

WOOD FOR EXTERIOR USE REQUIRES MAINTENANCE

Although the thermal modification process makes our product much different than typical wood cladding, wood is still wood, and it will need maintenance when used for exterior applications.

- All wood naturally weathers and fades to gray, silvery tones over time.
- Thermally Modified Wood is designed to achieve a beautiful, weathered look.
- The two-tone prefinish is a factory application attribute. A back-brush refinishing technique is recommended to maintain the look, but it will not be an exact match.

NATURAL/UNFINISHED SURFACE

There are some things you can do to maintain and slow the wood's fading caused by UV rays.

- Before the first winter, apply a clear coat sealer to protect the wood from harsh weather and to reduce the UV degradation.
- Recoat in a clear sealant every 2-3 years for about 7-10 years.

NOTE: *A clear coat sealer is not needed or recommended for factory prefinished boards. Prefinished boards feature a UV inhibitor to help protect against degradation.*

REFINISHING

- Refinish siding to prevent a faded, weathered look every 7-10 years. depending on the amount of UV exposure and the desired aesthetic.
- Before refinishing, wash your siding using a low pressure garden hose to remove dirt and grime. Let dry at least 24 hours prior to refinishing.
- You may consider wire-brushing your siding before applying a topcoat if there is a build-up of clear sealant that may inhibit the paint or stain from soaking into the wood.
- When re-finishing, apply an exterior stain using the back brushing technique.
- A back brushing technique helps remove some of the excess paint to mimic the two-tone aesthetic, revealing a bit of the wood's color beneath.
- Back brushing needs to be done quickly after the spray application.
- To maintain this look, repeat the clear coat cycle and refinishing process every 7-10 years or as needed.