

Specification Data

Packaging: Available in 1 gallon and 1 quart packs
 Product Code: J3890
 Cleaning: OT0200 Awlwood Brush Cleaner
 Volume Solids: 45%
 Specific Gravity: 1.01

Theoretical Coverage:

Application Method	Number of Coats	Recommended Per Coat			Theoretical Coverage Per Coat (at recommended DFT)
		WFT	DFT	Max DFT	
Brush / Roller / Spray	8	3mils (80 microns)	1.5 mils (36 microns)	2 mils (45 micron)	12m ² /L 490ft ² /gal

Awlwood Clear Gloss is typically applied by applying a specific volume instead of wet film thickness.

Coverage calculations are based on theoretical transfer efficiency of 100%. Actual coverage rate obtained will vary according to equipment choice, application techniques, part size, and application environment.



VOC

All VOC information contained herein is theoretical (unless otherwise stated). Actual VOC content may vary by batch and when tested via standard test methodology

Product	As Supplied			
	g/L	lb/gal	g/kg	lb/lb
J3890	487	4.06	482	0.482

Surface Preparation

The surface preparation advice provided, and equipment suggestions, can be used as a guide. Preparation techniques and results will vary according to individual conditions, equipment age and other factors. Testing on a non-critical area should be carried out prior to full-scale preparation.

Applying over Awlwood Red or Yellow Primer

The primer should be sufficiently cured that it sands easily. Hand sand lightly with the timber grain using P400 grit paper or ScotchPad#7447 taking care to avoid sanding through the primer - this will cause uneven colouration.

If a greasy timber has been primed or a contaminated substrate is suspected, solvent wipe with Acetone on a rag (wiping off with clean rags) before applying the topcoat. Contaminants from the substrate that float to the surface of the primer can compromise intercoat adhesion.

Applying over Awlwood Clear Primer

The primer should be sufficiently cured that it sands easily. Lightly hand or machine sand using P280-320 grit paper taking care to avoid sanding through the primer. If this occurs spot prime the area and sand carefully when primer has cured. Ensure any glossy areas are well sanded.

If a greasy timber has been primed or a contaminated substrate is suspected, sand first, then solvent wipe with Acetone on a rag (wiping off with clean rags) before applying the topcoat. Contaminants from the substrate that float to the surface of the primer can compromise intercoat adhesion.

NOTES: If in cold temperatures and/or very dry conditions, the Awlwood Clear Primer feels sticky to the touch or cannot be sanded without clogging the paper after an overnight cure, allow more time before proceeding.

Ideally aim to apply the first coat of Awlwood Clear Gloss within 24 hours of primer application to attain an optimum chemical bond.


Sealing timber with the intention of topcoating at a later time: It is best to apply one or two coats of Awlwood Gloss over Primers if the job sequence to be broken. Sand well before continuing. The ideal time to apply the first coat of Awlwood Gloss over the Primers is 24 hours for chemical adhesion.

Applying over epoxy primer or fibreglass/carbon fibre

Machine or hand sand to remove defects finishing with P180 grit paper. Ensure that no epoxy blush is present. Test in a small non-visible area to confirm adhesion if unsure.


Mixing & Reduction

Mixing and reduction requirements will vary according to individual conditions, climate, equipment age and other factors. Mixing and application of a small sample before full scale application is recommended



Application Method	Recommended Thinning
Brushing	Not usually required. Up to 10% by volume with T0201 Brushing Reducer if necessary
Spray	Up to 10% by volume with T0202 Spray Reducer

Application



Application equipment and parameters are given as a guide. Actual equipment choices will vary according to application conditions, equipment age and other factors. Testing on a non-critical area should be carried out prior to full-scale application. Contact local technical service representative for further advice if necessary.

Suitable application conditions: 4°C - 30°C, Relative humidity 30% - 95%.

NOTE: Awlwood Clear Gloss cures by the mechanism of moisture in the air (humidity); very low moisture content in the air will lead to longer cure times. Do not use this product in an air-conditioned environment. If

the product is to be applied in an environment where it is suspected that low humidity may inhibit the cure of the product, apply to a test area first.

Remove the metal insert under the lid using a spade drill bit taking care to avoid damage to the rim.

Decant sufficient product for 30 minutes use into a roller tray or working pot. Wipe the thread and seal the original container immediately to prevent moisture exposure. Screw the cap on fully. A deep working pot is preferable to one that is broad and shallow to minimise moisture exposure and maximise pot life.

Do not tip unused product back into the can.

Brushing/Rolling

If applying by brush or foam/mohair roller, aim to apply approximately 490ft²/gal (12m²/L) on horizontal surfaces and 14m²/L on verticals. The product can be applied at a greater rate than a standard varnish. Aim to minimise wet edge times and do not overwork the surface. The product will defoam and level well but tacks up relatively quickly.

