



Frequently Asked Questions

What is wespine blue™ ?

wespine blue™ is plantation grown pine timber that has been treated with small amounts of a synthetic pyrethroid, bifenthrin, in a water base with a blue dye for easy identification. The solution is applied by sophisticated in-mill spray equipment and quickly penetrates into the timber where the water evaporates leaving the active behind. **wespine blue™** is included in Australian standards, and approved by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) as meeting the requirements for H2 class against termites and borers including European House Borer (EHB) South of the Tropic of Capricorn and is marked as **H2F**. Wespine blue treatment is supplied and guaranteed by Osmose Australia (www.osmose.com.au) – the world’s largest timber treatment supplier.

➤ **Sizes and Sections**

wespine blue™ is available in all common framing sizes up to 300x45mm

➤ **Identification**

wespine blue™ is marked at approx. 1200 centres indicating date of production and the treatment type, specifically H2F, meaning that it is effective against the threat of termites and borers including EHB, south of the Tropic of Capricorn. Naturally, the timber is also coloured blue for easy identification.

Warranty

wespine blue™ is covered by a conditional 25 year guarantee that includes:

- Repair and/or replacement of the structural timber. The guarantee includes the supply and replacement of **wespine blue™** that has structurally failed due to termite or borer attack.
- The Guarantee is transferable to new owners during the 25 year period
- The guarantee does not cover damage to other parts of the home such as plasterboard, cupboards etc that may be attacked by termites or borers.
- Builders and owners should consider regular inspection for termites and borers but this is **NOT** a requirement of the **wespine blue™** guarantee.

- The treatment is a uniquely identifiable formulation, evidenced on the timber by the brand - “H2F” and a date stamp. To claim on the guarantee the home owner simply need contact Wespine or Osmose to establish a claim.

Plasterboard Adhesion

Being a water based product, **wespine blue™** has no effect on plasterboard adhesion and there are no additional requirements for fixing

Endcuts and Resealing

Resealing endcuts, splay cuts, holes drilled for services and trenches for studs in top and bottom plates **DO NOT** need to be resealed to maintain the **wespine blue™** 25 year warranty. Rip sawing timber, planing faces of the timber and the like **DO** require resealing to maintain the warranty.

Nails and Fasteners

The active ingredient in **wespine blue™**, bifenthrin, is a synthetic pyrethroid which is a non-metallic carbon based compound and thus the corrosion potential of the product is no greater than untreated timber. Therefore normal bright steel nails and fasteners may be used with the product compatible with an interior non exposed environment within house framing. Good building practice should minimise the potential for moisture to access framing timber.

Construction time and taking care of wespine blue™

A quality plantation product like **wespine blue™** needs to be treated in the same way as untreated timber. The product should be kept dry and off the ground on suitable bearers to ensure that it remains true. When **wespine blue™** is built into frames it should be covered in the shortest possible time in line with normal good building practice, but a maximum of 3 months should be viewed as a good guide to prevent nail and nailplate movement and to minimise the chance of reducing the effectiveness of the treatment.

Safety and Disposal

When treated, handled and disposed of in line with simple recommendations, **wespine blue™** presents minimal risks to distributors, builders and homeowners. Approval by the federal regulator, the APVMA, requires the product to be assessed for its effectiveness but also for its safety.

- **Handling.** Use normal good handling procedures for timber including the use of gloves, dust masks and eye protection when cutting, drilling and working the timber
- **Disposal.** **wespine blue™** can be disposed of in normal landfills and may be used in industrial incineration in accordance with regulation. It should not be burnt in domestic applications or allowed to come in contact with drinking water, fishponds and the like. Further recommendations refer to www.wespine.com.au