



PREP WOOD FILLER RANGE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Question: What is the open-time/working time with this putty?

Answer: Not dissimilar to any timber filler. While being water based and reasonably quick drying, you have plenty of opportunity to work the filler into any cracks, gouges, holes etc and level out.

Question: What about clean up?

Answer: Water-based wood filler? You guessed it – water! Any putty knife or other tool used to apply the filler can be cleaned under water.

Question: Does it set hard?

Answer: Absolutely! Hard enough to sand or scrape level, let alone screw, nail or glue.

Question: What about shelf life?

Answer: Kept in a cool location with the lidded container, it will last a very long time! If you feel the putty is a little dry, you can add a few drops of water to soften it again.

Question: Can you fill deeper cavities?

Answer: Yes. However it is recommended in those situations to do so in multiple layers, several mm's thick each and build up to your final depth, allowing each layer to dry in-between.

Question: Does it shrink?

Answer: Negligibly. That is to say, most if not all fillers shrink to some extent as they lose their moisture content, despite claims to the contrary. However, some shrink a lot, others very little. This one falls into the latter bracket.

Question: Does it take stain or paint?

Answer: Yep! Clearly, if you plan to stain it, you would be wise to do several tests first to assess the colour outcomes. The “natural” filler is a good neutral base for staining, while the coloured fillers will have varying effects. The filler once dry and sanded level, will easily accept paint, leaving a uniform finish.

Question: It says “interior”. Can it be used on exterior projects?

Answer: With limitations. Being water based, it is not suitable in exterior situations where it would be exposed to water. However, it can be used if it was under a protective finish that is exterior-grade/water-proof.

Question: This colour does not match my needs...

Answer: While available in a range of timber colours, timber varies wildly and it is unlikely you will have a perfect match! You can however, mix colours to create varying shades that suit the material you are working with.