

**Zinsser® Deck Stripper** is a ready-to-use, universal exterior wood stripper for all types of traditional stains and pigmented finishes. In just 15 minutes, Zinsser Deck Stripper will cut through and remove old, weathered coatings, including solid or semi-transparent stains, tinted water repellents or other toner-type, transparent finishes. Oil-based, water-based, and latex stains are easily removed in one application with the help of Zinsser Deck Stripper's special wetting agents and thickener for vertical surfaces. Once stripped, wood is restored to its bright, clean, natural look. Using Zinsser Deck Stripper before re-application of a protective finish or stain helps ensure its proper adhesion, penetration and optimum performance.

Zinsser Deck Stripper is suitable for all wood types, including pressure-treated lumber and tannin-rich woods, such as cedar, redwood and exotic hardwoods like mahogany, ipe, teak and more. Use Zinsser Deck Stripper to strip and restore outdoor wood decks, fences, cladding, shakes & shingles, boat docks & boardwalks, outdoor furniture & decor, gazebos & arbours, play sets and more.

READ ALL DIRECTIONS BEFORE BEGINNING PROJECT.

**BEFORE YOU START:** Use in a well-ventilated area and only as directed. For best results, begin project when outside temperature is above 10°C, and when 24 hours of precipitation-free weather is expected.

**SURFACE PREPARATION:** Pre-rinse grass, plants and shrubs surrounding wood structure to be stripped, then cover to protect foliage from product exposure. Mask off cladding and cover all wood surfaces not intended to be stripped. Cover any exposed aluminium surfaces (cladding and flashing) to prevent corrosion. Protect adjacent concrete surfaces from rinse water. Sweep away surface dirt and debris. If the surface is in direct sunlight and hot to the touch, dampen with fresh water to cool. Remove any standing water before beginning application.

**APPLICATION:** No mixing is necessary. Do not mix with any other cleaning products. On a horizontal surface, apply with a synthetic bristle brush or mop. On a vertical surface (cladding or fencing), apply with a synthetic bristle brush or deep-nap roller, working from the bottom to the top of the structure. A pump sprayer (with no aluminium parts) may also be employed, but Safe Handling directions must be followed to avoid exposure to over-spray. Work end-to-end on 5-10 boards (2 m<sup>2</sup>) at a time, in order to maintain adequate surface wetness and allow concentration of stripping effort. Allow the product to sit for 10-15 minutes, keeping wet with additional stripper as needed.

**SCRUB OR PRESSURE WASH:** Briefly scrub surface with a brush or other stiff, synthetic, short-bristle broom, OR pressure wash, using a 40° tip and 1,500-2,500 PSI for pressure-treated wood and hardwood, 500-1,000 PSI for cedar and redwood. Either technique helps ensure old, coated surfaces are entirely dissolved and removed.

**RINSE:** If pressure washing is not employed, after brushing, rinse thoroughly with a garden hose, using the highest pressure nozzle setting available. When dry, surface should appear clean, bright and free of previous coating.

**Repeat above steps** on each 5-10 board section (2 m<sup>2</sup>) until entire surface has been stripped. On a vertical surface, continually rinse stripped areas as work progresses to avoid streaking. Stubborn spots or surfaces with built-up, multiple layers of coating may require a second application. When finished stripping, rinse grass and plant areas thoroughly.

**Special Note:** After stripping cedar, redwood or exotic hardwoods, black tannin stains may rise to the surface and give wood an overall darkened appearance. If this occurs, treat affected areas with Zinsser® Wood Cleaner liquid concentrate per label directions to restore the natural wood colour. Zinsser Deck Stripper is not designed to remove tannin bleed stains.

**COVERAGE:** 5 litres will cover approximately 19 m<sup>2</sup>, depending on coating type, surface porosity and method of application.

**DRY TIME:** Allow wood to dry thoroughly before applying a water-based finish, and at least 24 hours before applying an oil-based finish.

**CLEAN UP:** Clean tools and equipment immediately after use with soap and water. Use water or a vinegar-soaked rag to wipe off any drips or spills on unintended surfaces immediately.

## CAUTION

**KEEP OUR OF REACH OF CHILDREN**

READ SAFETY DIRECTIONS

**CONTAINS:** Sodium hydroxide 163 g/L

**SAFETY DIRECTIONS:** If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand. Keep away from heat, sparks and open flames. - No smoking. Do not breathe fume. Wear protective gloves, protective clothing and eye protection. Keep only in original container.

**WARNING STATEMENTS:** Corrosive liquid - may be corrosive to metals. Irritant. Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.

## FIRST AID INSTRUCTIONS

Immediately call a POISON CENTRE (Phone: AUS 13 11 26; NZ 0800 764 766) or doctor. IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin (or hair) with water. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. IF INHALED: Remove affected person to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. Absorb spillage to prevent material damage.

**STORAGE:** Store locked up.

**DISPOSAL:** Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local regulations.

For further information refer to the Safety Data Sheet available at [www.rustoleum.com.au](http://www.rustoleum.com.au) or [www.rustoleum.co.nz](http://www.rustoleum.co.nz)

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