

Technical Bulletin – Painting Iron Woods®

Iron Woods are difficult to paint. If your project requires painting Iron Woods, the latex based formulas which allow the wood to breathe have been reported to be the most successful.

Limited success has been reported with the use of Oil Based galvanizer metal primer followed by high quality acrylic latex paint.

The wood should be allowed to acclimate and dry before painting. In addition the surface should be wiped down with a fast drying solvent such as alcohol or acetone to remove surface oils and surface lapachol powders that may interfere with adhesion. Use an oil based galvanizer metal primer similar to: *"Zinzer 1,2,3 Primer"* or *"XIM Bonder"* available in most paint departments followed by two coats of a high quality 100% acrylic latex paint.

Wood is an organic material, not manufactured, with variations from board to board. When painting wood it is incumbent on the architect/engineer/designer to recognize the potential impact of the acclimation process to the appearance of the completed application.

Timber Holdings makes no specific recommendations or warranties related to painting wood products. When using any type of paint or stain we recommend that samples from different boards be made and tested before use in any application. Always consult and follow the manufacturers recommendations when using proprietary products.