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Maintain the beauty of our products on your home with routine care and maintenance. See information on cleaning, color fade, and touch-up paint.

CLEANING

Being exposed to the elements, your home will collect dirt, dust, and pollen over time. You'll want to wash your home occasionally to take care of the finish. The process is simple, all you need is your garden hose, some mild detergent, and a little bit of time. Simply wet the outer surface of the siding then gently use the detergent on a sponge to clean off difficult dirt, and then rinse off.

FADE

By virtue, paint is a sacrificial coating that is designed to both beautify and protect the substrate. Over time, UV radiation and weather will deteriorate the paint film and can result in a "drifting" from the original color. Additional specifics relating to color fade include:

- Color in paint is mainly produced by pigments and dyes that are trapped in the resin (polymer) matrix of the paint film. These pigments and dyes reflect certain colors to the human eye, depending on what their molecular makeup happens to be.
- Some pigments and dyes are less "stable" over time than others, and when some type of chemical activity, such as that resulting from sunlight and heat, the pigments can lose their ability to maintain their color.
- All exterior paints will eventually lose their color integrity. However, the rate of color loss will vary from color to color and paint to paint.
- Dark colors tend to fade more rapidly and with greater deviation from the original color.

TOUCH-UP

- This is merely an aesthetic issue and only takes a moment to fix. Touch-up is the simple process to repair the affected spot and restore the siding. Before you begin you will need to verify that you have factory supplied touch-up paint to match the original color on your siding. You will also need a few Q-tips, some clean rags and clean water.
- Once your workspace is set up, simply grab a few Q-tips, open the can of touch-up paint, dip the Q-tip into the paint, and dab the affected spot. The "dip & dab" Q-tip technique is critical for siding finished with a two-tone process as the touch-up paint is a specially formulated solid color designed to blend in when applied to the spot requiring a touch-up. It is also important to use a Q-tip on solid color touch-ups as well, as each layer of paint is going to build a sheet, and using a Q-tip makes it very hard to apply too much paint. deviation from the original color.



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