



Cedar Oil Guide

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DecksDirect.com is proud to be the exclusive retailer of specially-formulated Cedar Oil, new from Penofin. If you're ready to make an investment in your cedar deck, Cedar Oil is the perfect choice. It not only provides long-lasting protection from the elements but also brings out the natural tones in your wood and allows its beauty to shine through.

Read on to learn all about this great new product!

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Why Use Cedar Oil?

A New, Special Product

We are proud to be the exclusive retailer of Cedar Oil by Penofin! We are confident in this product and what it can do for your outdoor cedar projects, and this guide will tell you why it's beneficial and how to use it.

If you have questions along the way, please give us a call 1-888-824-5316 or e-mail us: support@DecksDirect.com.

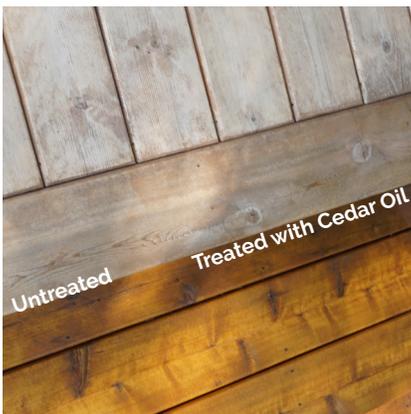
Penofin's Tradition of Excellence



Long before we developed Cedar Oil, Penofin Penetrating Oil was the first deck stain DecksDirect chose to sell because of the superior product performance, ease of use, and diversity of product offerings. For materials from hardwoods to composites and mainly focusing on softwoods

in the middle of the spectrum, Penofin offers several formulas of semi-transparent stains that enhance the look of the decking while protecting it from sun damage, mold & mildew. The essential ingredient featured in all of Penofin's deck stains is Brazilian Rosewood Oil, a sustainably-harvested oil that nourishes all types of wood from the inside out while providing protection against mildew.

Wood Considerations



Cedar Oil is great for cedar decks, railings, fences, and shakes of any age! Whether it's brand new or years old, Cedar Oil will nourish and protect your deck. Additional preparation steps may be needed prior to staining older wood. See the next section to learn more about cleaning and brightening using

Penofin's Pro-Tech line of products.

Cedar Oil Makeup

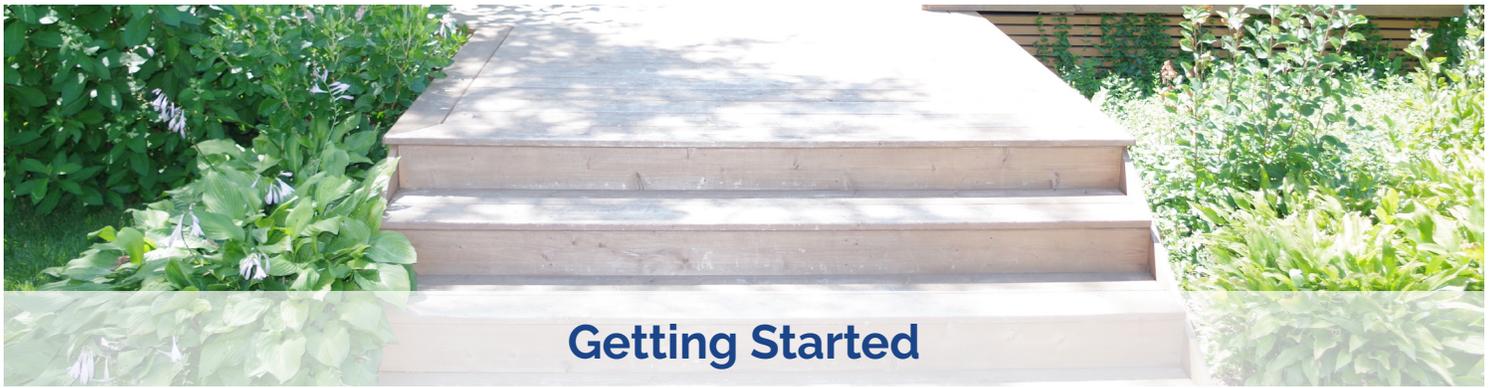


Just like the Penofin formulas that preceded it, Cedar Oil contains hearty and nourishing Brazilian Rosewood Oil. In addition to this foundation ingredient, Cedar Oil contains a special blend of transoxide pigments which give the oil its transparent cedar tone. This formula was blended to enhance and intensify the golden cedar tones

without masking the natural grain patterns.

Cedar Oil penetrates into the wood and surrounds the wood fibers to protect from within, unlike other stains which sit on top of the wood and form a surface film that can chip, bubble, or flake. Each time Cedar Oil is applied, you'll see great results with this **one-coat formula**: a deepened cedar tone plus protection against mold, mildew and sun damage. As Cedar Oil is reapplied over time, more oil builds up around the wood fibers to further enhance the wood's beauty and provide additional protection from the elements.

Our Cedar Oil was developed to withstand Hawaii's tropical combination of intense sun, heavy humidity and frequent rain, and it boasts over 99% UV Protection. With this special formulation, it is sure to excel in the conditions where you live in the contiguous United States.



