



STRIP & BRITE APPLICATION GUIDE

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Strip & Brite is a TWO-STEP SYSTEM for cleaning and stripping wood. STEP ONE is a thin pink gel (potassium hydroxide) to clean and strip the wood. STEP TWO is a crystalline powder (citric acid) that is mixed with water and used to brighten the wood and neutralize the stripping process. These are water based chemicals and will not harm plants when used according to directions. BOTH STEPS MUST BE COMPLETED TO ENSURE BIODEGRADABILITY. Use the Strip & Brite TWO-STEP SYSTEM to restore discolored wood and prepare it for refinishing with **Timber Pro UV** stains.

COVERAGE: Gel (step one) will cover approximately 100 sq. ft. per gallon if used full strength without dilution but normally it can be stretched up to 200-400 sq. ft. per gallon if diluted with water for use on less severely discolored wood. Accompanying 12 oz package of citric acid crystals (step 2) will dissolve into 1.5 gallons of warm water and will cover 200-300 sq ft per package. Extra packages available for purchase if needed.

PREPARATION: Gel (step one) may be diluted with water depending on condition of wood surface. First test a small area of wood with full strength gel, or a 1:2 ratio gel to H₂O, or even a 1:3 to determine what ratio of gel to water will do the job. Mist wood surface with water before applying gel. Wet down nearby plants and keep them wet (or cover with light plastic) while applying gel and neutralizer.

APPLICATION, STEP ONE (Stripper): Work in manageable size areas, such as 200 sq ft at a time. Apply appropriate strength gel liberally with roller, brush, or paint pad. Diluted gel can be applied with a low-pressure sprayer, but undiluted gel is too thick to spray. Apply directly to lightly water dampened, dirty wood surface. Let gel sit on wood for 30-45 minutes. (For heavy buildup of oil stain; use undiluted gel and leave it on as long as needed to break it down, sometimes several hours. In this case, it is best to work in cool, damp weather.) If the gel begins to dry during the process, mist with more product to re-activate. Strip & Brite gel must always remain damp or the process could fail. For best results, agitate with a stiff brush - then power wash (under 1200 psi) wood to remove gel. On log homes, be aware some water may travel through logs to the interior of the home. Keep large towels handy to quickly catch migrating product should it come inside your home. You may choose to agitate with a stiff brush and rinse with a strong hose spray in place of pressure washing. RINSE GEL WELL PRIOR TO STEP TWO. Newly cleaned wood will appear dark brown until STEP TWO is completed.

NOTE: If stripper gel comes in contact with wood previously stripped and brightened, the stripper will turn the wood dark again and will need to be rinsed and re-blonDED with the Step 2 neutralizer.

APPLICATION, STEP TWO (Neutralizer-Blonder): Crystalline powder (step 2) should be dissolved in 1.5 gallons of warm water per 12 ounces before use. Apply dissolved crystal solution to wood with a low-pressure sprayer (20-30 psi), roller, brush or paint pad. Let it sit on the wood for 20-30 minutes. RINSE WELL WITH WATER. Cleaning process may cause surface fibers to fuzz on smooth wood surfaces but not rough sawn. While still wet, scrub with stiff brush to remove fuzzing or remove fuzz by sanding (with 60-80 grit) once wood is dry. Allow wood to dry completely to determine effectiveness. Wood should be returned to near its natural color. Stubborn discoloration or thick stain buildup may require a second application of Strip & Brite. If you are stretching the pink gel in step 1 you may need to purchase additional packages of the blonder.

EFFECTIVENESS: Strip & Brite is very effective at removing discoloration that is not an integral part of the wood. Any stubborn stain that has permeated the wood such as blue stain on pine (a type of fungus) will not be removed by Strip & Brite as this type of discoloration goes completely through the wood. Blue stain appears as blue gray streaks on the surface of pine logs or boards.

CLEANUP: Rinse all solutions and containers well with water. Strip & Brite gel from Step 1 may be used to clean dried Timber Pro stain off of tools, window glass, or vinyl trim and siding. Test first in inconspicuous area to make sure does not harm or discolor the surface behind the stain. Keep stripper away from metal or anodized aluminum windows and doors.

WARNING: Do not allow contact with skin or eyes. If accidental contact occurs, rinse long and well with cool water. If stripper comes in contact with skin, the citric acid rinse in step 2 will neutralize the stripper more quickly than water. Keep gel off surfaces not requiring cleaning. Stripper will tarnish metal surfaces and remove oil-based finishes from siding.

WARRANTY: The manufacturers and distributors liability under expressed or implied warranty is limited solely to replacement of product shown to be defective or a refund of the purchase price. Claims must be made within one year of purchase and must be accompanied by proof of purchase. The manufacturer and distributor shall not be liable for misuse, injury, cost of labor, or direct incidental or consensual damages.