

# COATING & FINISHING



## VERSATILE TIMBER...

### WHAT'S YOUR FINISH OF CHOICE?

The vast majority of OUTDECO® users install without secondary coatings, and enjoy the natural colour of the product (Decoshield™ Natural) and its subtle rustic weathering. However it's also easy to coat in an exterior colour of your choice, with maintenance intervals similar to a wooden deck you can use deck coatings to maintain a rich sealed look.

### PROTECTED & READY-TO-INSTALL WITH DECOSHIELD™

Decoshield™ is a unique system formulated to give greater protection against UV and is an integral product feature.

YES THE PRODUCT IS PROTECTED and doesn't have to be coated with a secondary protection. However the panels surface will naturally dull over time to a soft rustic finish. This is the desired effect for many of our customers, however if you wish to keep a rich dark look, you can topcoat the product with a water-based seal or stain (timber decking product).

### WHAT PAINTS CAN I USE FOR ALTERNATIVE COLOURS?

As a factory standard all Gardenscreen™ comes coated with Decoshield™ which acts as a prime and means an otherwise very thirsty surface is covered in 1 or 2 coats. Exterior rated water-based paints are suitable (check out your local hardware store or if not confident consult your tradesman). In the example picture below Dulux Weathershield was used.

If in doubt about your choice of colour, coating product or technique, always test a patch on the back or concealed edge, and always follow coating product directions. Timber products' rates of absorption and finish vary subtly. This is the nature and beauty of natural products.

## METHODS FOR APPLICATION

It's generally easier and yields a better result to coat your panels horizontally before fitting and installing.

### SPRAY-GUN

If you're competent with a spray-gun, this is the easiest method. Alternate light coats at 45° angles around the panel to get all edges evenly.

### ROLLER

As pictured, from television's THE BLOCK, Maxine used a roller to paint the panels. Ensure roller is rolled even and liberally in a roller-tray before applying, to avoid build-up in the cavities. Excess can be cleaned-up with a brush.

### PAINT BRUSH

The above technique can also be substituted with a trusty paint-brush, it just might take a little longer. Wipe excess drips regularly.

### ROLLER RE-COAT AN EXISTING INSTALLATION

if you wish to keep a rich dark look, you can topcoat the product with a water-based seal or stain (timber decking product). If you wish to keep or bring back a darker richer look, you can topcoat with a water-based seal or stain (timber decking product). Use a clear product or a stain colour that will enhance the depth of the original colour (e.g. Merbau Stain)

In this instance it is easier to use a roller across the front surface and wipe off any excess drips through the gaps.

## CARE & MAINTENANCE

This is a timber product, and when installed in the harsh and ever changing Australian climate, is similar to hardwood decking, in that it requires correct installation and some maintenance, relative your desired surface finish. The integrity of the timber material is very resilient, however UV will dull the surface over time.

### MAINTAIN PREMIUM NATURAL FINISH

To maintain the premium natural finish, we advise applying extra coats of decking timber seal to the front face. Many are available at your hardware store (ask for deck coatings), or see Quantum Timber Finishes [www.qtf.com.au](http://www.qtf.com.au) for a quality Australian Low VOC protective seal or stain.



Always follow the coating product directions and consult your local hardware or a professional tradesman if in doubt.



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