Rollers are by far the most effective means of covering large flat surfaces: tipping with a brush gives best results if rolling, particularly if the previous coat is “green”. If brushing, synthetic bristled brushes with tapered bristles without flagged or split ends are best. The latter tend to shed excessively. Wedge shaped brush tips give best results.

To obtain full grain fill, especially on Hardwoods with a deep grain structure, and to maximise finish, follow the below recommendations:-

Apply the first two coats of Awlwood Gloss at one day intervals, by brush or roller at 12-14m²/L to ensure full grain penetration and fill. Sand each coat with P220 – P280 grit paper to flatten the grain texture without sanding through to the primer. This will fill the grain more effectively, reduces solvent entrapment in the pits of the grain and minimises air bubbles forming in the topcoat before the grain is fully sealed. If any bubbles do occur from wet product displacing air in the timber grain, gently tipping these with a dry brush before the product cures is easier than sanding later and will, in many cases, seal the pinhole.

Apply the remaining coats as per the Multicoating section below. For the final coat, refer to the Final Coat Application section below.

In hot and/or windy conditions, Awlwood Gloss will tack up rapidly. To extend the wet edge and increase workability in these conditions thinning up to 10% with Awlwood Brushing Reducer will assist.

Notes: On vertical surfaces, the product will flow and level. Care should be taken to apply less coating on lower edges where flow can lead to a thick bead of product forming.

Brushes and rollers require meticulous cleaning before the application of final coats to avoid transfer of debris. Cheap solvent resistant foam brushes can give good results.

If brushes are binding up with curing product during use, they can be quickly freed up by washing with Acetone, Awlwood Brushing Retarder or Awlwood Spray Reducer.

All surfaces must be completely sealed so that an impervious skin of coating is present.

Spraying

Awlwood Clear can be applied by air atomized spray gun. Ensure that before application the substrate is suitably prepared.

Equipment type	Air Atomised Spray
	Gravity Feed Conventional
Fluid Tip	1.4* – 2.0 [†]

* Recommended to thin up to 10% if using a smaller fluid tip

† Recommended no thinning if using a larger fluid tip

Note: Heavier coats are recommended when spraying as product will flow out and “pull” flat upon curing

Reduce Awlwood Clear Gloss up to 10% with Awlwood Spray Reducer if necessary or safely warm the can – do not use universal thinners.

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Apply the first two coats of Awlwood Gloss at one day intervals, by brush or roller at 12-14m²/L to ensure full grain penetration and fill. If these initial coats are sprayed they may not flow in and fill the grain since there are no shear forces to force product into the grain. Spray application of these first two coats can also result in air bubbles breaking and forming near invisible pinholes, which may show up as cissing on the next application of finish coat.

Sand each coat with P220 – P280 grit paper to flatten the grain texture without sanding through to the primer. This will fill the grain more effectively, reduces solvent entrapment in the pits of the grain and minimises air bubbles forming in the topcoat before the grain is fully sealed. If any bubbles do occur from wet product displacing air in the timber grain, gently tipping these with a dry brush before the product cures is easier than sanding later and will, in many cases, seal the pinhole.

Apply the remaining coats as per the Multicoating section below. For the final coat refer to the Final Coat Application section below.

Do not rapidly apply heavy coats to give film build quickly as solvents will remain trapped in the coating inhibiting performance. Allow each coat to become touch dry before applying the subsequent coat.

Note: Do not leave Awlwood Gloss in spray pots between coating applications.

Colouring Topcoats

For a richer more traditional appearance, up 10% of the Awlwood coloured primers can be added to the Awlwood Gloss. This should be done in the first few coats then overcoated with clear topcoat to attain the full coating thickness

Film Build

Minimum total film build for exterior timber is 10mils (250 microns) which can be attained in 8 coats providing that heavy sanding has not been done. A minimum 0.135 gal (0.5lt) of Awlwood Clear Gloss must be applied per square metre over the job. Heavier film build will improve durability.

If heavy sanding has been done on the first two coats, allow 0.135 gal (0.5L) per square metres on top of the product used on the first two coats.

Notes: On Hardwoods, the first couple of coats can develop bubbles from air being pushed out of the grain. Once the timber is completely sealed off this will stop. This effect is significantly exacerbated in full sun conditions and when the substrate is warming. Try to apply these first two coats in shaded conditions or early in the day.

In full sun, the timber substrate can easily reach 140°F (60°C) which can cause the Awlwood Gloss to cure in as little as 10 minutes. If numerous tiny bubbles appear in the surface in these conditions, sand them out and try to apply the coating at either end of the day, in the shade or in overcast conditions.

Between Coats

Sanding is generally not necessary if overcoating on the same day unless extreme drying conditions are present (full sun or high temperatures) in which case rubbing down with P280 grit paper or Scotchpad #7447 will ensure good intercoat adhesion. For general indoor applications, sanding is needed if more than 24 hours elapse between coats.

