

# **PoleProtect**

# Wood Preservative for Industrial High-Pressure Impregnation

#### **DESCRIPTION**

PoleProtect is a water-free wood preservative, based on natural oil. The biocidal efficacy is achieved by the use of copper and two organic co-biocides (a quaternary ammonium compound and a triazole) as active substances.

PoleProtect is a wood preservative that provides protection against wood-destroying fungi and insects. PoleProtect is supplied as a ready-to-use preparation and is applied to wood in an industrial high-pressure treatment.

Wood protected by PoleProtect can be used externally in all weather conditions and in ground contact.

It is suitable for utility poles, telecommunication poles and other external wooden structures.

## **PROPERTIES**

State: Liquid
Colour Dark Green

Odour Characteristic odour

Flash point 164°C

Density 0.9 – 1.0

pH value Not Applicable

## **PACKAGING and STORAGE**

Packaging unit: 1000 litre container, bulk.

Can be stored for up to 3 years. Do not store in temperatures above 30°C. Opened containers should be kept well sealed and be accessible only to qualified staff

PoleProtect reacts to frost. At temperatures below 10°C the product loses its fluidity and becomes viscous. The product can be used without restrictions when the temperature is raised and it has been thoroughly mixed.

# **SAFETY INFORMATION**

The handling and safety precautions shown on the PoleProtect product label must be understood and followed. Use only as a wood preservative, and as described on the label. See the product label and the Safety Data Sheet for further information.

Causes skin irritation.

Causes serious eye damage.

Very toxic to aquatic life.

Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Avoid release to the environment.

Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water/soap and water.

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.

Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor.

Dispose of contents/container to hazardous or special waste collection point.

#### HANDLING PRECAUTIONS

Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection when using the product and during maintenance of treatment equipment.

Avoid direct contact with the substance. Ensure there is sufficient ventilation of the area.

Protect cuts and abrasions by means of a waterproof dressing. When using, do not eat, drink or smoke. Wash splashes from eyes and skin immediately with water. Wash hands and exposed skin before meals and after use.

Do not contaminate watercourses or ground. Dispose of surplus chemical, contaminated materials (including sawdust) and the empty container safely using a method approved by the waste disposal authority.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR USE**

## **Timber**

The timber to be preserved shall be clean and dry to allow penetration of the liquid, and not decayed by fungi or attacked by insects.

Wood-working (e.g. drilling, cutting) should be carried out before treatment. At the time of treatment the timber moisture content must be below the fibre saturation point (approximately 28% m/m) and should be at the moisture content appropriate for the end use of the preserved timber.

# **Preservative Application**

PoleProtect should be applied to wood in an industrial high-pressure treatment. It has to be in an appropriate pressure/vacuum process, the application temperature of PoleProtect depends on the type of wood being treated, the impregnation process and the level of protection that has to be achieved. More details about this can be obtained from Koppers upon request.

# **Limitations on Use**

Do not use if the wood to be treated is intended to come into direct contact with human or animal food.

#### Uptake

The minimum uptake for wood in ground contact is 90 kg/m³ in the saturated zone. This amount may need to be higher in particularly vulnerable installation situations.

## Handling Precautions and Drying of Freshly **Treated Wood**

If freshly treated timber is visibly wet with the preservative, then impervious clothing such as impervious gauntlets, impervious footwear and an impervious apron should be worn when handling the recently treated timber.

Wash splashes from eyes and skin immediately with water. Do not eat, drink or smoke whilst handling freshly treated timber. Wash hands and exposed skin before eating, drinking, smoking and after work. Protect cuts and abrasions by means of a waterproof dressing.

Treated wood must be held until surfaces are dry within a bunded, hard standing area on a site which is maintained to prevent loss of treatment product to the

Treated timber will dry naturally, but to minimise the drying period, it is recommended that it is open piled in a well-ventilated position.

Timber which still has preservative liquid on its surfaces, or within a pack, must not be despatched.

### POLEPROTECT PRESERVED WOOD

#### **DESCRIPTION**

PoleProtect preserved wood has been preserved by correct application of PoleProtect preservative by an industrial high-pressure treatment.

PoleProtect preserved wood is protected against wood rotting fungi and wood destroying insects.

See the "User's Guide to PoleProtect Preserved Wood" for additional and important information.

## DISPOSAL

Preserved timbers which are no longer usable such as cut ends, broken poles, sawdust, or treated timber material taken out of service, may be disposed of in landfills or burned in commercial or industrial incinerators or boilers in accordance with national and local regulations. For up to date information please contact the Technical Services Department.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PoleProtect contains N,N-Didecyl-N-methyl-poly (oxyethyl)ammonium propionate, cyproconazole and copper dihydroxide. Always read the label. Use pesticides safely.

PoleProtect treated wood products are produced by independently owned and operated wood preserving facilities.

PoleProtect is registered as 'Protect OS-315'.

Koppers Performance Chemicals provides a range of products and technologies for the treatment, protection and enhancement of timber. Information and advice is available on all aspects of our products from the Technical Services Department.

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