

Why choose Pine for Ground Contact?

Pine typically has the largest proportion of treatable sapwood than most widely available species. The high pressure treatment cycles we use are optimised to treat the Pine sapwood and force the preservative deep into the cells of the wood structure, providing protection against fungal and insect attack, where it matters most. In UC4 (ground contact) applications, where checks and splits may occur in service, it is crucial that the entire sapwood is treated, to prevent premature failure.

Pine heartwood is naturally more durable and resistant to decay organisms than the sapwood, due to the resins deposited during growth.

For more details regarding the treatment process please visit our website: www.woodbanktimber.co.uk

- 15 year material replacement warranty
- Correct species for in ground contact
- Meets British Standard BS8417

Pine

- ✓ Easy to treat species
- ✓ Deep penetration of preservative
- ✓ Naturally durable heartwood
- ✓ Fit for purpose UC4 species
- ✓ Meets British Standard BS8417

What not to do

1. Do not put cut ends of timber in contact with the ground.
2. Try to avoid reworking treated timber but where this is unavoidable always retreat the newly exposed surfaces with two liberal coats of end grain preservative.
3. Wherever possible, try not to penetrate the preservative 'envelope' with fixings.
4. Do not install in permanently wet or boggy ground.
5. When used for retaining walls there must be no penetration of the support face of the logs and all reasonable precautions must be taken to allow free drainage of moisture away from the retaining wall.
6. If setting UC4 posts in concrete, suitable drainage or run off arrangements must be incorporated to allow water to flow freely away from the post.



UC4 Product Guarantee

The Use Class 4 ("UC4") range of timber products supplied by Woodbank Timber is designed for use in ground contact applications. Each UC4 product is supplied with a 15 year guarantee against premature failure caused by rot or insect attack.

In the unlikely event of any UC4 product supplied by Woodbank Timber failing during the fifteen year guarantee period as a result of either rot or insect attack, the failed product(s) will be replaced free of charge subject to the following conditions:

The fifteen year guarantee period commences on the day the relevant product is purchased from a authorized Woodbank Timber branch.

The relevant products are treated for Use Class 4 which is suitable for use in ground contact. For other applications such as contact with water, permanently wet or boggy ground or anything other than normal ground contact, please contact Woodbank Timber before installing.

Under no circumstances should a cut end of the relevant product be placed in contact with the ground or below ground level. Every effort should be made to ensure the treatment seal is not penetrated with fixings wherever possible and within reason. In relation to above ground use only, it is permissible to cut, notch or drill the product, but only if the cut ends and newly exposed surfaces are treated with an approved end grain preservative product.

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All claims and events giving rise to a potential claim must be notified to Woodbank Timber in writing to its registered office within 28 days of the event giving rise to the claim or potential claim.

The following documents must be provided in support of any claim under this guarantee:

- (i) Proof of purchase from Woodbank Timber in the form of a copy of the Woodbank invoice and delivery note for the product that is the subject of the claim; and
- (ii) Samples and photographs of the failed UC4 product clearly displaying the company identifying marks that are stamped on all UC4 products supplied by Woodbank Timber

This guarantee does not affect the buyer's statutory rights. Woodbank Timber's liability under this guarantee is restricted either to actual replacement of the failed product with the same or nearest equivalent product or, alternatively, to the cost of such replacement, and to the extent permitted by law. Woodbank Timber excludes all other liabilities however arising, including consequential losses.

Woodbank Timber products must be installed strictly in accordance with the Fencing Contractors Association Guidelines as applicable at the date of installation, details of which are available via www.fencingcontractors.org