PURCHASING TREATED TIMBER

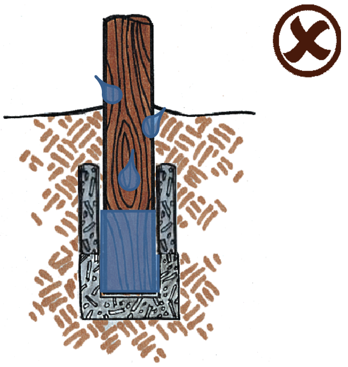
The treated timber which you have purchased has been prepared in terms of a South African National Standards specification. The specification not only ensures a minimum standard but also provides a guide for end-use application through a Hazard Classification symbol on the timber.

Your treated timber will be marked with one of the symbols listed below:-

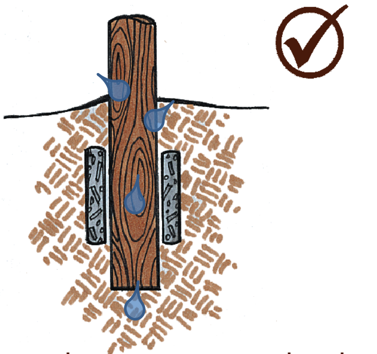
HAZARD CLASS SYMBOL	H2	H3	H4	H5	H6
END USE APPLICATION	Internal	External Above Ground	In Ground Contact	In Fresh Water / Wet Soils	In Sea Water

The science of treating timber properly, provides for the preservative to be deeply impregnated into the sapwood thereby giving a deep envelope of treatment around the central hardwood. It is preferable that your treated timber is purchased in the size in which you intend to use it. If this is not the case and you subsequently cut the timber, you may expose the untreated heartwood of the timber. It is important that to retain the integrity of the treatment that you liberally swab or brush a suitable remedial wood preservative onto the cut surface. The cut end of a post or stake should not be the end which you plant into the ground. Rather use the other uncut end.

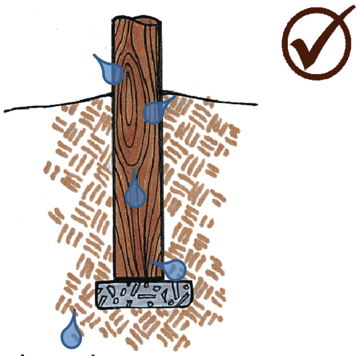
If timber, e.g. a treated post is planted in the ground it is essential that you allow for drainage of rainwater through the timber.



Do not enclose the planted end of the post in the concrete



If you need to use concrete then let the concrete form a collar around the post with the end of the post protruding through the concrete.



If you plant the post on concrete at the bottom of the hole, let the concrete set before planting the post.

The detail in these diagrams assists proper drainage of moisture that maybe absorbed by a wooden pole. A structural engineer must be consulted for detailed structural requirements.

Treated Timber will give you many years of satisfactory service which will be extended even further with proper maintenance.

In order to give you the assurance of our good quality initiatives, not only is the timber which you have purchased, prepared in terms of a SANS specification, we are also members of the South African Wood Preservers Association (SAWPA) giving support to their aims and objectives.

We and SAWPA together have a deep interest in the satisfactory use of the treated timber you have purchased. You know how to contact us but if you wish to contact SAWPA on any issue relating to the use of treated timber you can contact them directly - See below.

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DIE AANKOOP VAN BEHANDELDE HOUT

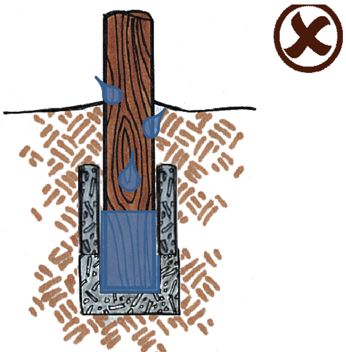
Die verduursaamde timmerhout wat u aangekoop het is volgens een van verskeie moontlike SANS spesifikasies vervaardig. Hierdie spesifikasies verseker nie slegs voldoening aan minimum vereistes nie, maar verskaf ook riglyne vir die eindgebruik deur middel van 'n gevaarklas-simbool wat op die hout verskyn.

