## **COVERAGE:**

Brand New Decks or Exotic Wood Decks: 250-300 sq ft per gallon per coat. Two coats recommended. Existing Decks: 175 - 225 sq ft per gallon per coat. 2 coats recommended, possibly 3 coats on very aged decks. Fences: 225 square feet per gallon approximate. Two coats recommended for long term wear.

## LIMITATIONS AND WARNINGS:

Wood surface should be cool for best results. Do not apply stain in direct sun in temps over 74\* F. because it will dry too quickly and this decreases penetration. On sunny days, start very early before the sun heats up the wood. Do not apply to warm wood. Do not apply in cool damp weather if rain is likely to occur. Moisture content of the wood must be at 22% or less prior to staining. If deck boards are over 23% moisture level, stain may remain milky or cloudy upon application. Let wood dry longer before continuing.

## PREPARATION:

NEW DECKS: Mill glaze, construction dirt, pollen and dust MUST be removed prior to applying stain. Clean & Brite by Timber Pro is a great non- bleach cleaner to use. Rinse well after any cleaning chemical. For best stain penetration and performance on new wood, sand with 60-80 grit paper (nothing finer) to remove mill glaze and open up the flat grain. Blow or sweep off sanding dust before treating. Even if the decking is not milled glazed, pre-sanding always ensures a better finished appearance.

OLDER DECKS: Remove any dirt, mildew, loose and weathered wood fibers and old sealers. Clean & Brite removes dirt, light mildew and mild weathering. Strip & Brite will remove severe weathering, graying, black mildew and failed or discolored oil-based finishes that could impede penetration of Timber Pro. Sanding with 80 grit after stripping will remove any wood fuzz. Decks previously treated with Timber Pro do not need to be stripped to bare wood before treating if stain has been consistently maintained in good condition. Remember, if you leave gray wood or uneven color on the deck it will show through if you use a transparent stain. Allow deck to dry completely before application. Mask off all non-wood surfaces.

FENCES: New fence boards should be stiff brushed (dry) or power washed to remove dust, dirt, and contaminates. Existing fences should be pressure washed or cleaned with Clean & Brite or Strip & Brite depending on condition.

#### **APPLICATION TO DECKS:**

Note: If stain immediately gets clumpy as you brush it, this indicates you have not rinsed cleaner well enough and pH of wood is still too acidic. Rinse more with clean water and let dry before continuing.

To Start: For best results, apply stain to small sections of decking using a low-pressure, deck sprayer with fan shaped spray tip. To avoid overlap marks, spray full length of 2-3 deck boards at a time. Immediately back brush with a large soft-bristle broom brush with full length pole handle (truck or car wash brush works great) or stain brush to smooth out excess. This technique also works stain between boards and cracks for a finished look. All puddles and excess must be worked into wood. Rotate between spraying and then back brushing. Hand brushing is also acceptable, but always keep a wet edge. Work full length of one or two boards at a time. Paint pads can be used but pads don't work stain into cracks between boards which may leave a "striped" appearance. Rollers are not recommended for application unless you backbrush after rolling to smooth it out. Let first coat dry completely before applying a second or third coat.

If first coat dries shiny, you are applying too heavily or the wood is too warm. Wait for sheen to diminish before recoating. Apply stain to railings with a brush or pad but have wet sponge handy to quickly wipe away drips should they land on deck. NOTE: Any penetrating finish may cover erratically around wood knots leaving pale spots.

# **APPLICATION TO FENCES:**

Spray, roll or hand brush fence boards following the grain and starting at the bottom and working up. Work in strips and feather out the edges and continuously back brush all drips and excess into the wood. Apply liberally but continually monitor and brush out drips. Let dry and follow same procedure for second coat.

#### **CLEANUP:**

Clean tools immediately with dish soap and water. Rinse tools and brushes with lots of water. If stain dries on tools, soak in a solution of one part Strip & Brite gel to 3 parts water but rinse tools very well with lots of clean water after.