

# Timber Treatment



**By protecting timber with preservatives you can effectively extend the service life of wood from between 15 to 60 years – ultimately saving time and money.**

**The most effective method for applying a preservative treatment to timber is by industrial pre-treatment.**

**A range of treated softwoods is available at all Timber Centers. Furthermore, several locations have on-site timber preservative facilities. These branches can provide a bespoke service enabling customers to have as little or as much timber treated at any one time.**



**The most popular methods of protection are:**

## **✓ Double vacuum, low pressure treatments**

This treatment is ideal for building and joinery timbers, for example first floor joists, fascias and joinery components. Exterior woodwork should be protected with an appropriate surface coating after preservative treatment, then regularly maintained.

Using this method, timber is treated by placing it in a vacuum pressure tank which is then submersed in a chemical preservative solution. The tank is then drained and a second vacuum applied which draws out any excess liquid preservative, leaving chemical salts in the timber which provides an effective envelope protection.



## ✓ High pressure treatment

This currently provides the most permanent method of treating timber. It is mainly used for the preserving of structural timbers, timber for landscaping, decking, fencing and agricultural applications and where softwood will be in direct contact with the ground.

The timber is impregnated under pressure with an insecticidal and fungicidal solution. The preservative is permanently in the wood and no other treatment is usually required. Pressure treated timber can be further stained if required.



## ✓ Fire treatment

The increasing requirement for fire protection has led to the development of several effective fire retardant treatments for timber and sheet materials. Timber Center is able to offer an effective off-site fire retardant treatment service (a minimum order quantity may apply).

Please contact your local Timber Center for further information.



## ✓ Ask our timber experts for more advice

Just let us know how you plan to use your timber and we'll be delighted to advise on the most appropriate treatment for your needs.



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