



Q: How long do WOLMAN coatings last?

All WOLMAN water repellents and stains, except for *RainCoat® Water Repellent - Oil Base*, carry at least a two (2) year guarantee on water repellency. WOLMAN F&P® *Premium Wood Finish and Preservative* is also guaranteed to protect against rot and decay for up to four (4) years. WOLMAN EXTREME® *Acrylic Wood Finish* is also guaranteed to prevent graying from UV exposure for two (2) years.

In general, WOLMAN coatings are formulated to provide the strongest water repellent and mildew protection available. They are based on industrial-grade formulations that exceed strict requirements demanded by wood, window and door manufacturers and lumber mills throughout the world.

Q: Which WOLMAN finish products are water-base?

The *RainCoat® Water Repellent Clear* (VOC formula), *RainCoat® With Toner*, *EXTREME®*, *Deck Stain* and all WOODLIFE brand Wood Preservatives, (*Classic*, *COPPERCOAT™*, and *CREOCOAT®*) are water-base formulas. If any partially filled containers exist after using these products, make sure lids are secured in place, then store where there is no possibility of freezing.

Q: Which WOLMAN finish products are oil-base?

RainCoat® Water Repellent Oil-Base (in the green can) and *F&P® Premium Wood Finish and Preservative* are made with an oil (solvent) base.

Q: What is the difference between the water-base and oil-base WOLMAN RainCoat® Water Repellent?

Although each product uses a different technology to ensure water repellency, both products provide protection from mildew and moisture absorption, which can cause swelling, shrinking, warping and cracking. The water-base formula (blue can) visibly beads water longer than the oil-base *RainCoat* (green can), which repels water without beading characteristics.

The main difference between formulas is their appearance on the wood. The water-base formula has a flat or matte look while the oil-base formula has more sheen initially. The oil-base *RainCoat* (green can) enhances the deeper grain of the wood. The water-base formula can be cleaned up with soap and water, whereas mineral spirits are needed to clean up the oil-base formula.

Q: What is the difference between a water repellent and a preservative?

A water repellent improves the dimensional stability of the wood by preventing swelling and shrinking from water infiltration. Wood unprotected from water damage will suffer checking, cupping and splitting. All WOLMAN sealers and stains include a water repellent that meets or exceeds the NWWDA standards.

A preservative's job is to protect wood from fungal growth, rot and decay. Some preservatives also include an insecticide to prevent attack by termites and other wood boring insects. To be classified as a wood preservative or "pesticide", the product must contain minimum amounts of active ingredients, and must be reviewed, approved and registered by the federal EPA. Comprehensive test data must be submitted and reviewed by the EPA before qualifying for registration. After approval and registration, the EPA conducts product reviews on a routine basis to ensure that the manufacturing process is meeting tight quality control standards.

Current WOLMAN products that are classified as wood preservatives include *F&P® Premium Wood Finish and Preservative*, and *WOODLIFE Classic*, *COPPERCOAT™* and *CREOCOAT® Wood Preservatives*.

Q: Which of the WOLMAN products will prevent wood from turning gray?

WOLMAN RainCoat® With Toner, F&P® Premium Wood Finish and Preservative, and our Deck Stain With Water Repellent all offer some degree of ultraviolet (UV) protection. *RainCoat With Toner* utilizes UV blockers to help delay the wood's natural tendency to turn gray from exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays. *WOLMAN F&P's* transparent pigments absorb and reflect UV rays to resist premature fading and wood graying, while allowing the wood grain and texture to show through. *WOLMAN Deck Stain With Water Repellent* offers long-lasting, semi-transparent or solid-hide protection against UV damage, depending on the number of coats applied. Plus, *WOLMAN EXTREME® Acrylic Wood Finish* is uniquely formulated to retain color longer than other traditional stains, and is backed by a minimum 2 year guarantee to prevent graying!

Q: What is the difference between a transparent, semi-transparent and solid stain?

Like paint, stains are usually classified “semi-transparent” or “solid” to describe their level of clarity. For instance, semi-transparent stains allow the natural grain and texture to show through the coating, whereas solid colored stains are more opaque, covering up most or all of the grain and texture. *WOLMAN* also makes finish coatings that are very transparent in color, for those homeowners who want to show off the beauty of their wood while still providing enough pigment to give UV protection. Choose *RainCoat® Water Repellent With Toner* or *F&P® Wood Finish and Preservative* if you want a transparent look, and *WOLMAN Deck Stain* or *EXTREME® Acrylic Wood Finish* if you're interested in a semi-transparent or solid hide look.

Q: What is the best WOLMAN product?

All *WOLMAN* deck coatings are formulated to provide superior water repellent protection, but differ in their color selection and appearance based on homeowner preferences. For example, clear coatings allow the natural color and texture of wood to show through, hence, they allow the natural graying that occurs from sun exposure. On the other hand, stains contain more pigment, thereby offering longer color retention and protection against premature graying.

If you prefer to see the natural wood color, texture or grain pattern through a coating, choose *WOLMAN RainCoat® Clear, RainCoat® With Toner* or *F&P® Wood Finish and Preservative*. If you are concerned about sun damage, choose a semi-transparent stain such as *WOLMAN Deck Stain* or *EXTREME® Acrylic Wood Finish*.