



Maintenance Guide
Cladding and Screening

ImbueTM



General Information About Stain Finishes

If Imbue Cladding or Screening is coated with pigmented wood oil or stain it will:

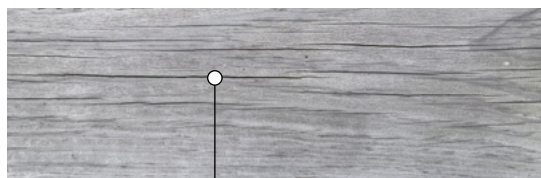
- Help to maintain and enhance colour for longer.
- Reduce surface cracking (checking).
- Improve stability (reduce expansion and contraction).
- Increase lifespan.
- Improve water shedding.

Surface checking

Surface checking (cracks) may be observed on the surface and endgrains of boards. Boards with surface checks are suitable to be installed. Surface checking may become more apparent as the material weathers naturally in place. These are not defects and are considered a natural part of the Imbue product.

Maintaining your Imbue Cladding or Screening with a stain or finish as well as sealing the end grains will improve the long term weathering of the Imbue, the aesthetics and maintenance regimes.

Uncoated cladding weathered 18 months:



Surface checking

What to expect

- Fading/change in colour over time with exposure to UVs and weather.
- Uncoated timber will lighten very quickly and weather to a silver grey colour over time.
- The Imbue will begin to naturally grey around 6–12 months when exposed and uncoated. After about

12 months of exposure to the weather if it is not re-coated.

- Imbue Cladding and Screening in north facing (southern hemisphere) or south facing (northern hemisphere) or heavy weather-exposed environments, fade and age quicker than timber located in other sheltered/non exposed areas.
- Minimal movement of timber as it expands and contracts.
- Possible minor surface cracking (checking).
- The surface may appear blotchy or dirty, this may be due to mould growth which can occur, especially in humid or humid or wet environments on uncoated Imbue.

Minimum maintenance

Imbue must be cleaned regularly (minimum every 12 months) with mild detergent and soft nylon brush, rinse abundantly with water.

Note: DO NOT use high pressure water jets to clean your Imbue Cladding or Screening.

A maintenance assessment is required at least every two summers as follows:

- a Clean the cladding surfaces.
- b Leave it to continue silvering off or apply 1 or 2 coats of penetrating stain according to coating manufacturer's recommendation as colour starts to fade. The regularity of re-coat will depend on the aspect of timber to the weathering exposure (typically between 2–4 years). Preparation with oxalic timber cleaner is recommended prior to coating. Ensure the Imbue is fully dry prior to applying the finish on it.
- c Check all cladding, junctions, flashings, mouldings and replace or re-mediate as required to maintain weather tightness of the cladding system.

In the case of light surface moulds or discolouration

Use oxalic timber cleaner and a soft brush, rinse with water.

Apply 1 or 2 coats of pigmented penetrating stain as appropriate onto fully dried timber.

In the case of heavy and persistent surface moulds

Wet your Imbue Cladding first. Then use an anti-mould solution diluted in water (as per the manufactures recommendations) and apply it to the Imbue Cladding with a soft nylon brush. Use a sodium hypochlorite based cleaner, dilute with water to the correct ratio. Do not use unfamiliar cleaning chemicals. Brush gently length wise, along the timber grain/length of the boards. Rise thoroughly with clean water. Repeat the steps if you need to. Be careful not to brush too hard as it may damage the surface of the timber.

Apply 1 or 2 coats of stain as appropriate onto fully dried Imbue timber.

