

INTERIOR WOOD STAINS AND FINISHES FAQ'S

Pre-Stain Conditioner

What does a pre-stain do? Why should I use it?

Pre-stain conditioner seals raw wood before it is stained in order to promote even and consistent stain penetration. It helps prevent streaks, blotches and uneven color.

When do I apply pre-stain?

This product should be applied to raw wood prior to staining.

When do I use oil-based pre-stain vs. water-based pre-stain?

It is important to use an oil-based pre-stain conditioner when applying an oil-based stain and using a water-based pre-stain conditioner when applying a water-based stain.

How long do I let the pre-stain dry before applying the stain?

After applying the conditioner, let it dry for 10-20 minutes before applying the wood stain.

How many coats of pre-stain conditioner should I apply?

One coat is all that needed to prepare the wood for staining.

Advanced Formula Oil-Based Wood Stain

What are the benefits of an oil-based stain?

Oil-based stains offer a variety of rich colors that are easy to apply with less mess, drips and runs, and can be used on multiple substrates including wood, fiberglass, and metal.

Do I need to prep the wood before staining?

Depending on your surface condition, some sanding may be required prior to staining. Refer to product label instructions for specific details.

What type of application tools do I need?

A quality brush, foam applicator or lint free rag are ideal for applying the stain

How many coats of oil-based stain should I apply?

Only one coat is required to achieve the target color. However, an additional coat can be applied to achieve a deep, richer color.

Is a protective sealer/topcoat required after staining?

Yes, all interior wood stains require a protective topcoat.

How long do I let the stain dry before applying a topcoat?

Let the stain dry for at least 12 hours before protecting the surface with a clear topcoat.

Water-Based Wood Stain

What are the benefits of a water-based stain?

Water-based stains offer a variety of rich colors with fast dry time, easy water clean-up, and lower odor than traditional oil-based stains.

Do I need to prep the wood before staining?

Depending on your surface condition, some sanding may be required prior to staining. Refer to product label instructions for specific details.

What type of application tools do I need?

A quality brush, foam applicator or lint free rag are ideal for applying the stain

How many coats of water-based stain should I apply?

Only one coat is required to achieve the target color. However, an additional coat can be applied to achieve a deep, richer color.

Is a protective sealer/topcoat required after staining?

Yes, all interior wood stains require a protective topcoat.

How long do I let the stain dry before applying a topcoat?

Let the stain dry for at least 1 hour before protecting the surface with a clear topcoat.

Water-Based Stain & Poly in One

What are the benefits of a using water-based stain & poly in one?

Water-based stain & poly in one combines a stain and clear topcoat in one easy step. The product offers a variety of rich colors with fast dry time, easy water clean-up, and lower odor than traditional oil-based stains.

What types of projects can this product be used for?

This unique product is ideal for projects such as wood furniture, cabinets, molding and trim.

Do I need to prep the wood before staining?

Depending on your surface condition, some sanding may be required prior to staining. Refer to product label instructions for specific details.

What type of application tools do I need?

A high-quality synthetic brush is necessary for applying the stain & poly in one.

How many coats of water-based stain & poly in one should I apply?

Two coats are required to achieve the target color. However, a third coat can be applied to deepen the color if desired.

Is a protective sealer/topcoat required after staining?

No, this is a two in one product that already provides clear topcoat protection.

How long does the stain & poly in one take to dry?

Let each coat dry for at least 1 hour. See product label for specific details.

Oil-Based Spar Urethane

What types of projects can Spar Urethane be used for?

This unique product is ideal for interior and exterior projects such as wood furniture, cabinets, molding and trim.

What are the benefits of using oil-based spar urethane?

This product can be used to protect stained or unstained wood and provides added UV protection for outdoor use. The product also adds moisture protection and stain resistance for exterior projects.

Do I need to prep the wood before applying spar urethane?

Depending on your surface condition, some sanding may be required prior to adding the topcoat. Refer to product label instructions for specific details.

What type of application tools do I need?

A high-quality natural bristle brush is necessary for applying the spar urethane.

How many coats of spar urethane should I apply?

Three coats are required to achieve proper surface protection.

How long does the spar urethane take to dry?

Allow 12-24 hours of dry time after final coat has been applied.

Water-Based Spar Urethane

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What are the benefits of using water-based spar urethane?

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Do I need to prep the wood before applying spar urethane?

Depending on your surface condition, some sanding may be required prior to adding the topcoat. Refer to product label instructions for specific details.

What type of application tools do I need?

A high-quality natural bristle brush is necessary for applying the spar urethane.

How many coats of spar urethane should I apply?

Three coats are required to achieve proper surface protection.

How long does the spar urethane take to dry?

Allow 12-24 hours of dry time after final coat has been applied.

Oil-Based Polyurethane

What types of projects can a Polyurethane be used for?

This product adds a clear protective finish and is ideal for oil-based interior projects such as wood furniture, cabinets, molding, trim, doors and residential floors.

What are the benefits of using a polyurethane?

This product can be used to protect stained or unstained wood and resists stains and scratches.

Do I need to prep the wood before applying polyurethane?

Depending on your surface condition, some sanding may be required prior to adding the topcoat. Refer to product label instructions for specific details.

What type of application tools do I need?

A high-quality natural bristle brush is necessary for applying the polyurethane.

How many coats of polyurethane should I apply?

Two coats are required to achieve proper surface protection.

How long does the polyurethane take to dry?

Allow 12-24 hours of dry time after final coat has been applied.

Water-Based Polyurethane

What types of projects can a Polyurethane be used for?

This product adds a clear protective finish and is ideal for water-based interior projects such as wood furniture, cabinets, molding, trim, doors and residential floors.

What are the benefits of using a polyurethane?

This product can be used to protect stained or unstained wood and resists stains and scratches.

Do I need to prep the wood before applying polyurethane?

Depending on your surface condition, some sanding may be required prior to adding the topcoat. Refer to product label instructions for specific details.

What type of application tools do I need?

A high-quality natural bristle brush is necessary for applying the polyurethane.

How many coats of polyurethane should I apply?

Two coats are required to achieve proper surface protection.

How long does the polyurethane take to dry?

Allow 12-24 hours of dry time after final coat has been applied.