Getting Started

Materials & Safety

Tools & Equipment

The simple beauty of Cedar Oil application is how it can be done with only a brush to stain and an old t-shirt to wipe. To make the process easier, consider a few additional items for a better experience and optimal results.



Cedar Oil – DecksDirect.com carries Cedar Oil in convenient 1-gallon pails. Average coverage for one gallon of stain:

Rough surfaces: 100-175 sq. ft.

Smooth surfaces: 200-500 sq. ft.



Crack tool – Not staining between boards will make your deck look uneven or unfinished. Crack tools make it easy to reach into narrow gaps for thorough stain coverage.



Chip brush – A brush is great for tight spaces and for the important step of back brushing. After the stain is applied, going over with a brush really helps the stain to penetrate evenly.



Lint-free wiping cloths – The crucial final step to Cedar Oil application is wiping off any excess stain that hasn't absorbed into the wood. These lint-free cloths are great to have on hand.



Cleaning brush – If you're cleaning or brightening your deck, you'll need a stiff bristle brush that can be attached to an extension pole. An alternative is a stiff broom.



Sprayer – A quality sprayer evenly distributes the stain and won't clog. The sprayer is also a great tool for cleaner and brightener application.

Spontaneous Combustion



Rags or cloths that have come in contact with Cedar Oil are at risk of spontaneously catching fire because as the rags dry and the oil evaporates, heat is generated. To avoid this, proper handling and disposal is critical.



Soak oil-saturated rags in water, then spread the rinsed rags out to dry thoroughly. Discard the rags once dry and properly dispose of the wastewater according to local ordinance.

Getting Started, *continued*

Preparing the Deck

Cleaning

For seasoned decks, using Penofin's Pro-Tech Cleaner will take care of any unsightly stains, mold, mildew, tree sap or other grime. This product is not exclusively for dirty decks; it is also a good idea to use for brand new wood - mold spores may be present and the cleaning process will eliminate them to get your staining process started on the right foot.

Remove furniture and sweep away large debris, then thoroughly wet the entire deck surface. At this time, also wet down any vegetation in close proximity to the deck.



To mix the cleaning solution, use about one cup of concentrated cleaning granules in one gallon of water. Make sure to mix thoroughly to dissolve the granules - this may work best in a separate bucket. When the concentrate is dissolved, the cleaner can be applied with a poly sprayer. Spray onto the deck, then agitate the solution with a bristle brush or broom, paying extra attention to any especially dirty marks if needed.



After agitating, allow the solution to sit for 15-20 minutes, taking care to keep the surface damp. After this time, thoroughly rinse away the solution.



Allow at least 24 hours for the deck surface to dry before applying stain. If you plan to brighten the deck after cleaning, it is not necessary to let the deck dry between steps.

Brightening

Like Pro-Tech Cleaner, Penofin's Pro-Tech Brightener serves an important purpose for both new and old wood. Brightener rejuvenates gray, weathered wood and restores the mill-bright color. If used after cleaning, it re-establishes the wood's PH balance to levels optimal for stain penetration. In new wood, Brightener reduces mill glaze that may be present, as well as neutralizes tannins that can cause unsightly discoloration if left untreated.



To prevent a reaction from occurring between the Brightener and metal surfaces on or near the deck, be sure to tape off any such surfaces prior to Brightener application. Similar to Cleaner application, wet down the deck and surrounding plant life. Mix two cups of the concentrate with one gallon of water, dissolve thoroughly, apply with sprayer and agitate. After agitating and keeping damp for 10-15 minutes, thoroughly rinse the deck. After allowing the deck to dry for 48 hours, you're ready to stain.



Cedar Oil Application

Planning



Taping – Carefully cover areas such as brick, metal, and sidewalks that you do not want to come in contact with stain.



Sectioning – Plan your application so that you can stain the entire length of 2-4 deck boards at a time. This will prevent lap marks and will allow for easy access when wiping excess stain.

Application



Brushing – A simple bristle brush is perfect for applying stain. After applying with even strokes, it is important to back-brush. Without adding more stain to the brush, use it to make short strokes back and forth along the wood grain. This ensures optimal penetration.



Spraying – This method allows for wider distribution of stain while eliminating the need to bend over excessively, preventing back strain that can occur with other methods such as brushing.

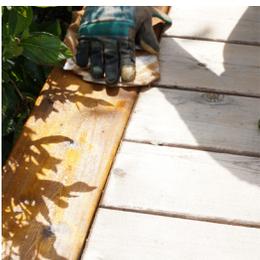


Crack tool – This specialty applicator is thin enough to fit between deck boards while thoroughly coating each side.



ONE COAT – Cedar Oil was developed to be a one-coat formula. Applying more than one coat will not enhance the look of the wood. Do not apply a second coat.

Drying & Wiping



Wipe excess after 20-30 minutes
This is generally the time Cedar Oil needs to penetrate the wood. Applying in smaller sections along the grain will make it easier to reach and wipe away the excess stain.



Don't forget to wipe – It's worth saying again! Wipe the excess from the wood surface after 20-30 minutes. Forgetting this step could result in a sticky, messy deck surface, plus a lot of additional work and cost. Properly dispose of rags.