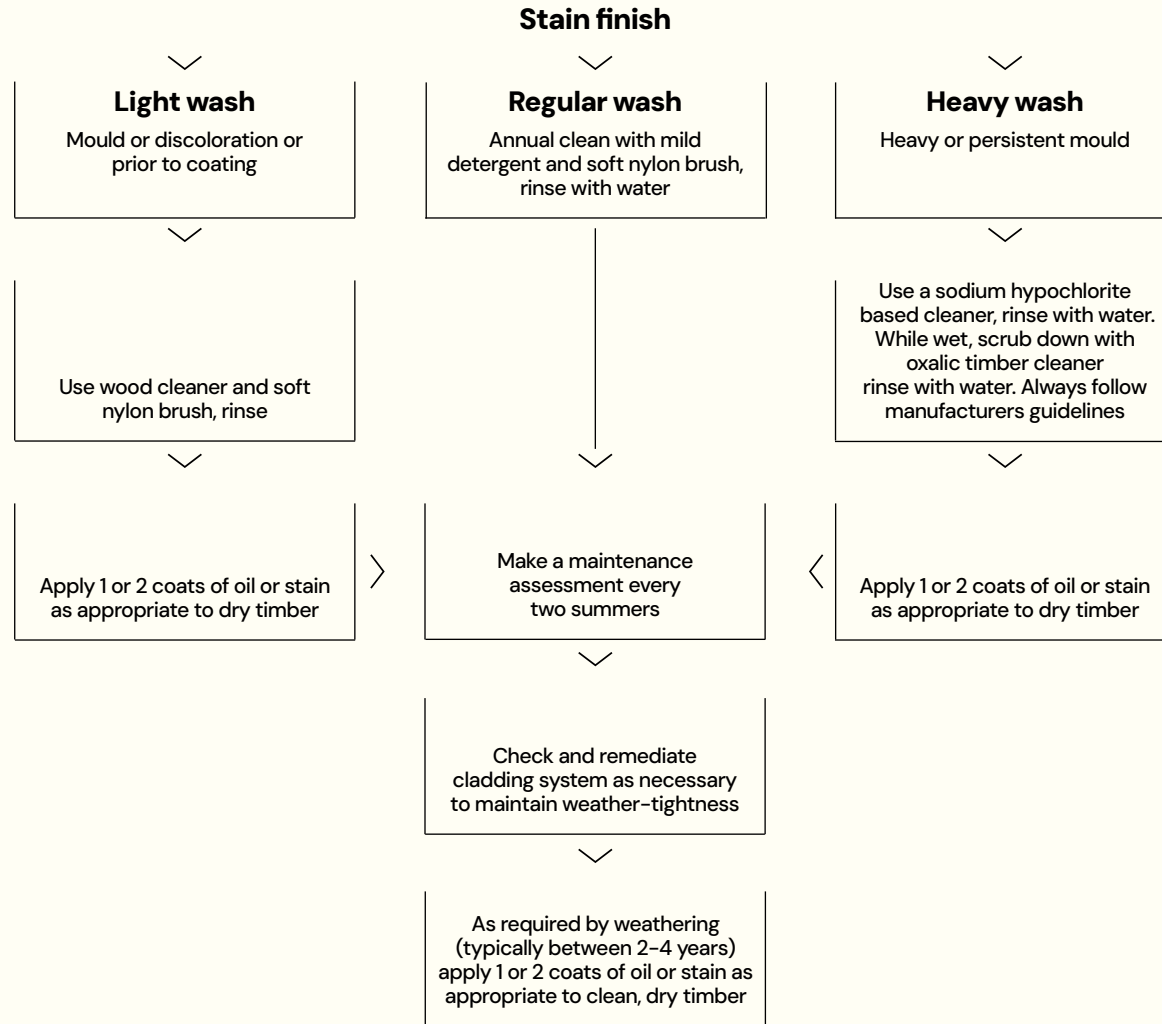
Most timber stains contain mouldicides that will help prevent surface moulds. Please note that this is temporary and requires to be repeated for a clean look.

Coating selection tips

Translucent or semi-transparent penetrating erosion stains or wood oils with added mouldicide are recommended. Film forming coatings can be used on Imbue Cladding and Screening but might result in higher maintenance requirements when the coating fails. Clear (non-pigmented) coatings offer no UV protection so are not recommended for exterior use. Imbue will naturally grey.



Stain Finish Maintenance Diagram





General Information About Paint Finishes

What to expect

- Cladding in North facing (southern hemisphere) or south facing (northern hemisphere) or heavy weather-exposed environments age quicker than timber located in other environments.
- Minimal movement of timber as it expands and contracts.
- Possible minor surface cracking (checking).

Coating selection tips

Tannin blocking primers are recommended to reduce chance of staining through light opaque colours. Top coat with a high quality exterior acrylic paint in accordance with manufacturer's instructions is recommended.

Minimum maintenance

Imbue Cladding and Screening must be cleaned regularly (minimum every 12 months) with mild detergent and soft nylon brush, rinse abundantly with water.

Wet your Imbue Cladding first. Then use an anti-mould anti-mould solution diluted in water (as per the manufactures recommendations) and apply it to the Imbue Cladding with a soft nylon brush. Use a sodium hypochlorite based cleaner, dilute with water to the correct ratio. Do not use unfamiliar cleaning chemicals. Brush gently length wise, along the timber grain/length of the boards Rise thoroughly with clean water. Repeat the steps if you need to.

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A maintenance assessment is required at least every two summers as follows:

- Gently sand back areas of the Imbue cladding where flaking or deeper checking has occurred. Apply an exterior paintable grade timber putty and sand back as appropriate. Apply a surface primer and 2 (or more) coats of exterior paint as per the system recommendation from the manufacturer.
- Check all Imbue Cladding boards, junctions, flashings, mouldings and replace or remediate parts as required to maintain weather tightness of the cladding system.
- Re-coat the Imbue Cladding boards with exterior paint as required by the coating manufacturer's recommendations (typically between 5 to 10 years).

Paint finish

Clean every 12 months minimum with mild detergent and soft brush, rinse abundantly with water

Make a maintenance assessment every two summers

Check and remediate the Imbue Cladding system as necessary to maintain weather-tightness. Sand, putty, spot prime and paint areas with flaking or cracking

Re-paint approx every 5-10 years according to paint manufacturer's instructions



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