

Operating and maintenance instructions

For Western Red Cedar façade and terrace profiles for outdoor use

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Western Red Cedar

1 Introduction

By nature, wood is an environmentally friendly construction material, but certain applications require additional attention. You, the user, can help ensure its long life by following our instructions in this magazine. A long life means that the CO₂ absorbed by the wood during its growth is stored for as long as possible.

You can protect the wood from degradation already from the construction phase by applying constructional wood protection, for example by preventing unintended moisture accumulation and ensuring effective ventilation of the wood. For example, consider whether your wood should be oiled or whether wood preservatives should be applied. If you do nothing, the wood will turn grey when exposed to sunlight and precipitation.

Other advice and guidelines are available in publications from Træinformation.

2 Product description

Cladding or terrace profile made of Western Red Cedar.

3. Storage before installation

The wood must be stored at a level and stable place protected against soil moisture. The wood must be covered so that it is not exposed to direct rain or sunlight.

4. Instructions for operations and maintenance

We recommend that you review your outdoor wooden structures and surfaces once a year. Focus particularly on areas close to ground level, water and joints. Wood in those areas are often the most exposed. Preferably do it during the autumn and winter – the wood has the most moisture during those seasons, and damage is therefore easier to spot.

If you find signs of degradation in a board, replace it. This will prevent the damage from spreading.

If the wood has algae, you can wash it off with wood cleaner. Do not use a high-pressure cleaner as you risk pressing water into the structure behind. Regular cleaning will also remove dirt and other airborne contaminants and will result in a nice look. Always follow the producer's instructions for cleaning.

5. Reuse

When disposing of wood, comply with municipal instructions. Wood is usually sorted in two to three categories for the purpose of optimal reuse.

Untreated wood without paint or impregnation is often referred to as pure wood. If in doubt, ask for advice at the recycling centre.