



# VARATHANE® CLASSIC WATER BASED WOOD STAIN

## DESCRIPTION AND USES

Varathane® Water Based Wood Stain provides fast, easy, rich color that enhances any wood grain. This semi-transparent formula can be customized to a darker look by simply applying a second coat.

With low odor and easy soap and water clean up, Varathane Water Based Wood Stain is ideal for use on all interior projects including: furniture, cabinets, doors and trim, and paneling. It is not recommended for floors.

## PRODUCT FEATURES

- Easy application
- Fast drying and low odor
- Soap and water clean up
- Interior use only

## PRODUCTS

½ Pint	Quart	DESCRIPTION
----	356435	Dark Walnut
----	356436	Classic Gray
384353	356437	Smoke Gray
384352	356438	Ebony
----	356439	Golden Oak
----	356440	Gunstock
384355	381118	Espresso
384354	384357	Dark Bourbon
384808	384807	White Oak
----	381122	Tint Base

## PRODUCT APPLICATION

### SURFACE PREPARATION

Remove any existing finishes with sandpaper or liquid stripper. Surface must be dry, clean and free of dirt, grease, glue and any existing coatings before staining. Prepare bare wood for staining by sanding in the direction of the grain. Begin with #120 grit sandpaper and progress through #150 and #180 grits. Do not use steel wool. Remove all sanding dust. Pre-treat with Varathane Classic Water Based Pre-Stain Wood Conditioner. Following label instructions to ensure uniform color and grain raise control. Remove any raised grain that does occur after applying wood conditioner by lightly sanding with #220 grit sandpaper. Remove any sanding dust before testing color or stain application.

**WARNING!** If you scrape, sand or remove old paint, you may release lead dust. LEAD IS TOXIC. EXPOSURE TO LEAD DUST CAN CAUSE SERIOUS ILLNESS SUCH AS BRAIN DAMAGE, ESPECIALLY IN CHILDREN. PREGNANT WOMEN SHOULD ALSO AVOID EXPOSURE. Wear a NIOSH-approved respirator to control lead exposure. Clean up carefully with a HEPA vacuum and a wet mop.

## PRODUCT APPLICATION (cont.)

### SURFACE PREPARATION (cont.)

Before you start, find out how to protect yourself and your family by contacting the National Lead Information Hotline at 1-800-424-LEAD or log on to [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead).

### APPLICATION

Shake can vigorously before opening and stir stain occasionally during use. Do not apply when temperature is below 55° F. Do not thin. **Do not apply using a bristle or foam brush.** Apply liberally with a clean, lint-free cloth. Apply the stain in a circular motion, using consistent pressure until the wood is evenly saturated. After 2-3 minutes, wipe the excess stain off in the direction of the wood grain. Do not let the stain dry before wiping excess. A second coat can be applied after 2 hours. Do not sand between stain coats.

### APPLICATION TIPS

**TESTING COLOR:** Be sure to test your stain to verify the desired color. To test, stir the stain thoroughly and apply the stain in an inconspicuous area. When using more than one can, pour all contents together in a separate container and mix well to ensure color uniformity.

### PROTECTING YOUR WOOD

To complete and protect your project, finish with a Varathane Polyurethane. Allow Varathane Classic Water Based Wood Stain to dry for 3 hours before applying an oil-based or water-based polyurethane top coat.

### CLEAN-UP

For easy project clean-up, use soap and water.



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**PHYSICAL PROPERTIES**

		<b>WATER BASED WOOD STAIN</b>
<b>Resin Type</b>		Linseed oil emulsion
<b>Pigment Type</b>		Inorganic and organic
<b>Solvents</b>		Water
<b>Weight</b>	<b>Per Gallon</b>	8.5-8.6 lbs.
	<b>Per Liter</b>	1.02-1.04 kg
<b>Solids</b>	<b>By Weight</b>	24.4-25.8%
	<b>By Volume</b>	22.7-23.1%
<b>Volatile Organic Compounds</b>		<250 g/l
<b>Practical Coverage (assumes 15% material loss)</b>		Up to 100 sq. ft./quart
<b>Dry Times at 77°F (25°C) and 50% Relative Humidity</b>	<b>Touch</b>	90 minutes
	<b>Recoat</b>	2 hours
	<b>Full Cure</b>	48 hours
<b>Shelf Life</b>		3 years
<b>Flash Point</b>		>200° F
<b>Safety Information</b>		For additional information, see SDS

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