

LIGHT OIL/ORGANIC SOLVENT-BORNE PRESERVATIVE-TREATED TIMBER

GENERAL

Light oil/organic solvent-borne preservatives (LOSPs) contain insecticides for internal use, and combinations of fungicides and insecticides for external use, and sometimes water repellents. All of these preservative components are incorporated in light oil or organic solvent carrier such as white spirit.

LOSPs are impregnated into the timber to provide protection against decay, termites and other insects. They are not suitable for ground contact application or where consistent wetting will occur.

SAFETY INFORMATION

Use

LOSP-treated timber should NOT be used in the following situations or applications:

- Where it will be in direct contact with foodstuffs (e.g., storage bins, crates, beehives, silos, etc.).
- Counter tops, cutting boards or food preparation surfaces.
- Where it will be in direct contact with drinking water (e.g., tanks, troughs, etc.).

Some people may experience temporary skin irritation when using the material. Skin irritation and other undesirable effects are more likely if the timber is not solvent dry.

- If irritation occurs, cease contacting with the material and review your personal protection measures and contact the supplier and/or manufacturer.
- LOSP-treated timber should be stored in a well-ventilated and under cover area.
- Where possible packs should be opened a day or two before use to allow any residual solvent vapours in the inner boards to evaporate.

GUIDE TO THE SAFE USE OF PRESERVATIVE-TREATED TIMBER

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Handling	<p>The following precautions should be taken when handling LOSP-treated timber:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wear cotton or light leather gloves for protection against splinters and cuts during general handling. If the timber is still damp from the treatment, solvent-resistant gloves are recommended.<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keep airborne wood-dust levels below the maximum exposure levels recommended by Worksafe. Wear an organic vapour filter mask (activated carbon) when sawing, sanding or machining treated timber.<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wear an impervious work apron to protect clothing when working with solvent-damp timber.<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wear safety glasses or goggles when using power tools on the treated timber.<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If LOSP preservative or LOSP-treated sawdust accumulates on clothes, wash separately before re-use.<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wash hands after handling treated timber and before eating, drinking, or smoking.<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Do not transport LOSP-treated timber in an enclosed space that includes occupants.
Disposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For normal domestic and trade users, dispose of waste through normal waste collection and disposal services.<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The disposal of large amounts of LOSP-treated timber waste may require special approval from local authorities.<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOSP-treated timber offcuts and waste shall not be burned in open fires, stoves, fireplaces, or any confined spaces. (They may be burned in plants specifically approved for that purpose.)<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOSP-treated timber offcuts and wastes are not recommended for mulch and animal bedding.

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