

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.

COVERAGE: 100 sq. ft./quart

CLEAN UP: Soap and water

CAUTION: Do not take internally. Use only with adequate ventilation. Do not breathe dust, vapors or spray mist. Ensure fresh air entry during application and drying. Close container after each use. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Wash thoroughly after handling. **FIRST AID:** If you experience difficulty in breathing, leave area to obtain fresh air. If continued difficulty is experienced, get medical assistance immediately. In case of contact, immediately flush skin with soap and water and eyes with plenty of water. If swallowed, get medical attention immediately. **KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN. For emergency, call your physician, local poison control center or local emergency room. For product health information, call: (800)481-4785.**

⚠ WARNING: Cancer and Reproductive Harm – www.P65Warnings.ca.gov

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED: If you are dissatisfied with this product, contact Rust-Oleum Product Support at 800-901-0411 for product replacement or a full refund of the purchase price. Refer to product number and batch code.

Maximum VOC ≤ 250 g/L

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SINCE 1958

CLASSIC

WATER BASED

WOOD STAIN

Easy Application | Fast Drying & Low Odor | Soap & Water Clean Up



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CAUTION! Read carefully other cautions on back panel.

32 FL OZ (1QT) 946mL

Varathane® Classic 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 Classic 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 or exterior surfaces.

INTERIOR USE ONLY - NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FLOORS

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. 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.

SURFACE PREPARATION

1. Remove any existing finishes with sandpaper or liquid stripper.
2. Surface must be dry, clean and free of dirt, grease, glue and any existing coatings before staining.
3. 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.
4. Remove all sanding dust.
5. 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.
6. Remove any sanding dust before testing color or stain application.

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.

STAIN 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.

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