



HawthornTimber

## *Our 8 top tips for buying your preservative treated wood...*

- ✓ **Always identify the application Use Class before ordering.**
- ✓ **Tell us in writing, on a purchase order preferably, that the wood must be impregnated in accordance with BS8417 for this Use Class.**
- ✓ **Specify the desired service life period you require: 15, 30 or 60 years.**  
*For external applications like fencing and decking, 15 years is the default standard. Longer desired service life components e.g. 30 years fence posts are usually treated to special order, so please build the extra lead time into your project plans.*
- ✓ **Ask us to confirm on the delivery note/invoice or provide a separate treatment certificate that the wood supplied meets your specification.**
- ✓ **Never substitute wood treated for an indoor Use Class for an external Use Class - failure is inevitable.**
- ✓ **For wood in permanent ground or freshwater contact Use Class 4 levels of protection must be achieved.**  
*Anything less and service life, structural safety and customer satisfaction will be compromised.*
- ✓ **Always use end grain preservatives for sealing untreated wood exposed when cross cutting, notching or boring treated products during installation.**  
*These products are available to purchase directly from us. Please contact our sales office for further advice or information.*
- ✓ **When third-party reassurance of fitness for purpose is required, ask for components certified under the WPA Benchmark quality assurance scheme.**

Find sources here: <http://www.wood-protection.org/quality-assurance/>