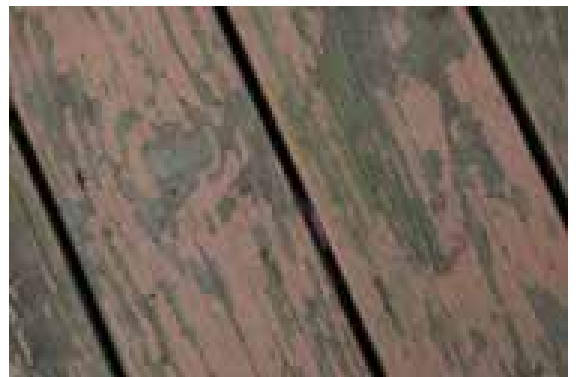


WATER ABSORPTION TEST

Use the water absorption test to determine if your wood is ready to be stained.

1. Pour a cup of water over a few areas on your deck.
2. If the water is absorbed in less than 10 minutes, or if the surface color darkens then it is time to stain your deck.
3. If the water beads on the surface and is not absorbed in 10 minutes you need to either remove the old finish or wait to apply a new stain or sealant.
4. Applying a stain or sealant to improperly prepared wood will result in poor stain penetration and adhesion which may damage the wood surface.



IMPORTANCE OF CLEANING THE WOOD

To remove dirt and contaminants that may have accumulated on the wood, first clean it with Olympic® Deck Cleaner - this is true for both new and old wood. Cleaning the wood before staining allows for better stain penetration and maximum durability.

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