

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ACQ PRESERVE TREATED LUMBER

1. **What is ACQ Preserve?** ACQ Preserve is an environmentally advanced, pressure-treated wood that is treated with the preservative ACQ – Alkaline Copper Quat.
2. **Why is ACQ Preserve better for the Environment?** ACQ Preserve uses 100% recycled copper as its main component. Copper is widely used in organic gardening applications.
3. **What type of nails and fasteners should be used with ACQ Preserve treated lumber?** As with all wood that is used in an outdoor application, **hot-dipped galvanized or stainless steel fasteners and fittings** should be used. Anti-corrosion coatings applied to fasteners and fittings in contact with treated wood will enhance long-term performance. Direct contact of ACQ treated wood with aluminum fasteners and fittings is not recommended unless it is coated with a corrosion-inhibiting substance.
4. **Will ACQ Preserve treated wood fade grey?** All lumber, even mahogany, eventually will fade to grey. However, ACQ treated lumber initially turns a very attractive, warm brown color.
5. **Can ACQ Preserve wood be painted or stained?** Yes, it should be painted or stained. High-quality, oil-based paints and stain are recommended. Your Totem salesperson can help you pick out the correct product for your requirements. Remember to allow adequate time for material to dry before applying finishing products.



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WATERPROOF VINYL DECKING

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ATTENTION ALL BUILDERS AND SUPERVISORS

Please note the following procedures in regards to vinyl decking installations

1. Min 5/8 T&G select grade plywood. (G1S) Fir
2. Glued & Screwed (**countersink screws**) plywood, 4" on joints and 8" everywhere else. Keep deck 3" below siding J channel, or stucco stop, or other wall finish and door sills. To allow for maximum waterproofing.
3. All joints between joists must have tongue & groove or blocking to support plywood joints.
4. Crown up on joists and slope decks.
5. On enclosed decks please allow **us to install drains** since the fit and finish will be better for drainage.
6. Plywood joints tight please. Our filler only allows to fill maximum 1/8" joints.
7. Try to have vinyl laid no more than 2-3 weeks after plywood installation. This will prevent plywood warping and separating of plywood layers. This will eliminate most dips in your plywood between joists.
8. Vinyl decking must be installed before stucco or siding, as this will allow vinyl to come up the wall higher and create a better water seal. Vinyl decking installed after wall finish **will not** have any water proofing warranty.
9. Vinyl decking cannot be installed on pressure treated plywood, o.s.b, or regular lumber (shrinks & will discolor or bubble) no warranty.
10. Please ensure that the plywood and workmanship is of the same standard as your sub-floors for linoleum. This will prevent joints showing through vinyl and nails popping up.

**** IF YOU ARE NOT USING SELECT GRADE T&G PLYWOOD, (NO KNOT HOLES) AND IF DECKS ARE NOT GLUED AND SCREWED (COUNTERSUNK) WITH MISSED SCREWS PULLED OUT, THERE WILL BE AN EXTRA CHARGE OF \$15.00 PER SHEET (SCREWS AND LABOUR) NO WARRANTY ON VINYL INSTALLATION FOR NAILS POPPING UP.**

Your cooperation in assisting Great Canadian Sundeck and Railing Ltd. with the above procedures will create a problem free sundeck for the customer for years to come.

Thanks
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