

# Rubio WoodCream Softener

Accompanies Rubio WoodCream for color effects and maintenance solutions

Rubio WoodCream Softener is a product that allows you to decrease the color intensity of the Rubio WoodCream colors and create a more transparent or aged effect. Rubio WoodCream Softener is also used as a mix-in when performing a maintenance application of Rubio  ${\sf WoodCream}.$ 



#### **ATTENTION**

Rubio WoodCream Softener must always be used in combination with Rubio WoodCream. Do not use Rubio WoodCream Softener on a standalone basis.

Adding Rubio WoodCream Softener reduces the UV resistance of the product. This can cause premature discoloration. This discoloration effect depends on the amount of Rubio WoodCream Softener added.



#### **PRODUCT INFORMATION**

#### > Specific characteristics

- · 0% VOC
- · Reduces the tinting strength without changing the viscosity
- · Extends the drying time
  - · Easier to work with in hot conditions
  - Reduced risk of overlaps
- Easier spreadability on rough and absorbent substrates
- Reduces the layer build up when Rubio WoodCream is used in 2 layers
- · Rubio WoodCream becomes an ideal maintenance product when adding Rubio WoodCream Softener

#### > Technical characteristics

- · Color: opaque
- · Odor: light ammoniac
- · Physical state: liquid
- · Density: 927 q/L
- pH: 9.35
- · Solubility: soluble in water

### > Storage

The product can be stored up to 24 months. Store in dry conditions and in the original packaging. Do not allow to freeze.

# > Packaging

· Plastic bottle: 100 ml, 1 L

· Jerrycan: 5 L





# Colors

Colors shown are on pine. The colors shown are for reference only and are not binding.









### TECHNICAL DATA SHEET | EXTERIOR



#### APPLICATION INFORMATION

### > On site application

#### > Preparation

• Ambient temperature: 50°F – 86°F (10°C – 30°C) • Substrate temperature: 50°F – 86°F (10°C – 30°C) • Product temperature: 50°F – 86°F (10°C – 30°C)

#### > Instructions for use

## Manual application

#### A. Creating an aged/transparent effect on new wood

- Prepare the surface in order to achieve the desired result (planed, sanded wire brushed...).
- Remove sanding dust from the surface and wipe dry.
- STEP 3. Stir Rubio WoodCream well and dilute it with Rubio WoodCream Softener (proportion: max 1:1). Note: Transparency is based on amount of Rubio WoodCream Softener added. Note: An aged effect can only be achieved with a color from the Rubio WoodCream Grey Collection.
- Apply carefully and evenly to the vertical surface with a block brush suitable for water-beading products. Work with the grain in sections approximately 3 to 4 boards wide. It's best to keep a wet edge. In one motion, use an application brush to perform a final pass, ensuring the WoodCream application is even and consistent.

#### B. In case of renovation/refreshing Rubio WoodCream

- STEP 1. Clean the surface by using water at low pressure and a soft brush; there is no need for sanding.
- STEP 2. Stir Rubio WoodCream well and dilute it with Rubio WoodCream Softener in a ratio from 9 parts Rubio WoodCream and 1 part Rubio WoodCream Softener. You can adjust this ratio to max. 1 part Rubio WoodCream and 1 part Rubio WoodCream Softener to achieve the desired result.
- STEP 3. Apply carefully and evenly to the vertical surface with a block brush suitable for water-beading products. Work with the grain in sections approximately 3 to 4 boards wide. It's best to keep a wet edge. In one motion, use an application brush to perform a final pass, ensuring the WoodCream application is even and consistent.

#### C. Maintenance instructions

In general we recommend a yearly visual check-up just after winter season.

Please check for the presence of the following three points:

- a. Dirt & green deposits; clean with low pressure water and soft brush
- b. Fading out of colors
- c. Diminishing water-beading effect

If necessary (concerning point b./c.), apply a maintenance coat according to the instructions. The frequency of maintenance depends on the weather conditions:

- In normal weather conditions: every 5 years
- In extreme weather conditions: every 3 years
- In ideal circumstances, this can take significantly longer: up to 10 years

Normal climates: when the color fades, apply a maintenance coat of Rubio WoodCream with Rubio WoodCream Softener in a ratio from 9 parts Rubio WoodCream and 1 part Rubio WoodCream Softener to max. 1 part Rubio WoodCream and 1 part Rubio WoodCream Softener to achieve the desired result. Consult the technical data sheet for more information.

Frequency according to exposure, geographical situation, solar orientation of the treated wood, wood type, and desired shade. Waterfront, seaside, pilling, wetland, and marshland scenarios sometimes require more frequent maintenance.

- STEP 1. The wood must be cleaned with a mixture of 10% Rubio Monocoat Exterior Wood Cleaner and water. After the use of Rubio Monocoat Exterior Wood Cleaner, clean the surface by using water at low pressure and a soft brush; there is no need for sanding. Consult the accompanying technical data sheet before use.
- STEP 2. Stir Rubio WoodCream well and dilute it with Rubio WoodCream Softener in a ratio from 9 parts Rubio WoodCream and 1 part Rubio WoodCream Softener to max. 1 part Rubio WoodCream and 1 part Rubio WoodCream Softener in order to achieve the desired result.
- STEP 3. Apply carefully and evenly to the vertical surface with a block brush suitable for water-beading products. Work with the grain in sections approximately 3 to 4 boards wide. It's best to keep a wet edge. In one motion, use an application brush to perform a final pass, ensuring the WoodCream application is even and consistent.





## > Tips & Tricks

- · Avoid direct sunlight on the surface.
- In case of high temperatures (> 85°F (30°C)) or when there is no shade, we recommend diluting Rubio WoodCream with Rubio WoodCream Softener in order to make the product easier to apply and to allow it to dry less quickly.
- · On rough and very absorbent wood surfaces, we recommend diluting Rubio WoodCream with Rubio WoodCream Softener so you can easily apply Rubio WoodCream on the surface. For a more opaque effect you can apply a second layer.
- · Tools can be cleaned using water.

## > Related products



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