



F.A.R. TIMBERS

POST AND RAIL INSTALLATION AND CARE

The treated poles you have purchased was treated in accordance with SANS National Standards. Please find below, a few guidelines to ensure the best service life of your timber.

INSTALLATION:

1. Hole to be dug between 400 to 600mm depending of the soil conditions.
2. If the post is going to be concreted in, make sure the concrete does not fully encapsulate the pole, rather apply a collar of concrete around the pole to allow moisture to drain out freely.
3. Do not cross cut treated poles as this will expose untreated heartwood to fungal and termite attack.

CARE AFTER INSTALLATION:

Treated poles that are not protected with a surface coating will be exposed to weathering factors e.g. temperature and moisture variation as well as UV rays that may lead to excessive surface cracks. Please see recommended steps below.

1. *If you wish to paint your fencing, use a good quality wood primer. Dilute Primer with 10% of thinners or turpentine (the manufacturer should recommend what you would use). After primer is dry, use a good quality enamel paint and paint with atleast two coats. Repaint as and when required thereafter.*
2. *If you intend keeping it in its natural look, use "Waxol" which is available from any hardware store. NB. Once Waxol is applied you cannot thereafter decide to paint it.*

Either of the above steps are to be taken to protect the timber from UV rays but only after the fencing is dry. This will minimise "Checking", which is the cracking of timber, which is a natural process. Unfortunately checking/cracking cannot be eliminated altogether.

If your rails seem to be bowing, simply turn the rails around so that the bow is on the top. This should straighten out but would probably take a few weeks. It is advisable that the rails are rotated periodically.