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Super-low-VOC wood stain

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Contrary to what you may have heard, not everything that's organic is good for you. Take, for example, volatile organic compounds (VOC), a toxic ingredient found in [paint](#), stain, varnish and other wood [finishes](#). (Not to mention wall coverings, adhesives, cleansers, refrigerants, furnishings, office machines, and many other products.)

When released into the air, VOC contribute to indoor air pollution and cause a variety of maladies ranging from severe headaches and allergic reactions to respiratory problems and, in very rare instances, lung cancer.

Now, most manufacturers have made valiant efforts to reduce VOC, but few have gone as far as Sansin, maker of [Purity Interior Stain](#), the first wood stain with a zero-VOC base.

Purity is a water-based penetrating wood stain that's available in a wide range of colors (shown below are the 16 latest Eco-Tone shades). However, unlike most finishes, which are tinted with toxic dyes, Sansin uses pure, finely ground pigments that combine on a molecular level with the protective oils and resins in the base. The result: one-tenth the VOC levels found in typical interior stains.

The price for super-low-VOC stain isn't cheap: Purity Interior Stain costs approximately \$8 per 8-ounce can, \$17 per quart, and \$46 per gallon. But what you

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