



**PERMATIMBER®**

# Care Guide



Care Guide for all PermaTimber® products



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## — Care and Cleaning Guide —

PermaTimber® is designed to provide years of enjoyment without the hassles of ongoing maintenance.

PermaTimber® products don't require any staining, painting or oiling; but do require a light clean to remove dirt and debris.

We've put together this care guide to help you keep your PermaTimber® looking sleek and perfect, no matter what life throws at it.



For Installation Information, be sure to visit our Brochure and Installation Guide menu by scanning with QR code, or alternatively, visiting:  
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### **General Dirt and Debris:**

Spray with a hose to remove surface debris. Use warm soapy water and soft bristled brush to clear dirt and/or debris from grooves/contours. Pressure wash to remove more stubborn stains.

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### **Oil/Grease/Food/Drink:**

Remove and mop as soon as possible - spray with a hose and use warm soapy water and soft bristle brush. Pressure wash for more stubborn stains. Any surface stain that has been absorbed can be easily removed with light, progressive sanding using a coarse (22-60 grit) emery paper. Do not sand more than 0.5mm into the surface. Do not sand the product if it is CX, as that will rid of the coating.

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### **Tannins from PermaTimber® product:**

When new there may be some residual tannins in the wood fibre component that appear on the product. The tannins may leach out the first few times that product gets wet and may appear as a water stain after the board has dried. The tannins can be removed by washing with water if required otherwise these will start to disappear after the boards have been exposed to water and dried off several times. You can speed up the process of releasing tannins by hosing down the product.

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### **Mould and Mildew:**

Mould and mildew can grow on surface residue that has been allowed to remain damp. Remove and mop as soon as possible - spray with a hose and use warm soapy water and soft bristle brush. Pressure wash for more stubborn stains.

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### **Rust Stains and Engrained Dirt:**

Cleaning products containing Oxalic or Phosphoric acid can be used - do not use bleach, as this will lighten the product. With any cleaning product, test it on a small inconspicuous area first, following manufacturers instructions.



### Basic Cleaning:

Spray with hose to remove surface debris. Use warm soapy water and soft bristled brush to clear dirt and/or debris from grooves/contours.

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### Scuffs/Surface Indents/Marks:

Use a course grade emery paper (22-60 grit). Sanding should be carried out lightly and progressively harder if necessary to a maximum of 0.5mm surface depth. Sanding should be used only when Basic Cleaning or Pressure Washing fail to remove stubborn stains. Sanding should only be used for very stubborn scuffs and/or marks. Most marks blend naturally after 12 weeks of weathering. Sanding should not be used with CX products, as the co-extruded coating will wear away.

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## FAQs

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**Q: Should I waterproof the building prior to installing PermaTimber® Cladding?**

**A:** Provisions for adequate drainage ventilation must be made along with the installation of a waterproof membrane/system before any of our cladding products are installed.

**Q: Are any specialty tools needed for PermaTimber® Products?**

**A:** Only standard woodworking tools are necessary for installation, view the installation guide for your chosen product for more information.

**Q: Is PermaTimber® suitable for salt corrosive areas?**

**A:** As our products will not rust or corrode, PermaTimber® products are perfect houses on or near the ocean.



**Q: Is PermaTimber® slippery when wet?**

**A:** Thanks to the textural finish in PermaTimber® products, it will not get slippery when wet.

**Q: Can it be used near pools and spas?**

**A:** It sure can. PermaTimber® does not absorb water and is used extensively in the marine environment.

**Q: Can our products be painted?**

**A:** It can be painted, however the paint will not last anywhere near as long as the product should last. This means regular painting is necessary.

**Q: Does PermaTimber® expand?**

**A:** It will expand and contract, much like traditional timber, with changes in atmospheric temperatures. To make sure you leave enough spacing between boards, read the installation guide for the desired PermaTimber® product before installing.

**Q: Can PermaTimber® Cladding be used as a ceiling liner?**

**A:** Depends on what it is being fixed to. If the ceiling is made of Fibrous Plaster, the cladding will be too heavy for installation. Gypsum Plaster is alright when it comes to our CX Original Cladding range as that is slightly lighter than the rest, and Cement Plaster is ideal for use for all of our Cladding range. For a ceiling liner alternative, be sure to check out our QuickBoard™ range. Coming in two profiles, QuickBoard™ is the perfect internal ceiling liner, being lightweight and coming in a variety of colours. QuickBoard™ is not suitable to be used in direct or reflective sunlight.