

Cetol® Interior Stain &
Cetol® BL Interior Clear
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■ Preparation Procedures

New, Unfinished Wood

1. Remove hardware. This will make the preparation faster and easier. Hardware that cannot be removed should be taped.
2. Clean the surface with a solution of 4 ounces of 100% powdered Tri-Sodium Phosphate (TSP) or phosphate-free substitute in one gallon of warm water. Do not allow cleaning solution to dry on surface. Use a damp cloth or sponge to remove residue from the surface and allow to dry.
3. Fill all nail holes and cracks with a good quality tinted or stained acrylic wood filler to match the color of the project. Let dry fully before sanding. Do not use oil based fillers putties or wax sticks.
4. Sand the surface using 150-180 grit sandpaper. Always sand wood with the grain to achieve a smoother surface without sanding marks. Remove sanding dust by vacuuming, then wipe surface with a damp cloth to remove final dust particles.

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■ Application Procedures

New/Bare Wood Applications

1. Follow the preparation procedures.

For clear finishes skip to step #6

2. Wipe Cetol Interior Stain in a circular motion with a damp rag.
3. Wait 2 to 3 minutes before wiping off excess in direction of wood grain.
4. Wait 2 hours for light colors, 4 hours for dark colors.
5. Lightly sand with 220 grit sandpaper or a fine scuffing pad and remove the dust.
6. Apply Cetol BL Interior Clear.
7. Wait 4 to 6 hours.
8. Lightly sand with 220 grit sandpaper or a fine scuffing pad and remove the dust.
9. Apply Cetol BL Interior Clear.
10. Clean tools with soap and water.

Tips

- *Cetol Interior Satin smooth wood coverage: 600 sq. ft./US gallon (15 sq. m./liter)*
- *Cetol BL Interior Clear smooth wood coverage: 400-500 sq. ft./US gallon (10-12 sq. m./liter)*
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- *It is always recommended to perform a color test on a sample of wood.*
- *Avoid direct sunlight that may cause uneven color because of shortened open time and poor penetration of the product.*
- *For a smoother final finish, or when using stain, use 180-220 grit sandpaper for 2nd sanding.*
- *For more color depth a 2nd coat of Cetol Interior Stain may be applied prior to the finish.*
- *For high wear areas apply a 3rd coat of Cetol BL Interior Clear after 4 hours of dry time.*
- *Apply 4 coats of Cetol BL Interior Clear for use on lower wear residential type floors.*

Application Do's...

- *Intermix different batches together to ensure color consistency.*
- *Apply when the surface and air temp is 50°F/10°C to 95°F/35°C.*
- *Gently stir the product before application; shaking can cause bubbles in the finish.*
- *Apply an even coat of Cetol Interior Stain with a damp cloth.*
- *Apply an even coat of Cetol BL Interior Clear using a synthetic nylon-polyester brush.*
- *Apply in a well ventilated area.*
- *Apply in direction of the wood grain.*

Application Don'ts...

- *Do not apply on kitchen tables or kitchen cabinets.*
- *Do not apply if humidity is above 80%. High humidity could cause hazing.*
- *Do not apply over other coatings.*
- *Apply Cetol Interior Stain to bare wood only.*
- *Do not apply in areas of high humidity such as bathrooms or pool rooms.*
- *Do not use steel wool for sanding.*

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■ **Maintenance Procedures**

The longevity of the coating system depends on many factors such as daily wear-and-tear and exposure to UV light. Simply apply a refresher coat when required by following the procedure below.

1. Follow preparation procedures steps 1 and 2 above, reducing the cleaning solution to 2 ounces of 100% powdered Tri-Sodium Phosphate or phosphate-free substitute.
2. Sand the project surface with 220 grit sandpaper. Before coating vacuum all remaining dust and use a damp cloth to wipe the surface.
3. Apply one to two coats of Cetol BL Interior Clear depending on the extent of the wear.
4. Clean tools with soap and water.