

BLONDING OF INTERIOR TIMBER

Pine darkens with age and then bleaches in sunlight, with areas in minimal or low sunlight staying darker. One way to limit this effect is to blonde the timber which keeps the timber looking lighter for longer. It is not a total cure all as the timber will still darken underneath the blonded areas of low or minimal sunlight still resulting in uneven areas if furniture or pictures are removed from the walls, but the overall appearance will stay lighter for longer. These darker areas will lighten in time if left exposed to sunlight, restoring uniformity of colour.

We recommend preparation of a sample for approval prior to proceeding with the job so that the customer can see the final effect achieved. Once stained and clear coated it requires major remedial work to remove it if the final finish is not as desired. This system is not recommended for floors.

Our recommended system for blanding of interior wood is as follows:

1. Prepare the timber for staining by sanding along the grain using 150 grit sandpaper. The surface must be clean and dry with no traces of sanding dust.
2. Apply a single application of Wattyl Pigmented Wiping Stain White or Wattyl Colourwood Pigmented Stain Blonding White following application instructions.
Note: The depth of colour achieved is dependant on the length of time the stain is left on the timber prior to wiping off the excess.
3. Allow to dry for 4 hours.
4. Apply two coats Wattyl Estapol Speed Satin Clear following label instructions. Sand lightly (180 to 200 grit sandpaper) after the first coat if necessary, taking care not to sand through to the stain.

Wattyl Estapol Speed Clear is a water based urethane acrylic which does not yellow with age as do traditional oil based polyurethane varnishes. This helps keep the timber lighter looking for longer.

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