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# THE NATURAL AGING PROCESS OF IPE

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## NATURAL UNFINISHED IPE

Ipe (pronounced EE-pay) is a Brazilian hardwood that is incredibly dense, which makes it the perfect product for outdoor use. It naturally resists rot and decay and also carries a Class A fire rating. This is the same rating given to steel or concrete!

The wood can be left unfinished and will naturally age to a deep silver patina and require only minimal maintenance such as washing with soap and water to keep it clean. It has been known to last 50-100 years in an outside environment.



## OILED IPE WITH CABOT TIMBER OIL

Your Ipe has been applied with two coats of Cabot Australian Timber Oil - Natural at our factory and the end grain has also been sealed. This process brings out the natural beauty of the wood. The color of wood will naturally fade and will require re-oiling of the wood every 6-12 months to keep the color at this stage. Ipe can also be left to naturally patina to beautiful grey patina.

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## OILED IPE AFTER 6 MONTHS

At the 6 months mark your wood will have lightened and will continue to fade to a silver patina if left alone.

If you would like to keep the natural brown and red tones of the wood, now is the time to clean and reapply an oil finish to your wood to restore its finish.

We recommend using Cabot Australian Timber Oil - Natural, but there are several other Ipe oil products on the market that will work. You DO NOT want to use a varnish or urethane.



## OILED IPE AFTER 12 MONTHS

After 12 months your Ipe will have a grey hue to the wood. As always you can leave the wood alone and let it continue to patina to a silver tone.

If you'd like to restore the Ipe, we recommend the following:

- 1.) Clean the wood with a good cleaning with a product such as Cutek ProClean.
- 2.) Lightly sand the wood with 180-220 grit.
- 3.) And re-apply the Cabot Australian Timber Oil - Natural.

Instructions for this product can be downloaded on their website.  
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## OILED IPE AFTER 12-24 MONTHS

You made it! The wood had developed a full patina. Just keep it clean with a regular washing and enjoy the wood for years to come. Ipe is known to last 50 years.

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