U behandelde timmerhout is gemerk met een van die simbole wat hieronder verskyn:-

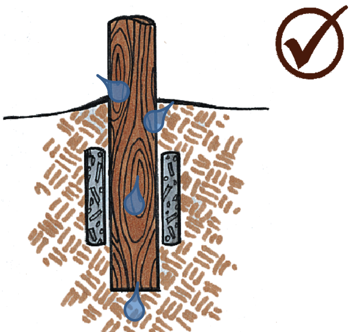
GEVAARKLAS SIMBOOL	H2	H3	H4	H5	H6
Blootstellingsklas	Binne - bogronds	Buite - bogronds	Buite in grond kontak	Varswater/nat grond	Seewater
Eindgebruik					

Die proses van behoorlike verduursaming verseker dat die preserveermiddel diep in die saphoutgedeeltes van die hout binnedring en sodoende 'n deurdronge omhulsel van behandeling om die sentrale en nie-deurdringbare kernhout meebring. Verduursaamde hout moet verkieslik aangekoop word in die finale vorm en lengte soos u beplan om dit te gebruik. Indien dit nie moontlik is nie en u later aan die hout sny sal u heel moontlik onbehandelde kernhout blootlê. Om die integriteit van die behandeling te probeer behou, moet u dan 'n geskikte remediërende verduursamingsmiddel mildelik oor die oppervlak wat gesny is, aanwend. Let wel dat die gesnyde ent van 'n paal of plank nooit in die grond geplant word nie. Die aanwending van remediërende middels sal nie voldoende wees vir grond kontak nie. Gebruik altyd die ongesnyde ent in H4- en H5- aanwendings. Enige anti-spleet plaat wat afgesny is, moet vervang word met 'n soortgelyke of groter plaat.

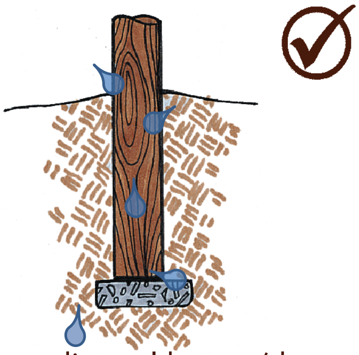
Indien verduursaamde hout, soos byvoorbeeld pale, in die grond geplant word, is dit belangrik dat u voorsiening maak vir die dreinering van vog deur diehout.



Moet nooit die geankerde ent van die paal in die beton omhul nie.



Indien u wel beton gebruik, moet u die beton toelaat om 'n kraag rondom die paal te vorm, met die ent van die paal wat bo die beton uitsteek.



Indien u die paal bo-op n' beton basis in 'n gat plant, laat die beton toe om te set alvorens u die paal plant.

Die detail in die sketse hou verband met en verseker dreinering van vog wat deur die houtpaal geabsorbeer word. n' Strukturele ingenieur moet gekonsulteer word vir siviele of strukturele plant vereistes. Deur die korrekte toepassing en aanwending sal verduursaamde hout aan u jare se bevredigende diens lewer wat verder verleng kan word deur behoorlike onderhoud.

Ten einde u van die beste kwaliteit te verseker word die verduursaamde hout wat u aangekoop het nie slegs volgens SANS-spesifikasies vervaardig nie, maar is ons ook lede van die South African Wood Preservers Association (SAWPA) en ondersteun ons hulle doelwitte.

Ons en SAWPA deel 'n opregte belang in die gebruikstevredenheid t.o.v. die verduursaamde hout wat u aangekoop het. U is welkom om met ons in verbinding te tree, maar indien u eerder direk met SAWPA in verbinding wil tree in verband met enige aangeleentheid rakende die gebruik van verduursaamde hout kan u hulle gerus kontak. Sien onder vir meer besonderhede.

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