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Painting and Maintenance of Pre-Primed Radiata Pine Weatherboards

1. STORAGE & HANDLING

Delivery of weatherboards should be 'just-in-time', minimising time on site prior to use. Upon receiving delivery of weatherboards, they should immediately be stacked on dunnage blocks in a position where the stack will not be exposed to the elements, and can attain equilibrium with the final in-service conditions. See AS/NZS 2311:2000 'Guide to the painting of buildings' Section 3.2.1 for storage recommendations.

2. PAINTING

The Radiata pine is machine pre-primed but with age or exposure to the elements, the primer can degrade. Any degradation means the primer may no longer be a good substrate to bind with further coats of paint. The pre-priming is intended as a protective coating for the timber during transit and storage, up until such time as it arrives on site. The machine-primer is not a weatherproof or waterproof coating, and should not be treated as such.

It is recommended that all pre-primed radiata pine weatherboards shall be sanded, dusted off and re-primed front and back with a 100% acrylic primer undercoat before fixing.

Note: Ensure that all ends, cuts and mitred corners are well primed before fixing.

When fixed it is recommended that the weatherboards be top coated within 7 days with 2 coats of a premium 100% acrylic paint.

All painting work and filling & sanding of nail holes and defects should be carried out in accordance with AS/NZS 2311:2000 'Guide to the painting of buildings'.

3. MAINTENANCE

As a guide it is recommended that maintenance over the life of the weatherboards shall include but not be limited to:

- Wash down exterior surfaces every 6-12 months.
- Examine the cladding, filled holes, soakers and trims etc regularly for movement or settlement, and address appropriately.
- Any appearance of mould should be treated with moss & mould inhibitor immediately.
- Prune back vegetation which is close to or touching the building, and ensure the weatherboards are not in contact with the ground.
- Regular inspection of paint and repair/re-coat as required.
- Refer to paint manufacturers instructions for further painting and maintenance requirements.