

PS **VALUE GUIDE** **VARNISH ALTERNATIVES**

PRODUCT	PRICE	AFTER 1.5 YEARS			AFTER 1 YEAR			INITIAL RATINGS	
		COATING INTEGRITY	GLOSS RETENTION	COLOR RETENTION	COATING INTEGRITY	GLOSS RETENTION	COLOR RETENTION	EASE OF APP.	GLOSS / FINISH NOTES
Deks Olje No. 1 with No. 2 overcoat	\$19 (1); \$25 (2)	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Fair	Good	Fair	Honey brown / Satin
Epifanes Rapidclear	\$33 / quart	Fair	Good	Fair	Fair	Good	Fair	Excellent	Clear / Satin
Interlux Sikkens Cetol Marine (alone)	\$25 / quart	Good	NA	Fair	Excellent	NA	Good	Excellent	Opaque amber / Matte
Interlux Sikkens Cetol Marine with Marine Gloss 	\$31 / quart (Gloss \$33)	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Good	Opaque amber; clear overcoat / Satin
Interlux Sikkens Cetol Marine Light (alone)	\$26 / quart	Good	NA	Fair	Good+	NA	Fair	Excellent	Opaque light amber / Matte
Interlux Sikkens Cetol Marine Light with Marine Gloss 	\$26 / quart (Gloss: \$30)	Excellent	Good	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Good	Opaque amber; clear overcoat / Satin
Interlux Sikkens Cetol Natural Teak (alone)	\$30 / quart	Poor	NA	Fair	Fair	NA	Fair	Excellent	Golden-translucent/ Matte
Interlux Sikkens Cetol Natural Teak with Marine Gloss	\$27 / quart (Gloss: \$30)	Good	Good	Fair	Good	Good	Fair	Good	Golden-translucent, clear overcoat / Satin
Le Tonkinois Bio Impression with Vernis	NA, \$30 / liter	Good	Fair	Fair	Good	Fair	Fair	Good	Warm, dark amber / High gloss
West Marine WoodPro Plus Semi-Gloss ²	\$30 / quart	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Good	Clear / Satin
WoodPlus Marine Natural ¹	\$21/ quart	Good	Fair	Fair	Good	Good	Fair	Excellent	Reddish brown / Low gloss

 Recommended

¹ Formula changed since test began. ² West Marine's re-branded Epifanes Rapid Clear.