

CETOL® INTERIOR CLEAR APPLICATION GUIDE

Working With Cetol® Interior Clear

■ 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 four 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 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.

Tips

- *It is always recommended to perform a color test on a sample of the wood.*
- *For a smoother final finish, or before using stain, use 180-220 grit sandpaper after step #4 above.*
- *Avoid direct sunlight, which may cause uneven color because of shortened open time and poor penetration.*

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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 cloth
 3. Wait two to three minutes before wiping off excess in direction of wood grain.
 4. Wait two hours for light colors, four hours for dark colors
 5. Lightly sand with 220 grit sandpaper or a fine scuffing pad and remove the dust
 6. Apply Cetol Interior Clear
 7. Wait 24 hours
 8. Lightly sand with 220 grit sandpaper or a fine scuffing pad and remove the dust
 9. Apply Cetol Interior Clear
 10. Clean tools with mineral spirits
- *Cetol Interior Stain smooth wood coverage: 600 sq. ft./U.S. gallon*
 - *Cetol Interior Clear smooth wood coverage: 400-500 sq. ft./U.S. gallon*
 - *For more color depth, a second coat of Cetol Interior Stain may be applied prior to the finish*
 - *For high wear areas, apply a third coat of Cetol Interior Clear after 24 hours of dry time*

Application Do's ...

- *Apply when the surface and air temperature is 50°F/10°C to 95°F/35°C*
- *Thoroughly stir the product before application; shaking can cause bubbles in the finish*
- *Apply Cetol Interior Stain to bare wood only*
- *Apply an even coat of Cetol Interior Stain with a damp cloth*
- *Apply an even coat of Cetol Interior Clear using a natural bristle brush*
- *Apply in a well-ventilated area*
- *Apply in the direction of the wood grain*

Application Don'ts ...

- *Do not apply on kitchen tables or kitchen cabinets*
- *Do not apply over other coatings*
- *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 & tear and exposure to ultraviolet light. Simply apply a refresher coat when required by following the procedure below.

1. Follow preparation procedure steps one and two above, reducing the cleaning solution to two ounces of 100% powdered Tri-Sodium Phosphate or phosphate-free substitute.
2. Sand the project surface with 200 grit sandpaper. Remove sanding dust by vacuuming then wipe surfaces with a damp cloth to remove final dust particles.
3. Apply one to two coats of Cetol Interior Clear depending on the extent of the wear.