
Instructions for Using Patination Oil

Patination oil is a vegetable oil with various additives and can be applied for surface treatment as a protective layer on exterior lead sheeting.

Because newly rolled lead has no protective layer, streaks can form on the untreated sheeting when exposed to rain. What's more, streaks form if there is another roofing material, particularly if it is dark colored, (e.g.: tiles or slates), below the lead. Patination oil should also be applied where an even surface color tone is desired on roofs and façades.

Tips for Use

It is important that the additives in the patination oil are evenly mixed before use. The container should be vigorously shaken for at least two minutes before use. This should be repeated regularly during application.

The patination oil should be applied evenly and sparingly to the clean, dry lead surface with a soft, absorbent cotton cloth, preferably not with a circular motion, but rather either vertically or horizontally. Patination should be done only once and sparingly - every little too much will delay the formation of the final patina and can cause a patchy appearance. One liter is sufficient to treat around 50 to 60 m² of lead.

If rain threatens, patination should be carried out immediately. On dry days, the patination treatment can be applied at the day's end. Depending on the temperature and the lead surface, the patination oil dries within an hour and cannot then be washed off by rain. To avoid the formation of condensation on the lead, it is recommended to treat the underside of the sheeting (e.g.: when sealing chimneys or roof windows).

Depending on weather conditions, the patination oil will have worn off in 6-12 months. During this time, a protective layer will have formed on the lead surface. This is the patina which adheres to the lead and is practically impossible to remove.

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