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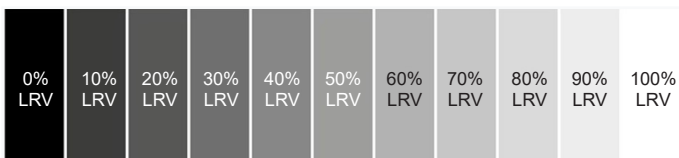
# H3 PRE-PRIMED PINE DO'S & DON'TS

## Do's for using H3 pre-primed pine

- ✓ **Store properly before use**  
Store flat on bearers at least 150mm above ground in a dry, covered and well-ventilated area to prevent bowing and moisture absorption
- ✓ **Inspect before use**  
Check for warping, splits, knots and primer coverage before cutting or installing
- ✓ **Seal all cut ends**  
Always prime or seal raw ends and exposed cuts with a high-quality primer or sealer to maintain moisture resistance
- ✓ **Caulk seams and nail holes**  
Use a paintable, quality exterior caulk to fill gaps and nail holes for a professional finish
- ✓ **Paint all sides of the product**  
All sides of the product must be painted with a suitable exterior grade paint prior to installation according to ASNZS 2311.2017
- ✓ **Use compatible paints**  
Use an exterior paint type recommended for use over primer. Test first if unsure
- ✓ **Pick a light paint colour for finishing**  
Pick a colour with an LRV of 45% - 100%

## Don'ts for using H3 pre-primed pine

- ✗ **Use in ground contact**  
H3 treatment is only rated for use above ground (150mm is recommended clearance). For in-ground or high-moisture contact, use H4 or H5 treated timber
- ✗ **Skip re-priming exposed areas**  
Any cut edges or sanding spots must be re-primed before painting
- ✗ **Use outdoors without exterior grade primer/paint**  
If using pre-primed pine outdoors, ensure both the primer and paint are exterior grade
- ✗ **Install wet or moist boards**  
Moisture can cause expansion, warping and paint failure. Let wood dry thoroughly first
- ✗ **Leave unpainted for long periods**  
Primer is not UV stable long-term; extended exposure to sunlight without finish paint can cause the primer and timber to degrade
- ✗ **Pick a dark paint colour**  
Any colour with an LRV of 0% - 45% is considered a dark colour and will absorb heat and generate higher surface temperatures potentially leading to paint and product failure



Following these recommendations is essential to maintain product performance and warranty



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