CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Congratulations on the purchase of your Teckwood composite cladding. To ensure that you keep your low maintenance cladding looking its best we recommend that you follow a few easy guidelines.

For periodic cleaning use a soft bristle brush and a dilution of mild soap and warm water. For those using a power washer we recommend that you stand at least 1m away from the area you are to clean. Spray in the direction of the grain to avoid damaging the product. Always follow the safety precautions when operating a power washer.

For those harder to clean areas or where the cladding may have been damaged we recommend using a 400 grit sandpaper or above. Lightly sand the cladding in the same direction of the grain. Rinse thoroughly with water after sanding. Please use the correct PPE when carrying out sanding.

These guidelines may not cover every installation or maintenance scenario. If you have additional questions please consult our friendly service team on 0800 799 9082.
INITIAL HINTS AND TIPS FOR INSTALLING COMPOSITE CLADDING

NOTE: WHEN SCREWING THROUGH COMPOSITE PRODUCTS ALWAYS PRE DRILL ANY HOLES

- Batten must be laid on a solid flat surface such as a brick wall. Without this it will cause movement and be potentially dangerous.
- Always pre drill the wood plastic composite cladding using a minimum of a 4.5mm drill bit. If you do not you risk damaging the product over time.
- When constructing cladding vertically, insure to use drip plate to prevent panels from sliding down.
- Battens must be set to a minimum of 400mm centres. If not boards may warp or move uncontrollably. Composite battens need to be fully supported along their length. Images should show 400mm centres.
- Ends of cladding boards panels must be supported and not have an overhang of more than 20mm. If not boards will move or be damaged.
- Butted boards must have 3mm gap. If not boards may warp or crack under pressure.
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SCREWING THE BATTENS

1. Fix battens at 400mm centres on a flat surface using expansion screws. Battens should be the opposite way to the intentions of the cladding. Battens on butt joints should be minimum 120mm wide.
2. Fix Starter Clips to the battens at least 16mm from edges. Ensure the cladding will be level prior to fixing.

NOTE: STARTER CLIPS / CONCEALED CLIPS ARE SAME.

FIXING THE CLADDING

3. Clip the first board in place into the Starter Clips. Clip and screw Concealed Clips into the initial board along the joists. Ensure each board is level. Screw in place.
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CLIPLESS CLADDING (DO NOT USE CLIPS)
HOWEVER THE SCREW HOLES HAVE TO BE PRE-DRILLED

INSTALLATION GUIDE

Step 1
Pre-dill a hole of 4.5mm on the panel's rail A position first.
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**Step 2**
Insert the self-tapping screw of 4.5mm screw into the hole, then tighten the screw till the panel has been fixed on the joist.

**Step 3**
The boards will now interlock as below.

**COLOUR EXPECTANCY**
Due to the bleaching effects of the sun, Teckwood’s composite cladding is subject a small amount of fade. Composite cladding is a man-made product and some colour variation at point of manufacture may occur in differing batches. Our warranty does not cover colour fade, water marks, discolouration, or stains.

**DISCLAIMER**
The information provided in this manual is based on the guidelines for the installation of Teckwood’s wood plastic composite cladding for domestic properties only. This manual does not cover any guidance for commercial projects due to the complexity of commercial designs. Please contact our commercial department for further information. This general guide may not cover every scenario envisaged. It will be solely the responsibility of the installer for the installation methods they use and the performance as every installation can differ and may be unique. Teckwood recommends that all designs should be reviewed by a licensed architect or engineer before installation commences, and that every plan or design meets building regulations and permission has been granted (if required) before installation commences. Please use suitably qualified personnel to prevent injuries or accidents.