



## Tanalised Timber FAQs

**Q. Cracks and splits have begun to appear in some of my timber, it must be poor quality and structurally unsafe?!**

A. This is most likely a natural occurrence we refer to in the industry as “shakes”. It is simply a result of the timber going from wet to dry, and unfortunately, our weather is very up and down. It is more noticeable in heavier cuts of timber such as posts, and can sometimes be considered unsightly, but in our experience does not affect the structural stability of the product.

**Q. I have just installed a lot of new fencing, and a lot of the timber varies quite a bit in colour, surely this can't be right?**

A. This is because the Sapwood of a tree absorbs more of the treatment than the Heartwood, meaning it assumes a stronger treatment colour initially. This however, will fade with time as the overall colour mellows to a more natural timber colour. Eventually all timber used outdoors will fade to a natural silver grey, unless oiled or stained regularly.

**Q. There is resin coming out of my timber?**

A. Resin may exude from some species, especially in hotter weather, and cause crusty white powder to form around knots. This is harmless, can be removed with a stiff brush, and will not usually continue after the first summer.

**Q. I love the look of timber in the garden, especially decking, but I am environmentally conscientious and don't want to add to the problem!**

A. The vast majority of companies in the timber industry are also, believe it or not, conscientious about de-forestation. We rely on the ongoing availability of timber to thrive, and stringent policies are in place, especially in Europe, governing the sourcing of timber materials. It is worth noting that timber is the only mainstream building material that comes from a renewable source, and at Eglantine, we always strive to ensure our materials are provided from manageable forests.