

Auctioneer's Promise

FACT SHEET

(Alkanet) Red Oil

Red Oil provides a rich colour and long lasting finish to gun stocks.

Auctioneer's Promise Red Oil uses genuine alkanet root and is steeped for over six months, then filtered for four hours before bottling to provide the highest quality oil.

It's rich red colour provides a traditional finish to both new timber and refurbished pieces.

HOW TO

Once your stock is complete and sanded to a fine finish, raise the grain by wetting your hand and rubbing it over the timber. Dry completely using a heat gun then rub it lightly with wet and dry sandpaper to remove the fibers that stand up.

Repeat this process several times. Once smooth, leave it to dry completely before you start your finish.

Apply the Auctioneer's Promise Red Oil with a piece of lint-free cloth, rubbing all over the surface, then leave it. It will be absorbed quite quickly to start with. Keep buffing it off and applying more oil over the next few days. You will see the grain getting darker and the background a deeper, warmer colour. When you are happy with the colour and contrast, let it dry for a couple of days, buff it and then you are ready to start with the finishing oil.

Apply Auctioneer's Promise Gun Stock Oil with a clean cloth. Rub it in well, and leave it to semi-dry. When it begins to feel tacky, get a cloth with some more finishing oil on it and use this to 'rub off' – that means you are buffing vigorously, in effect forcing the hardened oil into the grain and removing excess from the surface.

Continue repeating this process for as long as it takes



The more time you spend on the finish, the better it will be.

for a finish to begin to show. It depends how absorbent the wood is, but it can take up to six weeks. Do not let an applied-oil coat dry hard; if you do, you will have to cut it back, with wire wool or wet and dry sandpaper, to remove any thick build-up. The trick is lots of very thin coats, building a polish into the wood, which will be beautiful and hard-wearing.

The oil will naturally fill the grain so you don't need a grain sealer. You'll know when the grain is filled because the surface will be smooth, without any dips where the grain is open.

Once your finish is complete, leave it to cure for as long as you can. The longer you leave it before use, the more durable it will become.

To maintain the finish, just apply and buff off a tiny bit of Auctioneer's Promise Gun Stock Oil or Auctioneer's Promise 100% Natural Furniture Oil every now and then, especially if the gun has been out in the rain.

SPEEDING UP THE PROCESS

After the Red Oil stage, apply a sanding sealer before oiling. This speedier method doesn't provide as good a finish, but does save a lot of time if you're in a hurry.