At the start of each day, sand lightly to remove defects using P220 – 280 grit paper. Take care to not over-sand edges. Machine sanders can be used on build coats after an overnight cure. Before the final coat, hand sanding through to P600 grit paper working with the grain will give best results. Horizontal applications will require far less sanding than vertical.

After sanding, remove sanding dust by vacuuming then warm water wash only using lint free cloths until surface is completely clean. Tack cloths are not recommended. If contamination is suspected solvent wash the surface using only Awlwood Brush Reducer or Awlwood Spray Reducer before and after sanding well.

Multicoating

Multiple coats may be applied in one day provided the previous coat is sufficiently cured. As a general indicator, when one coat can be pressed with a finger without leaving an indented fingerprint, another coat can be applied without sanding being required. If the brush or roller binds with, or re-dissolves the previous coat, more drying time is needed. Alternatively if the cured film can be gently sanded with P220 grit paper without binding it can be overcoated. Applying multiple coats in a single day will reduce flow and levelling necessitating more sanding the following day however, multicoating is a useful means of attaining rapid film build.

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If multicoating, lightly scuffing between coats with ScotchPad#7447 will dull the surface making it easier for the applicator to avoid misses.

Good practice is to gently sand/scuff the surface at the start of each day to remove any texture, especially on vertical surfaces, and then multi-coat as above.

Final Coat Application

The final coat should be applied in a single application after fine sanding: any remaining texture will be visible in the finish coat.

If brushing or rolling, better flow levelling will be attained on a well cured substrate. For best results, the final coat should be applied in optimal conditions: out of direct sunlight and in minimal wind. Early in the day is best. Reduce the final coat of Awlwood 10% by volume. Apply the final coat removing any heavy sags or runs but do not overwork the product. Once a non-running film is achieved, allow Awlwood to cure and flow on its own – DO NOT CONTINUE TO BRUSH to remove brush marks etc. Awlwood is designed to flow and level without the need for over-working the product.

If spraying, meticulous care must be taken to ensure a dust and contaminant free environment. If not being applied in a booth, best practice is tenting the area being coated and forcing filtered air in. As a minimum, the area should be completely closed up, vacuumed and thoroughly washed, then washed again the day of application. Reduce the final coat of Awlwood 10% by volume. Apply a mist coat then follow up with a coat applied with a cross spray pattern or alternatively, cross spray a single coat without the initial mist coat.

When removing masking tape, score the film along the masking line with a blade taking care to avoid cutting right through the film. Remove tape by folding it over 180 degrees to minimise stress on the film.

Recoating

Sand very well using P220 grit paper and apply at least an additional 2 coats. Add coloured primer up to 10% to counter any timber fading if necessary. Touch up any areas of damage first by sanding, re-priming and building up the full coating thickness.

Recoatability and Drying Time

The data given for recoatability is not exhaustive. Actual recoatability can vary according to individual conditions, climate and surroundings. If unsure consult local technical service representative before proceeding

Drying	60°F/15°C	77°F/25°C	86°F/30°C
Touch Dry	3 hours	2 hours	1.5 hours
Hard Dry	24 hours	24 hours	18 hours



Recoatability:



Overcoated By	60°F/15°C		77°F/25°C		86°F/30°C	
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
Self (Awlwood Clear Gloss)	4 hours	24hrs*	2 hours	24hrs*	1.5 hours	18 hrs

* Without sanding (if not exposed to direct sunlight)

Sanding:



Awlwood Clear Gloss is sandable after 8 hours at 60°F (15°C), 4 hours at 77°F (25°C) and 3 hours at 86°F (30°C). Sand using P220-280 grit sandpaper for build coats and up to P600 for the final coat.

Warning Notes:



Not suitable for use in temperatures less than 4°C or greater than 30°C. Not suitable for use in very low humidity atmospheres.

Do not apply when condensation may form on uncured coating.

Do not add any universal or alcohol-based thinners or reducers to Awlwood Clear Gloss.

Some sunscreens contain 'nano grades' of Titanium Dioxide or Zinc Oxide which when transferred from hands onto varnished exterior surfaces will accelerate UV degradation of the surface significantly.

Ensure that brushes washed with Awlwood Brush Cleaner are well rinsed with Acetone, Awlwood Brushing Reducer or Awlwood Spray Reducer before using with Awlwood Gloss.

Check with local authorities to determine VOC restrictions in your area.

Please ensure a risk assessment is carried out to assess the level of PPE required for the particular task undertaken when using this product.

The information in this Product Data Sheet is not intended to be exhaustive. Any person using the product without first making further enquiries as to the suitability of the product for the intended purpose does so at their own risk and, to the extent permitted by law, we can accept no responsibility for the performance of the product or for any loss or damage arising out of such use. The information contained in this Product Data Sheet is liable to modification from time to time in the light of experience and our policy of continuous product development.