Drying time – Allow 2-3 hours before walking on the deck and a full 24 hours before resuming typical use of the deck.



Troubleshooting & FAQs

Look no further for answers to some of the most common questions about Cedar Oil. Don't see what you're looking for? We're happy to help! Just give us a call at 1-888-824-5316 or send an email to support@decksdirect.com.

➔ Where can I buy Cedar Oil?



DecksDirect.com is proud to be the exclusive retailer of Cedar Oil. We will ship directly to your home or job site! If you're located in Minnesota, you can come in to our Twin Cities location to see a deck treated with Cedar Oil and pick up everything you need for your project.

➔ Do you offer samples?



Yes! You can try Cedar Oil before buying a full gallon by purchasing a small sample for \$1. Shipping is free, or you can pick one up at our Minneapolis location.

➔ How warm/cold can it be when I apply?

It should be between 45° and 80° when applying Cedar Oil.

➔ How long does it take to dry?

Allow 2-3 hours before walking on the deck and a full 24 hours before resuming typical use of the deck.

➔ Help! My deck is tacky, sticky, dark and shiny.



If you forgot to wipe off excess Cedar Oil, clean the surface with Penofin Pro-Tech Cleaner and allow the wood to dry. Then apply a light coat of Cedar Oil, remembering to wipe the surface this time!

➔ It started raining while I was applying. What do I do?

If small water spots are visible on the wood's surface, you can remedy the situation by washing those areas with Penofin Pro-Tech Cleaner. This can be done while the wood is wet. Allow the surface to dry, and then lightly apply Cedar Oil to any areas that look blotchy.

➔ How long can I expect Cedar Oil to last?

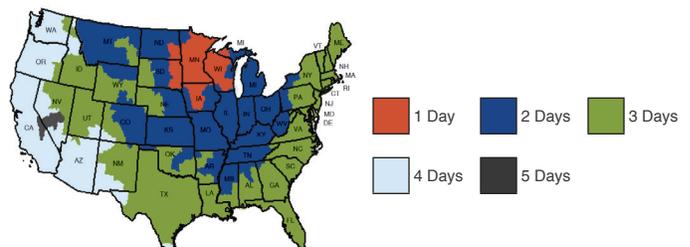
On average, you can expect Penofin to perform for 9-24 months on horizontal surfaces and 2-5 years on vertical surfaces. Please note that the time may vary depending on the amount of sunlight and weather exposure.

➔ Can I use Cedar Oil in my area?

While Cedar Oil is great for old and new cedar in many projects, unfortunately it is not permitted in some California counties due to VOC regulations. VOC stands for Volatile Organic Compound, which refers to a drying agent used in Penofin. It is what gives stain its strong smell and it emits gases into the environment. State and local EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) officials regulate VOC product sales. The following California Counties have a zero VOC regulation: LA, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Orange County, and we cannot ship Penofin to these locations. For a zero VOC product, please purchase Penofin Verde Interior/Exterior Formula. If you have questions about VOCs, please call DecksDirect.com at 1-888-824-5316.

➔ Can you overnight Cedar Oil to me?

No, unfortunately we can only ship Cedar Oil via ground transportation. Time in transit varies based on your location; estimated delivery times are as follows:





Our Story

DecksDirect.com was founded in 2003 with the goal of creating a better deck building experience for both the do-it-yourselfer and the professional builder. Our family-owned business is based in Minnesota and we are proud to have assembled an outstanding team with wide-ranging industry experience. We understand the pleasures of outdoor living – not to mention the satisfaction that comes from building a deck your family or client will enjoy for years.

Our Mission

We are passionate about decks - it's what we do and we do it well! Whether you are a weekend warrior or a seasoned professional, we hope to share our passion and knowledge with you so that you can have the best deck building experience possible.

Contact Us

We're here to help, so don't hesitate to contact us!

Phone (Mon-Fri 7am-5:30pm CST)

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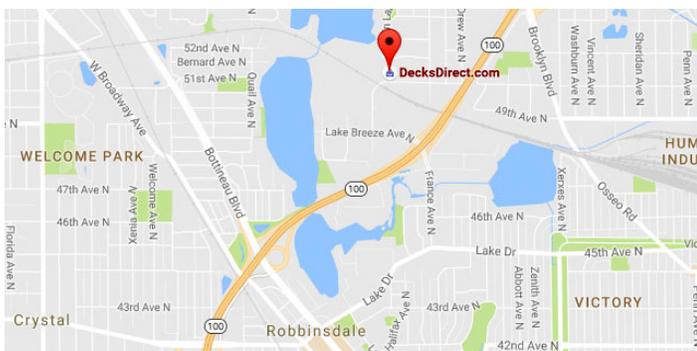
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Delivery is Fast & Free



We offer Free Ground Shipping when you order four or more gallons of Cedar Oil! Not only that, we go the extra mile when packaging and shipping the product. We use protective rings on all cans to prevent opening during shipment. We also send

items in specially-designed boxes that provide extra padding and are labeled extensively to ensure the shipper handles the fragile contents with care. We do all this at no additional charge to you!