



Acetylated SYP

Choosing a Finish

Wood industry experts, like the Forest Products Laboratory, recommend that all exterior-exposed wood surfaces be coated to help reduce the damaging effects of the weather. A high quality exterior coating provides wood some protection against UV light degradation and typically makes cleaning dirt and mold stains easier. Acetylated SYP Products, real wood modified throughout to resist rot, decay, and movement, should also be given the surface protection offered by high quality paints and stains. Acetylated SYP Products accepts most types of exterior stains and paints and can be refinished as desired. 10 Year Limited Warranty is only applicable to products coated within 30 days of installation.

To achieve the wood look you want — and the desired maintenance level — consider the following:

TIPS

All stains require open pores for adequate and even absorption into the wood. To achieve these results and avoid blotches on the wood, the following best practices are recommended:

- Sand bare wood lightly with a medium grit sandpaper -or-
- Apply a thin coat of wood conditioner first, using an inexpensive brush. Give the conditioner approximately 15 minutes to dry before applying the stain.
- Always test stain on piece of scrap wood first.

SOLID-COLOR STAINS

Industry studies show two coats of a high quality, exterior, all-acrylic, latex, solid-color stain are generally superior on wood applications compared to oil-based stains. The durability of all-acrylic, latex, solid-color stains translate to a longer coating life and less maintenance compared to other stains.

SEMITRANSSPARENT STAINS

While typically less durable than solid-color stains, semitransparent stains provide some of the benefits but allow more of the natural wood grain appearance to show. It is advisable to apply two coats of an all-acrylic, latex, semitransparent stain.

CLEAR COATINGS

These coatings maintain a beautiful appearance on INTERIOR wood applications for many years. Outdoors, these coatings have limited durability on wood partially due to the damage by UV light. Exterior tests show that clear coats, like clear polyurethanes, provide good surface appearance and some protection but often result in flaking at the end of service life. Coatings like these may tend to be short-lived and may require high maintenance.