

OTC Timber

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Maintenance Guide

OTC Timber Finger Joint LOSP H3.1 Primed Weatherboard. (OTC Weatherboard)

Maintenance:

Most residential cladding systems require regular maintenance by the home owner. Washing down walls to remove any dirt or mould while keeping vegetation off surfaces will help keep the paint coating and timber in good condition.

The building (Residential Consumer Rights and Remedies) Regulations 2014 requires information about maintenance requirements, current insurance policies and guarantee/warranty details to be given to clients after construction work finishes.

Maintaining OTC Premium New Zealand Finger-Jointed Radiata Pine H3.1 LOSP Treated Primed Weatherboards is crucial to ensure their long-term performance, durability, and aesthetic appeal.

Here are key maintenance requirements:

Regular Inspections: *Periodically inspect weatherboards for signs of damage, wear, or deterioration. Look for cracks, peeling paint, or any areas that may require attention.*

Cleaning: *Clean the weatherboards regularly to remove dirt, dust, and environmental debris. Use a gentle cleaning solution and a soft brush or sponge to prevent damage to the primer and paint finish.*

Repainting: *Repainting is essential to maintain the protective layer on the weatherboards. The frequency of repainting depends on factors such as climate, sun exposure, and the quality of the initial paint application. Follow the paint manufacturer's recommendations for repainting intervals.*

Surface Preparation: *Before repainting, ensure the surface is clean and free of contaminants. Sand any rough areas or peeling paint, and make necessary repairs to the primer and paint layers.*

Choice of Paint: *Use only high-quality exterior paints that are compatible with the oil alkyd primer and suitable for the local climate. Quality paint helps protect the weatherboards from UV radiation, moisture, and other environmental factors.*

Sealing Joints and Gaps: *Inspect and reseal any joints or gaps that may have developed over time. Proper sealing helps prevent water infiltration, which can lead to damage and decay.*

Addressing Mould or Mildew: If mould or mildew appears on the weatherboards, clean it promptly using a mildew-resistant cleaner. Addressing this issue early helps prevent further growth and protects the integrity of the timber.

Protecting End Grain: Pay special attention to the end grain of the weatherboards, as it is more susceptible to moisture absorption. Applying an additional coat of primer and paint to the end grain provides extra protection.

Professional Inspection: Consider periodic professional inspections to assess the overall condition of the weatherboards. Professionals can identify potential issues early and recommend appropriate maintenance or repairs.

By adhering to these maintenance requirements, you can ensure that OTC Premium New Zealand Finger-Jointed Radiata Pine H3.1 LOSP Treated Primed Weatherboards maintain their durability, appearance, and performance over the years, contributing to the longevity of your building's exterior.

More information about maintenance can be found by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.weathertight.org.nz/maintenance/>



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