



# DATA SHEET NUMBER 16

# AUSSIE OIL

Superior quality polishes. Proudly made in Australia by an Aussie Woodworker for the Woodworkers of Australia and the world

Aussie Oil is a fusion mixture of hard shellac and oil, which when applied to wood traps the oil in the matrix of the hard shellac. Aussie Oil makes wood grain pop and provides a hard, durable finish that applies and dries quickly. It is designed to be applied on the lathe or hand-rubbed onto finely sanded wood, providing a finish that is hard, bright, and develops a high gloss in a matter of minutes. Aussie Oil brings out amazing depth and brilliance to most woods, making the grain opalescent, vibrant, and shimmering, especially when used on a fine-grained, highly figured woods. It is a superior-quality polishing product proudly made in Australia.

Aussie Oil works brilliantly as a friction polish for turned projects like pens and turned handles for any number of projects. It can also be hand-rubbed onto smaller projects like pendants, brooches, earrings and other projects that cannot be finished on the lathe.

The instructions here are divided into two sections: A **friction polish** for lathe-turned projects and a **hand-rubbed finish** for other small projects.

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

**For use as a friction polish for lathe-turned projects**

Sand turned project progressively through the grits to 800 grit or higher for a brilliant finish. To apply the finish use a clean, soft cloth such as flannel. Make a small pad by folding a piece of cloth four to six layers in thickness. To do this cut material into 4" to 6" squares, fold a piece in half, then fold it into three equal sections lengthwise. This will create a six-layer thick pad of material, which helps prevent the burning of fingers when applying the polish at a high speed.

Shake the bottle of finish **vigorously** until the contents mix to a

consistent creamy color. The finish is a mixture of shellac and oil that separates quickly and must be blended together prior to each use. For small turned projects like pens, add a small amount to the cloth pad, making sure there is just enough finish to cover the entire surface of the turning. For the outside of a larger-sized project like a 6"-diameter bowl use enough finish to cover your small fingernail. **DON'T USE TOO MUCH!** Excess oil makes it harder to finish the work.

With the lathe stopped, apply a quick, even coat of the finish over the entire surface to be polished. Start the lathe and using the same section of cloth used to apply the finish, apply pressure to the project, and slowly move the cloth (using pressure) over the entire surface five to six times. Continue until the finish on the cloth dries out and becomes glazed and hard.

The heat created by applying pressure to the cloth against the spinning wood causes the finish to harden.

For a brighter shine apply subsequent coats almost immediately by following the same procedure as above. Do not sand between coats. Two to three coats should be sufficient to create a brilliant finish.

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

**For use as a hand-rubbed finish on small projects**

Sand the project progressively through the grits to 800 grit or higher. Use a piece of clean, soft cloth such as flannel. Drape a single layer of the cloth over the end of your index finger and pull it tight to make a pad on your fingertip.

Shake the bottle of finish **vigorously** until the contents mix to a consistent creamy color. Add a small drop to the cloth on the pad of your finger, making sure there is just enough to cover the entire sur-

face of the piece you intend to polish, add another drop or two more only if necessary. **DO NOT USE TOO MUCH!** Excess oil makes it harder to finish the work.

Rub the surface to be polished using a circular motion and medium pressure. Continue doing this until the finish on the cloth starts to dry out and the polish has begun to take on a shine (1-3 minutes). Do this as many times as you feel it is necessary. You can do this up to five or more times in an hour.

For added protection additional coats can be added later, whether it be in an hour, a week, a month, or even a year. No matter when you apply another coat it will work. The more finish you add the deeper, brighter and more durable the final finish will be.

## **IMPORTANT APPLICATION TIP**

This product **must** be shaken **vigorously** to mix it completely and make it work.

Be sure to shake the container **every time** before applying it the oil to your cloth and project.

## **FLAMMABLE**

Keep away from heat and open flame



## **FIRST AID TREATMENT**

Contains Ethanol. If swallowed, seek medical advice. Do not induce vomiting. If in eyes rinse with water for 15 minutes. If on skin wash with soap and water  
**Keep out of reach of children**

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