

# MAINTENANCE - TIMBER

## TIMBER TYPE, FINISH AND COLOUR

Responsibly sourced Merbau with full CertiSource accreditation is the standard timber used to manufacture our furniture battens, and they are factory-finished with 3 coats of water based Intergrain NaturalStain. Other timbers and finishes may be specified dependent on availability and cost.

'Jarrah' is the standard stain colour for Parkline and Promenade range timber battens, and 'Cedar' for Boardwalk, Botanica and Urban Edge.

## REGULAR INSPECTION

Best protection of the timber battens, and ease of maintenance, is ensured if Intergrain NaturalStain is recoated before deterioration of the coating and timber underneath occurs. For this reason the battens should be inspected on a regular basis (every 3-4 months).

The frequency of recoating will vary depending on factors such as the degree of exposure to sunlight and rain, climate, aspect and amount of use. The first indication of the need for recoating will be observed as patchiness or discolouration on edges and surfaces.

## REGULAR MAINTENANCE

To apply a maintenance coat to a surface which is in good condition, first clean the surface with a mixture of warm water and household detergent. Rinse and allow to dry, then apply one or more coats of NaturalStain to the dried timber. Note that maintenance coats of NaturalStain will continue to develop the colour intensity.

If the coating is severely eroded and bare or weathered wood is evident, sand the entire batten back to a fresh surface, remove any sanding dust, then apply three coats of Intergrain Naturalstain in the required colour, as per the label instructions.

## GENERAL CLEANING PROCEDURE

General cleaning to remove surface deposits such as salt, dirt and dust, should be carried out by washing down with warm water containing a suitable wetting agent or mild soap solution. Hand rubbing with a soft clean cloth is recommended, however a soft natural bristle brush may be used to remove stubborn stains.

NEVER USE SCOURING PADS, EMERY PAPER, SAND PAPER, STEEL WOOL OR OTHER HIGHLY ABRASIVE MATERIALS as they may scratch the surface.



## POSSIBLE TANNIN LEACHING - CLEANING

Merbau hardwood timber has a particularly high tannin content, which makes it very suitable for street furniture. These beneficial tannins can, however, leach out leaving a brown stain on the paved surface below. This normally only occurs in the first few weeks after installation, when the timber is subject to wetting from rain or sprinklers.

To remove tannin stains on the paving, spray the affected area with household bleach or 'Exit Mould' and scrub with a brush. It is important to thoroughly wash away any chemical cleaner residue from the paving, and also from any aluminium furniture components, using lots of clean water. Failure to do so may damage the aluminium surface over time.

*Important: When using household bleach or Exit Mould you must strictly adhere to the manufacturer's instructions and warnings regarding handling, protection and safety requirements.*