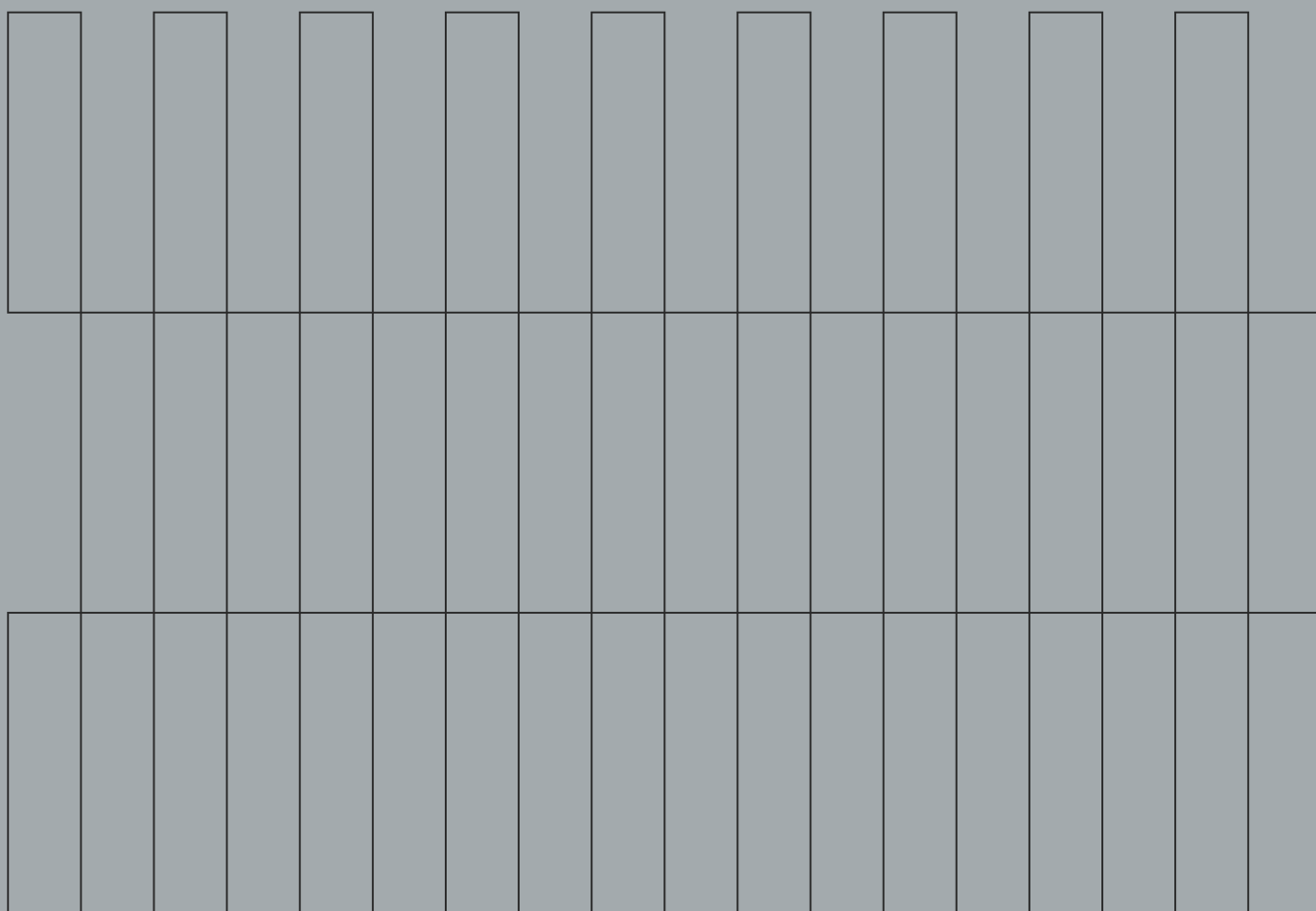


Modinex



External Hardwoods

Care & Maintenance



Scope

This guide applies to Modinex external hardwood products installed in exterior applications.

What to expect over time

External hardwoods are selected for durability and structural performance. Maintenance is primarily focused on protecting the surface and managing appearance.

If coated, the finish will gradually wear depending on UV exposure and environment. If uncoated, the timber will naturally weather.

Where timber is installed near water, such as swimming pools, ponds, water features, rivers or coastal environments, reflected light from the water surface can increase UV exposure. This can accelerate weathering of coatings and surface colour. In these locations, inspect the timber more frequently and maintain finishes as required.

Cleaning

- Remove dust, dirt and organic build-up with a soft brush or low-pressure hose.
- Wash with water and a soft bristle brush.
- Rinse thoroughly and allow to dry.
- Do not use high-pressure washing, as this may damage surface fibres.
- In coastal or high-pollution environments, clean more frequently to remove salt and airborne contaminants.

Coated timber maintenance

Inspection

- Inspect at least annually for dryness, fading or coating breakdown.
- Pay closer attention to north and west elevations, which weather faster.

Recoating

- Confirm the coating system used before undertaking maintenance.
- Recoat before the surface becomes exposed or heavily weathered.
- Light sanding and cleaning may be required prior to recoating.
- Always refer to the coating manufacturer's maintenance documentation.

Indicative recoating timeframes for clear oils and penetrating finishes:

- Standard suburban exposure: 12–24 months
- High UV, western elevations or coastal exposure: 9–18 months
- Timeframes vary depending on exposure and coating type.

Uncoated timber

- Expect natural greying due to UV exposure.
- If restoration of original colour is desired, cleaning and re-oiling may be required.
- Areas exposed to sprinklers may experience staining or uneven weathering.
- Shaded areas may retain moisture for longer periods.

Maintenance frequency guide

Environment	Inspection	Cleaning	Recoating (if coated)
Standard exposure	6-12 months	6-12 months	12-24 months
Coastal	3-6 months	3-6 months	9-18 months
High UV	6 months	6 months	May require earlier recoating.

Disclaimer

This guide provides general care advice. Project conditions, detailing, coating systems and environmental exposure will affect performance. Always confirm the coating system applied and refer to the coating manufacturer's documentation.

Typical species supplied include Blackbutt, Spotted Gum, Ironbark and Southern Spotted (Cumaru). Modinex may also source additional hardwood species for project-specific applications.

Maintenance requirements may vary depending on the species, coating system and project conditions. For project-specific advice, contact Modinex.

