

OVERALL SCORE

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Best Buy

Behr
Deckplus Solid Color
Waterproofing Wood Stain
(Home Depot)



Ratings Scorecard

Test Results

Appearance after 1 year		5/5
Appearance after 2 years		4/5
Appearance after 3 years		4/5

CR's Take

Solid stains last longest overall but hide the wood grain. This CR Best Buy still looked impressive after the equivalent of nine years on a house (and other vertical surfaces) and three years on a deck. It also provided the most protection, resisting cracking, color change, dirt, and even mildew. And with a claimed 100 grams per liter of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), it meets even the toughest, regional-California limits for stains.

CR's Feedback

A number of our user reviews cite problems with durability, primarily over how the product peeled off a deck in a year or even sooner. We heard of no issues resulting from applying the product to a vertical surface such as siding. While we have not experienced this problem in our testing, we caution users that early peeling sometimes occurs when the product has been applied too thickly--and the excess will dry loosely on the surface. A thin initial coat is easily pulled down into the pores of the wood, improving adhesion, and a thin second coat more easily adheres to the first. (We summarize negative experiences for high-scoring models with at least 10 user reviews.)

Features & Specs

Specs

Resists cracking	Yes
Resists color change	Yes
Resists dirt	Yes
Resists mildew	Yes
VOCs (grams/liter)	100

About

The Behr Deckplus Solid Color Waterproofing Wood Stain (Home Depot) is part of the Wood stains test program at Consumer Reports. In our lab tests, Wood stains models like the Deckplus Solid Color Waterproofing Wood Stain (Home Depot) are rated on multiple criteria, such as those listed below.

Appearance after 1 year: Appearance after one year summarizes performance after one year of our accelerated weathering.

Appearance after 2 years: Appearance after two years summarizes performance after two years of our accelerated weathering.

Appearance after 3 years: Appearance after three years summarizes performance after three years of our accelerated weathering.