

## Care and Maintenance

All eClad products are factory pre-oiled prior to delivery with high quality Woca water based exterior oil. M&B recommend that for all re-coating you use the recommended products or a high quality water based exterior oil to reduce expansion and contraction, minimize water uptake or loss and reduce colour discolouration.

All timber cladding products will react differently when exposed to varying weather elements. Regular inspections and cleaning is a MUST to ensure your cladding stays beautiful and performs well for many years to come. Areas of the cladding exposed to full sun for longer periods of time or installed in close proximity to the ocean will require a greater level of maintenance to those areas that are protected by an overhead structure, adjoining buildings, shaded areas or shade sails etc.

***The general rule of thumb is if the cladding looks dry and feels dry to the touch then it requires attention.***

*Should you be doing maintenance then the following should apply,*

1. Wash down the entire surface of the cladding to remove all dirt, grit and any foreign objects with a high quality timber cleaning product that contains a blend of cleaners, revivers and sterilizing agents. Follow the manufacturer's application recommendations to ensure a positive outcome.
2. Allow entire cladding product to dry fully before moving to the next step.
3. Should any areas require a light sanding to bring cladding surface back to a smooth surface then these areas should be cleaned again after sanding and allowed to dry before applying the coat of oil.
4. For recoating your cladding M&B recommend high quality water based exterior oil such as Woca or Intergrain which are compatible products to the original pre-coating oil.
5. If using a non M&B recommended product we strongly recommend you trial the coating in a small area away from the main cladding area for performance and compatibility before applying it to the entire cladding surface. It is recommended that when trialling an alternative product you apply a minimum of 2 coats of the cladding oil allowing sufficient time between coats as per manufacturers recommendations and make a decision based on the trial outcome.
6. Always read and follow coatings manufacturers application specifications.

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