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Bamboo Cleaner

Bamboo Cleaner is a surface cleaner for use on raw bamboo. It is also a conditioning pre-treatment for the application of **Aqualis Bamboo Sealer**.

- **Product Code** **855BC-0001** (Suffix denotes quantity in litres)
- **Reduction** May be reduced up to 20 parts with water by volume.
- **Removes** Food stains, Oil, Tree Sap, Tannin, Dirt and Grime, Mould, Mild Oxidation.
- **Coverage** 10 m²/lt (mixed)
- **Container Size** 1lt, 3.5lt (hose outlet)
- **Shelf Life** 12 months in original un-opened package
- **Flash Point** Non-Flammable

Uses: Conditioner and cleaner for all raw bamboo substrates. It has been designed to remove dirt and grime, sap, tannin, food stains, oil, Fungal/Algae build up and minor oxidative degradation from bamboo surfaces.

APPLICATION

Surface cleaning of new Bamboo Surfaces

- All grease, oil, grime, sap, and other contaminants must be removed from bare bamboo structures using Aqualis **Bamboo Cleaner** preparation solution at a ratio of 10:1 with water, using a soft bristle broom or brush. Leave on for 5 minutes and hose off with fresh cold water.
- Seal with Aqualis **Bamboo Sealer** (refer to technical data sheet).

PREVIOUSLY SOLVENT AND WATER BASED OIL COATED BAMBOO

- All solvent based and water based natural oils should be removed applying a solution mixed at a ratio of 6 parts water to 1part **Bamboo Cleaner** using a mop or broom, allow to soak for 5 – 10 minutes, followed by a thorough scrubbing using a stiff bristle broom. Remove all suds and residues with clean water.
- It is advised that painted surfaces be sanded back to a raw Bamboo before cleaning and application of **Bamboo Sealer**, or alternatively apply Aqualis **Strip Ease** assisted by scouring to remove stains, acrylic, polyurethanes etc. followed by washing with at a 10 parts water to 1 part **Bamboo Cleaner** to neutralize the surface (this is very important)
- Seal with **Bamboo Sealer** (refer to technical data sheet).

Preparation of OXIDIZED (SUN BLEACHED) BAMBOO

- All Bamboo surfaces that have been affected by the sun and have started to oxidize or bleach must be thoroughly cleaned prior to sealing with **Bamboo Clean**.
- Mix the solution at a rate of 4:1 with water and scrub with a stiff broom. Leave on the surface for up to 10 minutes. Ensure that the solution stays wet on the surface, and if it dries apply more solution.
- Carefully remove the solution using a pressure cleaner if available (do not use a turbo head) to assist with the removal of the oxidization. If cleaning screening be careful not to damage the string binding.
- If the oxidization has not sufficiently been removed repeat the cleaning process.
- Thoroughly rinse with fresh water and seal with **Bamboo Sealer (refer to technical data sheet)**.

Maintenance

It is recommended that an annual inspection of the coated bamboo is carried out to determine if another coat is required. Any sign of mould/microbial attack or deterioration of coating should be attended to immediately. Wash the surface with **Bamboo Cleaner**, following the instructions on the label, and allow the surface to dry, and if needed, lightly sand the surface with 320 grit paper prior to re-application of a fresh coat of Aqualis **Bamboo Sealer**.

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