



Care of your HAYMAC Tanalised Timber Gate

Suitable exterior timber care products are available on the market with various tints/colours that are brushed or spray applied.

To ensure your gate has a long life span we recommend that you apply a good quality preservative, stain, paint or varnish to your new gate as soon as is possible after installation although it is best if you can paint before installation.

We recommend a solvent-based stain from either the Sadolins or Sikkens range (*please apply 3 coats of the product as a minimum for the first treatment and carefully follow the manufacturer's guidelines for re-treatment*) or the traditional painted finish using 2 coats of primer, 2 coats of undercoat and 2 coats of topcoat.

Your gate will require annual treatment to ensure water does not ingress to any joints or timber end grain over time.

Particular attention when treating your gate must be given to joints and timber end grain on the top and bottom of the timbers as these are the areas where water will ingress.

PLEASE NOTE

1. The timber used to produce your gate may produce cracks (checks/shake) that will open and close as an effect of weather conditions, please hesitate from filling these cracks with a hard filler as when the timber swells and closes the crack the filler will act as a 'wedge' and cause the crack to extend further. These cracks are not detrimental to the item's long-term durability. Cracks which appear after painting should be sealed with glue and re-painted. Cracks/shake is not a timber or construction defect and is to be expected as timber is a natural product.
2. Timber knots should be treated with a knot sealing compound to help arrest knot sap bleed out; patent knotting solution is ideal if painting the timber product. Knots which split/crack or become loose in cladding after painting should be sealed, glued and re-painted. Knot bleed out, and cracks/knot drop out is not a timber or construction defect and is to be expected as timber is a natural product.
3. As timber is a natural product it may shrink, swell & twist with changes in ambient air moisture content- please refrain from shaving or planing the gate to ease any swelling, you should re-adjust fittings to ease any problems as after a relatively short time your timber product will settle into the environment, and any changes will stabilise (usually within 12 months depending on the time of year your product was installed). Shrinking, swelling & twisting is not a timber or construction defect and is to be expected as timber is a natural product.



General Maintenance of your HAYMAC Timber Product

If your gate is located under trees or does not enjoy full sun, it may be subject to a build-up of green algae, surface mould and general grime. Remove using one of the following methods:

Using a stiff brush, scrub affected timber with warm water with diluted detergent. Rinse thoroughly with clean water and allow to dry.

Or, following manufacturer's instructions, use a diluted standard garden fungicide.

Use of a Pressure Washer

A pressure washer, used with care, can be used to clean surfaces but may cause the grain to "lift" and remove previously applied paint treatments and thus require light sanding, re-painting and re-waterproofing.

Should you choose to use a pressure washer, great care should be taken to ensure the nozzle is not too close to the surface – follow manufacturer's instructions to prevent damage to the timber.