

PS VALUE GUIDE		EXTERIOR WOOD FINISHES: SYNTHETICS AND STAINS						
PRODUCT	PRICE **	SOURCE	FINISH COLOR	NO. OF COATS*	RECOAT*	SAND BETWEEN COATS	ORIGINAL FINISH	EASE OF APPLICATION
Ace Wood Royal Deck and Siding Stain Semi-transparent Oil	\$6	Local Ace Hardware	Opaque brown	1	24-48 hours	No	Matte	Excellent
Ace Wood Royal House and Trim Stain Solid Color <b>\$</b>	\$11	Local Ace Hardware	Brown	1	24-48- hours	No	Matte	Excellent
Deks Olje Nos. 1 with No. 2 overcoat	\$19 (No. 1); \$25 (No. 2)	jamestown distributors.com	Honey brown	Numerous (No. 1) 3-6 (No. 2)	15 minutes (No. 1) 12 hours (No. 2)	Yes	Satin	Fair
Interlux Sikkens Cetol Marine (alone)	\$31	go2marine.com	Opaque amber	2	24 hours	No	Matte	Excellent
Interlux Sikkens Cetol Marine with Cetol Marine Gloss	\$31 (Gloss: \$30)	go2marine.com	Opaque amber with clear overcoat	4 (2 Cetol, 2 gloss)	24 hours	No	Satin	Good
Interlux Sikkens Cetol Marine Light (alone)	\$30	shipstore.com	Opaque light amber	2	24 hours	No	Matte	Excellent
Interlux Sikkens Cetol Marine Light with Cetol Marine Gloss	\$30 (Gloss: \$30)	shipstore.com	Opaque light amber with clear overcoat	4 (2 Cetol, 2 gloss)	24 hours	No	Satin	Good
Interlux Sikkens Cetol Natural Teak (alone) <b>✓</b>	\$29	shipstore.com	Golden-translucent	2	24 hours	No	Matte	Excellent
Interlux Sikkens Cetol Natural Teak with Cetol Marine Gloss <b>✓</b>	\$29 (Gloss: \$30)	shipstore.com	Golden-translucent, clear overcoat	4 (2 Cetol, 2 gloss)	24 hours	No	Satin	Good
Teak Guard (Nanovations) <b>✓</b>	\$61	teak-guard.com	Clear	2	4 hours	No	Matte	Excellent
Amazon's Teak Lustre Gloss	\$30	shipstore.com	Honey blonde	3	30-40 minutes	Suggested	Low gloss	Excellent
Amazon's Teak Lustre Satin <b>✓</b>	\$30	shipstore.com	Honey blonde	3	30-40 minutes	Suggested	Low gloss	Excellent
TeaQua <b>✓</b>	\$35	teaqua.com	Rich brown	2	30 minutes	No	Matte	Excellent
West Marine WoodPro Plus Semi-Gloss <b>✓</b>	\$25	westmarine.com	Clear	4-6 coats	4-5 hours	No	Satin	Good
WoodPlus Marine <b>✓</b>	\$25	woodpluscoatings.com	Reddish	2-3	4-6 hours	No	Low gloss	Excellent
<b>✓ Recommended</b> <b>\$ Budget Buy</b>		*Maker's recommendations for bare wood. **Prices per quart; cost calculated when product sold in metric sizes.						

## COMMENTS

Semitransparent stain; oil based; can be brushed, rolled, or sprayed

Solid color stain; oil based; not recommended for high-traffic areas; brush, roll, or spray

No. 1 is an oil; No. 2 varnish-like but flexible overcoat; use on any marine wood; brush or roll

Cloudiness keeps true wood grain from showing through; alkyd resin based; uses synthetic, transparent iron oxide pigment for UV protection; all Cetols OK for all marine woods; brush or roll

Same as above but with added clear satin gloss (and added steps); gloss not suggested for use on decks

Same as Cetol Marine, except a bit less muddy and has a slightly lighter tint; annual maintenance suggested for all Cetol products; brush or roll

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Shows wood's grain; tester's pick of Cetol products for finish appearance on bare wood; uses "Next Wave" technology; brush or roll

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Clear stain and sealer; uses "nanotechnology;" eco-friendly; water-based; very thin; brush or roll; recommended for teak; must order from Australia

Stain; eco-friendly; water based; can be rolled or brushed; claims three-year protection; can be used over Amazon's Teak Oil

Same as above with a satin finish; testers noted little difference in the two Teak Lustres' glossiness; maker suggests stirring before, during use for a more satin finish

Oil, sealer, and pigment; can use over most treatments, not hard varnishes; muddy in can, but dries like pigmented stain; brush or roll; a little goes a long way; best applied with a cloth

Finish resembles hard varnish; made by Epifanes; modified alkyd/urethane resin; bonds well to oily woods; brush or roll

"Translucent" stain; water-based; can use on any marine wood and over most synthetics; maintenance: clean and re-apply as desired