution of one part house bleach and two parts water. Allow the solution 20 minutes to work before washing with clean water and a stiff nylon bristle brush.

Damaged Areas – if damage has exposed bare timber, follow the remedial instructions below using only the FCS top coat provided in your aftercare pack:

1. Remove all signs of surface damage by manually abrading with appropriate abrasive.
2. Remove dust and avoid inhaling.
3. Patch prime any bare timber. Ensure end-grain is well coated. Apply in dry weather, with a minimum of 4 hours drying time.
4. Denib using a fine-grade hand abrasive. Do not break through surface coating.
5. Remove dust and avoid inhaling.
6. Bring forward patch primed areas with two full coats of top-coat paint. Apply in dry weather, with a minimum of 5 hours drying time between coats.

For more tips on keeping the best possible finish, visit our website (www.gowercroft.com/aftercare.html).

from concept to completion