

VACSOL®  
AQUA

VACSOL®  
AZURE

## TREATED TIMBER UK CONSUMER INFORMATION

Helping you make the most of timber

### MAIN FEATURES

**Vacsol® Aqua / Vacsol® Azure** treated timber has been impregnated with **Vacsol® Aqua / Vacsol® Azure** wood preservative under controlled conditions in a double vacuum / low pressure timber impregnation plant (**Vac-Vac®** plant).

**Vacsol® Aqua / Vacsol® Azure** treated timber is protected against fungal decay (rot) and insect attack to ensure an extended service life to the timber / timber components, when treated to the appropriate specification.

**Vacsol® Aqua / Vacsol® Azure** wood preservatives are registered and cleared for use under the UK Control of Pesticides Regulations. They are water based / solvent based products containing ultimately biodegradable organic biocides and do not contain lindane or metal based biocides.

Typical uses for **Vacsol® Aqua / Vacsol® Azure** treated timber include building timbers above damp proof course and, where relevant, above the termite shield - timber frame and truss material, flooring, cladding, interior and exterior joinery and plywood - all within Use Classes 1, 2 and 3.1 (BS EN 335-1).

**Vacsol® Aqua / Vacsol® Azure** treated timber used in external situations (Use Class 3.1) should be subsequently protected with a maintained and appropriate surface coating.



VACSOL®  
AQUA

TREATED TIMBER

VACSOL®  
AZURE

TREATED TIMBER

# TREATED TIMBER

## UK CONSUMER INFORMATION

### HANDLING PRECAUTIONS

You should have received the treated timber in a dry condition with no sign of preservative fluid on the surface. If this is not the case, the timber should be stored open stacked under ventilated conditions and protected from rain and snow to dry before use.

When working with timber, wear gloves to protect the skin against abrasions and splinters.

Any cuts and abrasions should be protected by a waterproof dressing.

When power-sawing and machining, wear goggles to protect the eyes from flying particles. Wear a dust mask and, whenever possible, perform these operations outdoors to avoid accumulations of airborne sawdust.

Avoid frequent or prolonged inhalation of sawdust. Consult HSE Guide EH40, available on the HSE website ([www.hse.gov.uk](http://www.hse.gov.uk)), for further information on workplace exposure limits for wood dust.

In order to prevent injury, care should be taken when lifting or moving timber.

These same precautions equally apply to untreated timber.

### PERSONAL HYGIENE

After handling or working with treated timber, all exposed skin should be washed before commencing other activities, especially eating, drinking, smoking or going to the toilet. If sawdust accumulates on clothes, clean them before reuse.

Launder heavily soiled clothes separately from other household wash items.

### END USE CONSIDERATIONS

Vacsol® Aqua / Vacsol® Azure treated timber can be used in internal and external building applications, above damp-proof course (d.p.c.) level. Exterior timbers should be further protected with a maintained and appropriate surface coating.

Vacsol® Aqua / Vacsol® Azure treated timber is treated to meet the requirements of a particular end use. This end use suitability should be confirmed by the supplier of the treated timber.

If the timber is to be used in locations exposed to high humidity and condensation (e.g. swimming pool roofs), it is recommended that the timber is protected with an appropriate coating containing an effective anti blue stain biocide.

It is best practice to prepare the timber as fully as possible prior to treatment to ensure best results.

If any cutting, notching or drilling is made to the timber following treatment, any exposed surfaces should be liberally swabbed with Vacsele® end grain preservative to maintain the integrity of the treatment.

### ON-SITE PRECAUTIONS

All sawdust and construction debris should be cleaned up and disposed of after construction.

### WASTE DISPOSAL

Vacsol® Aqua / Vacsol® Azure treated timber is not classified as hazardous waste.

Post treatment processing wastes, such as sawdust and off-cuts, must not be used for animal litter or bedding.

Vacsol® Aqua / Vacsol® Azure treated wood should not be used for fuel in barbecues, cooking stoves or grates.

Any waste timber, sawdust or redundant timber from commercial or industrial use (e.g. construction sites) should preferably be recycled by re-use, or disposed of to an authorised landfill or to a correctly controlled and approved waste incinerator.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

Should you require further information on the use of Vacsol® Aqua / Vacsol® Azure treated timber, please contact the Arch Timber Protection Advisory Service at the address below.



Arch  
Timber  
Protection

Wheldon Road, Castleford, West Yorkshire, WF10 2JT.  
Tel: (01977) 714000 Fax: (01977) 714001  
e-mail [advice@archchemicals.com](mailto:advice@archchemicals.com) [www.archtp.com](http://www.archtp.com)



BS EN ISO 9001:2000  
Reg No FM 1636



BS EN ISO 14001:2004  
Reg No EMS 539413

Disclaimer: Whilst every attempt has been made to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the information contained in this document, Arch Timber Protection gives no undertaking to that effect and no responsibility can be accepted for reliance on this information.

Arch Timber Protection updates its literature as and when necessary. Please ensure you have an up to date copy.

© Vac-Vac, Vacsol and Vacsele are registered trademarks of Arch Timber Protection. © Arch Timber Protection, 2008.



Responsible Care