



Fact Sheet 3: Paint finishes

Professional painted finishes for timber

Altus Services have a range of standard colours to choose from, or we can match against other colours. We can supply paints in any BS or RAL colour and match colours from Farrow & Ball, Dulux or Crown. If you do not know the colour but have a sample, we can arrange for free sample-analysis.

The eco-friendly choice

One of the advantages of timber as a construction material is that it can be finished in virtually any colour. The paint used is a microporous paint which allows the wood to breathe, yet gives a very durable coating.

How is the paint finish achieved

- We have a multiple coating system which starts with all of the products being fully immersed in a base coat containing an equalising agent to ensure the paint not only covers all of the surfaces and extremities, but paint runs are eliminated during this process. (Softwood products, ie European Redwood have an addition process in so far that they are vac-vac pressure treated prior to the dipping process to enhance the durability)
- The timber is then lightly sanded by hand to prepare for the first spray coat which is applied to 150 microns thick.
- The timber is again lightly sanded by hand and a second coat of microporous paint applied, this time to 150 microns thick.
- A brushed paint finish will only achieve a thickness of 50 microns.
- The overall thickness of the paint is crucial to the long term durability of our products. And coating thicknesses are checked on a regular basis.

Paint finishes in service

- Using the process described above the paint finishes should need little attention for up to 5 years, depending the position and exposure to sunlight, rain, and acidic trees etc.
- Guarantees on the finish of timber products is a contentious issues as many hardwood timber suppliers will offer long guarantees, which when reading the small print, is reliant on you regularly maintaining the products.
- We believe in a straightforward approach which is that the finishes should need little attention for up to 5 years, but it is wise to inspect the finish on a regular basis during that period, the best time is when the windows are being wiped down and cleaned. If maintained correctly all microporous paint finishes should continue to give excellent service beyond what is a normal guarantee.

Colour matching service

We also have the flexibility of a colour analysis and matching service for most of the current colour ranges for both large and small projects. Choosing the perfect paint finish will set the tone for your living or working space. We can help you choose the right colours, the right finishes and more.

Choosing the right paint finish

How to choose a colour:

- Choose your colour from RAL, BS, Dulux or any other popular colour range, or
- provide a sample for colour analysis and matching.
- Alternatively discuss your ideas with our dedicated team to achieve the best results.

