

This 100% pure walnut oil is a finishing oil that provides a non-toxic finish that will resist water and alcohol because, like tung oil, it is a drying oil. Walnut oil is ideal for food-contact use because it has a light palatable taste and a pleasant odor. Ours is not intended for use in foods, but only on wooden bowls, spoons, etc., that come in contact with food. One exception is that no oil of any kind should be used on a kitchen block. It is best kept scrubbed.

### Use

The wood surface to be finished should be completely smooth. Scratches and imperfections are pronounced when finished with walnut oil. The surface should be cleaned and dusted. Since walnut oil may cause some grain-raising, the surface can be moistened then sanded to remove any fibers that may stand up once the oil has been applied. This is particularly important with end grain.

Walnut oil can be applied with a brush, cloth (cheesecloth or other lint-free cloth), steel wool or may be sprayed on. #000 steel wool is preferable since #0000 may deteriorate. Allow the application to soak in for at least 30 minutes, then wipe off the excess. Allow at least 24 hours between coats. Longer is desirable.

The number of coats required is determined by the end use of the piece. Three or four coats are required for decorative work, whereas six or more are required for heavy-use items such as food-contact utensils.

Walnut oil should be applied pure for all food-contact applications. The walnut oil can be cut with mineral spirits at 50%. This first coat will penetrate much better than pure walnut oil and will dry in about half the time.

Walnut oil can also be heated to accelerate its drying time. It can be heated in a pot less than one-third full until fumes appear. Like any oil, if overheated it becomes flammable.

 **Important:** *Walnut oil cut with a drier (e.g., mineral spirits) **should not be** heated.*

A top coat can be applied over walnut oil, but the oil should be allowed to cure for three to six months before any top coat is applied. Humid or cool conditions will lengthen this time.

### Storage

Walnut oil should be stored in an airtight container that protects it from light. Light and air cause the oil to cure. Collapsible bottles are ideal for storage. If you wish to keep the oil stored in its original can, add marbles or clean rocks to eliminate air space and prevent air from curing the oil inside the can.

**Note:** *Nut oil may affect people with nut allergies, even on a finished product. If reselling a finished product, customer should be advised of finish.*

**DANGER OF COMBUSTION.** Materials such as rags or steel wool when used with this product may begin to burn by themselves.

After use, put rags in water or lay flat to dry, then discard.

Keep out of reach of children. Not intended for food use.