



Understanding Timber

Our timber products hold their natural characteristics long after they've been turned into fencing, furniture, and more. This is one of the reasons why we use timber – it provides thermal and sound insulation, is strong with good elasticity, has high resistance against weight and wind, and is easy to work with. Please Note: Almost all of our timber products are delivered in KIT Form. Some other characteristics customers should be aware of are explained below. These are all natural and therefore are part of the characteristics of timber, although there are some things you can do to reduce their appearance.

Knots & Natural Grain

Due to the nature of timber, the appearance of wood grain and number of visible knots may vary. Knots embedded in the wood are a common feature of timber products and are part of the material's rustic charm. Dead knots are rotten and usually black – this is unacceptable.



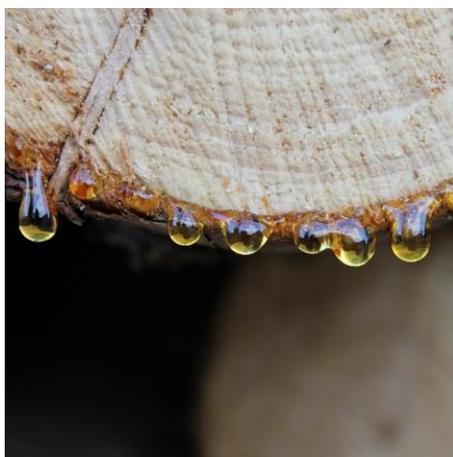
Colour Variations

Each tree that gets turned into timber to use for our products is unique in colour, shape, density and wood grain – these unique characteristics are retained after

processing. Where timber varies in density, it absorbs the chemical preservatives used in pressure treating differently, potentially resulting in colour variations. Over time, these colour variations will fade as your timber product is exposed to sunlight. As timber ages, it takes on a silvery colour.

Green & White Spots

Our timber is pressure treated with chemicals that enable us to protect our products from environmental conditions as much as possible and offer a 20-year anti-rot guarantee. This process pushes chemical preservatives into the wood, to help protect it from the elements once it starts its life as an outdoor product. This treatment commonly leads to green and white spots appearing on the surface of the wood, but these can be brushed off easily.



Resin

Resin can appear in spots or streaks on treated timber products – this is a common occurrence as the wood changes in volume and thickness during storage and processing. Resin also comes to the surface of the wood in warm weather and when placed in direct sunlight. To remove resin, carefully scrape the surface of the product, or use turpentine.

Mould & Discolouration

Blue-stain mould and discolouration is especially common during warmer periods, although pressure treatment stops serious fungal infestation. During storage of freshly pressure-treated timber, there may be some occurrences of mould stain caused by the fungus. These stains are no cause for concern and can



be wiped off or left to gradually disappear on their own when exposed to the elements. Black mould is unacceptable and below our quality standards.



Rough Spots

Rough spots can occasionally be caused whilst the timber is being machined during processing. Whilst the wood is sawed, planed and milled we do everything possible to avoid damaging the wood, although slight fraying is unavoidable during processes such as crosscutting and rounding over posts.

Swelling, Shrinking & Shakes

Also known as 'wood movement', shakes are splits that are caused by the natural expanding and retracting of the timber as moisture reacts with its core as it gradually absorbs and releases moisture from the air.



Warping

Warping occurs due to swelling and shrinking – as wood varies in density and texture as it is exposed to moisture, this is not uniform and cannot be prevented against. Warping and cracks as a result are natural, and do not affect the structural characteristics or strength of the timber. You can counteract warping by watering your timber products.

Over time all timber products will require the application of a good quality timber treatment. Any untreated or dip treated products, for example sheds (not inc pressure treated sheds) will require timber treatment as soon as possible. Pressure treated wood can be treated or painted within a few days of delivery if required however it is not usually necessary to treat pressure treated wood immediately. Pressure treated wood and in fact all wood will change colour over time. Again this is a natural feature of wood. If you have any questions or require any specific information on any of our products please contact us on info@gudrum.com and we will be pleased to help.