

CARING AND MAINTENANCE SUGGESTIONS FOR EXTERIOR STAINED TIMBER

Caring

Exterior stained timber will benefit from yearly washing of the surface to remove surface contaminants with a mixture of 250mL mould killer, 20mL liquid sugar soap and 4 litres of water applied with a soft brush. Hose off and allow surface to dry. Alternatively, Wattyl Timbeclean may be used following label instructions. Never use high pressure water blasting on timber surfaces.

Maintenance

Regular maintenance of finished timber surfaces is important. Because it is a natural product, timber requires regular attention to prevent the onset of rapid changes that can ultimately lead to deterioration. The timber type, finish, colour chosen and the customers' expectations are all involved in setting the maintenance cycle.

The stated time for first maintenance is the expected period within which a northerly facing wall will begin to show signs of needing repair. The subsequent maintenance period is based on the ongoing requirement of the same wall for continued attention to maintain an acceptable appearance.

Timber Type	Initial Maintenance	Subsequent Maintenance
Cedar dressed face board	12 – 18 Months	18 – 36 month intervals
Cedar band sawn face board	18 – 24 Months	24 – 48 month intervals
Pine dressed face board	18 – 36 Months	36 – 48 month intervals
Pine band sawn face board	18 – 36 Months	36 - 48 month intervals

Stains are designed to penetrate the timber. Application of excess stain will form a layer on the surface, giving no benefit and may ultimately peel off. It is recommended that when maintaining a stained building, the exposed, weathered areas receive one coat of stain, and then one full coat of stain is applied to the entire building. This avoids the excessive build-up of stain in the sheltered areas of the building.

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