# DuraStain™ Solvent-Based Wood Stain Kit Directions

**Where to Use**
DuraStain™ Solvent-Based Wood Stain can be used on a variety of surfaces, including unfinished wood, previously finished surfaces, fiberglass, coated metal, and composition surfaces. Especially recommended for woods such as pine, birch, maple, poplar, and cherry. Ideal for difficult-to-stain woods such as pine, poplar, maple, plywood, and veneers.

**Surface Preparation**
All surfaces must be clean, dry, and free from dirt, wax, grease, glue, and other contaminants, or penetration and adhesion will be affected. Wood surfaces must be sanded smooth. Remove dust with a tack rag or a lint-free cloth dampened with mineral spirits. Surface defects should be repaired with appropriate patching material.

**Application**
Stir thoroughly before and during application for even distribution of color. Stain application varies based on surface material. Always test stain in an inconspicuous area.

**Application on Bare Wood (used as a stain):**
Color of DuraStain™ Solvent-Based Wood Stain will vary depending on wood type, porosity, and method of application. After cleaning wood surface, sand with #120 or #180 sandpaper until smooth. Remove sanding dust. Apply stain liberally with brush, lint-free cloth, or spray until surface is completely wet. Allow to penetrate for 5 to 15 minutes. Wipe with a soft cloth, first across the grain, then with the grain. For a darker color, re-stain when first coat is dry. For a lighter color, wipe with a cloth dampened with paint thinner before the stain has dried.

**Application on Fiberglass & Composition Surfaces:**
Stain one section or panel at a time. Apply a liberal coat of DuraStain™ Solvent-Based Wood Stain with a firm synthetic brush or lint-free rag and work the stain across and into the grain uniformly, feathering out streaks while stain is wet. Wipe brush often on a lint-free rag to remove excess stain.

**Application over Painted Surfaces (used as a glaze):**
Apply to thoroughly dry paint with cheesecloth or brush, using long, smooth strokes for simulated woodgraining, or blend gently from edges for other effects. Allow the DuraStain™ Solvent-Based Wood Stain to set up for approximately 5 to 10 minutes, then dry brush to subdue or blend. Allow stain to dry thoroughly (usually 12 hours or longer, depending on humidity and drying conditions). We do not recommend a lacquer-type finish over a glaze application.

**Application over Previously Finished Surfaces:**
Lightly sand surface with very fine grit sandpaper or #0000 steel wool. Remove dust with a lint-free cloth or tack rag. With a foam or bristle brush, apply a thin uniform coat of DuraStain™ Solvent-Based Wood Stain. Using a soft, dry bristle brush, make light, even strokes in the direction of the grain while allowing the grain pattern beneath the surface to show through.

Continue to lightly brush the surface until the pattern is consistent and then allow the stain to dry. If you need to darken the color, apply an additional coat of stain in the same manner as the first coat. Allow stain to dry thoroughly (usually 12 hours or longer, depending on humidity and drying conditions).

**Coverage:**
Approximately 93.75 square inches per 2-ounces. Spreading rate will vary significantly depending on application method and condition of wood.

**Drying Time:**
Approximately 10 hours, depending on humidity, temperature, and air movement. Dry times may also be extended due to excess stain application or lack of stain penetration. DuraStain™ Solvent-Based Wood Stain can be topcoated after 12 hours, but stain must be thoroughly dry. Ideal drying conditions recommended are 70° to 75°F and 35 to 50% humidity. Dry time may also be extended due to excess stain application or lack of stain penetration.

**Cleanup:**
Using a cleaning solvent, such as paint thinner or mineral spirits, is recommended for cleanup. The use of paint thinners or mineral spirits may violate VOC compliancy in your area. Check with your local government agencies to ensure proper compliancy.

**Kit Instructions:**
After the stain is fully dry, apply the sanding sealer to seal the wood and prepare it for the topcoat. Shake the aerosol can well and spray a light, even coat, holding the can 8-12 inches from the surface. Apply in thin layers to avoid runs or drips. Let it dry for 1-2 hours (or as specified on the can). Lightly sand the sealed surface with fine sandpaper (e.g., 220 grit) to smooth it, then remove all dust with a tack cloth.

After the sanding sealer, apply the topcoat to protect the stained and sealed wood. Shake the can thoroughly and apply thin, even coats, holding the can 8-12 inches from the surface. Multiple light coats (2-3) are better than one heavy coat to avoid drips. Allow each coat to dry for 1-2 hours (or per product instructions) before applying the next. Lightly sand between coats with fine sandpaper (e.g., 320 grit) for a smoother finish, if desired. Let the final coat cure fully, which may take 24-48 hours or longer, depending on the product. Finally, apply the TruLube after the topcoat has fully cured, using a soft cloth in a thin, even layer, then buff to a shine.

**DANGER: Rags, steel wool, sanding residue, and other wastes used or soaked with this product may spontaneously catch fire if improperly discarded. No ignition source is required for these wastes to start on fire by themselves. Immediately place rags, steel wool, sanding residue, and other wastes used or soaked with this product in a sealed, water-filled metal container. Dispose of in accordance with local fire regulations.**