

# KWILA BALUSTRADE

SELECT GRADE HARDWOOD-KILN DRIED-NZS 3602.2003



- Wood from well-managed forests
- Select grade, kiln dried timber for stability and a high-quality clean appearance
  - Durability Class 1 for above ground use
- Naturally resistant to fungi and insects like termites and dry wood borers











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## Size & Length

42 mm x 42 mm, available in 1.2 metre lengths.

### Installation / Use

For use as balustrades. SpecRife Kwila Balustrades are not designed to be freestanding or used in a structural or load-bearing situation. It is the sole responsibility of the homeowner, contractor or installer to determine the specific requirements, suitability and safety in regard to an application or use of this product.

### Fixings

kwila balustrades should be fixed using not dipped gaivanised or stainless steel screws. For the best possible finish and to avoid splitting the timber, pre-drill pilot holes and countersink. Avoid over-tightening.

#### Cutting

Tungsten carbide tipped cutting tools and high quality drill bits are recommended for best results. Apply timber oil to cut ends to maximise the life of the timber. Ensure appropriate eye, ear and breathing protection is used when cutting timber.

## Ventilation

Allow a minimum gap of 5mm between balustrades and ensure adequate air ventilation is provided to minimise movement and moisture retention.

#### Weathering

Warning: Kwila's superior strength and stability are attributable to its tannin-rich properties, resulting in low shrinkage and minimal surface and end splitting. Tannin is a naturally occurring substance in timber which will leach the first few times it is exposed to moisture, staining timber, paved areas and other nearby surfaces. Objects left on the timber surface will also draw tannin out, creating surface marks. A thorough and regular hose down during the first few days will assist in flushing excess tannin away and minimise subsequent staining.

## **Finishing**

To prolong the life of your timber and maintain its premium look, timber oil with a UV stabiliser should be applied within 2 weeks of installation. Cut ends should be oiled prior to installation.

The top surface should be cleaned using a stiff bristle brush prior to applying a minimum 2 coats of timber oil. Timber will naturally go grey if left unfinished.

#### Storage

SpecRite Kwila Balustrades should be stored flat, off the ground and protected from the weather prior to installation.



