What makes this stain so unique?
The deep-penetrating, modified-oil formula ensures superior results every time in just one application with no back brushing. This stain wipes off most metal, glass, and non-porous surfaces; therefore, cleanup is much less time consuming. For a streak-free professional finish on your next job, choose Ultimate Dock & Pier Stain.

What are the advantages of Ultimate Dock & Pier Products compared to other stains?

Ultimate Dock & Pier Stain:
- Oil based stain that penetrates the wood.
- Provide high quality, deep penetrating natural oils used to replenish and revive the composition of the wood.
- Contains UV inhibitors to further lessen the effects of harmful UV rays and keep the color consistent through the duration of the stain.
- Water-repelling silicone to repel water, decreasing damage associated with warping, swelling and cupping.
- Excellent re-coat properties. This attribute allows your customers to establish a “dock maintenance program”.

Competitors' Products:
- Film forming stains which will ultimately peel and flake.
- Application- Runs, drips, and lap marks will be visible unless entire dock is back brushed.
- Clean Up- Takes extensive scrubbing and use of solvents to remove from unwanted surfaces. Spray equipment must be thoroughly cleaned after each use.
- Maintenance- Product must be completely stripped before a re-coat is possible. This involves the use of harsh strippers to remove old stain.
DO I NEED TO MIX THE STAIN PRIOR TO APPLYING IT?

YES. It is very important to mix the stain very well beforehand. All the pigments will settle at the bottom of the bucket and must be mixed thoroughly. Mixing for about 5 minutes is adequate. You shouldn’t be able to feel any pigments on the bottom of the bucket when you drag your stir stick across it. Next, pour the stain into a clean bucket or container.

It is also recommended to pour about a ½” of mineral spirits in the empty bucket of stain and use a paint brush to agitate any excess pigment along the bottom.

You can pour the mineral spirits and excess pigments straight into your stain reservoir without affecting the stain.

This visual shows the bottom of the pail prior to rinsing with mineral spirits.

WHAT KIND OF COVERAGE SHOULD I EXPECT?

FACTORS TO CONSIDER THAT WILL EFFECT OVERALL COVERAGE RATE:

• Age of wood

• Type of wood (i.e. pressure treated, cedar, pine, etc.)

• Cleaned wood

On average your customers will achieve between 150 – 200 square foot per gallon.

HOW DO I PREPARE THE DOCK FOR STAIN?

As with any staining project it is important that your substrate (dock) is properly prepared. The surface of your dock must be clean, dry and free of dust, dirt, mildew, oil, water and other contaminants.

CAN I STAIN A DOCK THAT HAS ALREADY TURNED GRAY?

Yes. When staining a dock that is gray you need to make sure that the dock has been cleaned with a bleach/water solution prior to staining. The solution will kill off any mold, mildew, or algae growth on the dock. The aforementioned bacteria are what turn your dock gray using the wood fibers as a food source.

SHOULD I PRESSURE WASH AN OLD DOCK BEFORE STAINING IT?

No. Pressure washing is hard on the wood and can also have an adverse effect on it. When pressure washing you are raising the wood grains giving it a fuzzy look. If not careful, you can also gouge the wood causing many unsightly blemishes. Using a bleach/water solution is recommended when cleaning a dock.

HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO LET A DOCK DRY BEFORE STAINING IT?

THERE ARE MANY VARIABLES WHEN CONSIDERING DRY TIMES:

• Fresh wood from the mill

• Pressure treated

• Recently rained on

Each of these variables along with current weather conditions will dictate drying time. The goal of 10–12% moisture content is optimal. If a moisture meter isn’t readily available use best judgment. During the summer months the drying process is accelerated.
**HOW COLD CAN IT BE AND STILL USE THE STAIN?**

Apply this product at temperatures of 50 degrees or above. The reason for this is the wood cannot be frozen when product is being applied or it will hamper the penetration.

**WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO APPLY THE MATERIAL?**

Apply with Ultimate Dock Sprayer, brush, roller, flat staining pad or rags. Continue to mix the product as needed. Avoid getting the stain on any surface not intended to be stained.

**ULTIMATE DOCK & PIER STAIN APPLICATION**

- Start with a properly prepared surface
- Stir product thoroughly and apply without thinning
- Evenly apply product to board surface
- Take care to minimize puddles on board surface. If any excess is present roll back over the boards with a dry roller to level out the coating
- Minimize lake contamination
- Two coats may be necessary on aged wood to achieve final look desired

**DO I NEED TO KEEP A WET EDGE?**

No. The beauty of Ultimate Dock & Pier Stain is it allows you to apply without keeping a wet edge. You also don't have to worry about any runs, drips, or lap marks! This product is formulated to dry to a uniform appearance allowing you to work through the job as efficiently as possible.

Care should be taken to minimize any puddles on horizontal surfaces as it will leave a mark.

**DO I NEED TO WEAR A MASK WHILE SPRAYING THIS MATERIAL?**

It is always recommended that you wear a respirator when spraying any type of oil base products. We recommend the 3M respirators with replaceable pre-filters.
**WHAT IS THE CLEANING PROCESS FOR THIS STAIN?**

The formulation of Ultimate Dock & Pier Stain prevents the product from wanting to dry or stick to any non-porous surface.

This means the product doesn’t want to dry on cleats, ladders or any metal surfaces on or around the dock. If the product was to get on one of these surfaces it can be removed with mineral spirits or our Ultimate Clean Up concentrated cleaner.

Care should be taken around porous substrates as the product would be able to penetrate:

- Weathered fiberglass dock lockers
- Bumpers
- Etc.

**HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE THE STAIN TO DRY BEFORE YOU CAN USE THE DOCK?**

Product dries to the touch in 24 hours and fully cures within a week. Deck furniture may be placed back on the deck in 24 hours. Avoid tracking deck stain/sealer into the home.

**ALLOW PRODUCT TO DRY FOR 24 HOURS BEFORE GETTING IT WET**