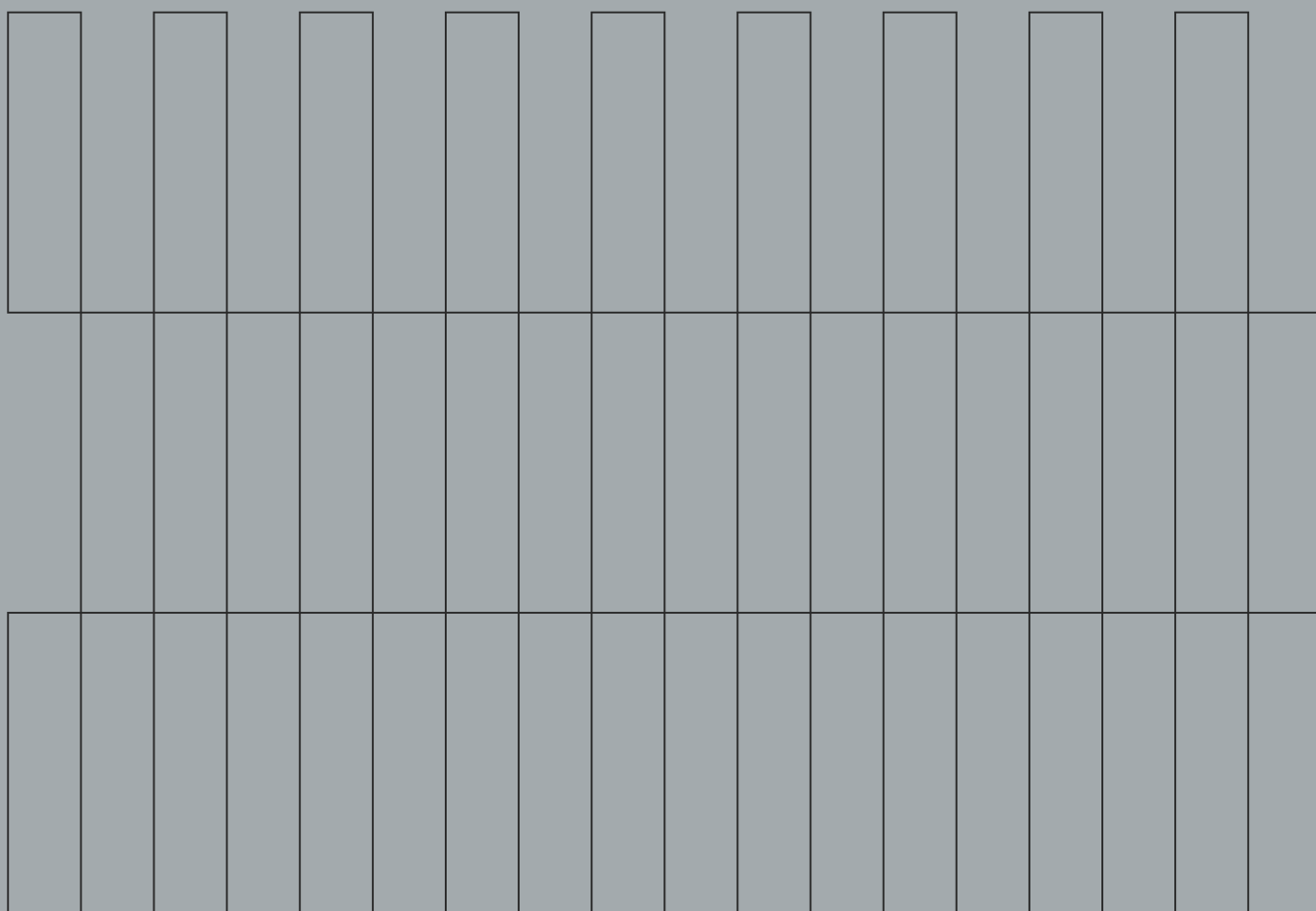


Modinex



External Softwoods

Care & Maintenance



Scope

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

What to expect over time

External softwoods require regular surface maintenance to maintain appearance and long-term performance, particularly where clear finishes are used. Exposure to sunlight, moisture and environmental conditions will gradually affect the timber surface and applied coatings.

Regular inspection and timely recoating will help preserve appearance and extend the service life of the finish.

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

General cleaning

- Wash gently to remove dirt, mould and environmental build-up.
- Use water and a soft brush.
- Rinse with low-pressure water where required.
- Avoid high-pressure washing, as this may damage surface fibres.

Maintaining your product

Clear or oil finishes

Inspection

- Inspect every 6–12 months.
- Pay closer attention to sun-exposed elevations, which may weather faster.

Recoating

- Recoat before the timber surface becomes dry or fibrous.
- Maintain protective coatings to preserve appearance and surface integrity.

Indicative recoating timeframes

- Standard exposure: approximately 12–18 months
- Coastal or high UV exposure: approximately 9–15 months

Actual timeframes will vary depending on exposure, orientation and coating system.

Painted finishes

Inspection

— Inspect painted surfaces for cracking, peeling or coating breakdown.

Recoating

— Sand and recoat where required.

— Follow the paint manufacturer's maintenance recommendations.

Maintenance guide

Environment	Inspection	Cleaning	Recoating (if coated)
Standard exposure	6-12 months	Annually	12-18 months typical
Coastal	3-6 months	3-6 months	9-15 months typical

Disclaimer

This guide provides general care and maintenance guidance. Always confirm the coating system applied and refer to the coating manufacturer's maintenance documentation.

Typical species supplied for External Softwoods include Western Red Cedar, Western Red Cedar (Select Tight Knot), Hemlock, Thermally Modified Hemlock, Alaskan Cedar and Accoya. Modinex also sources a range of additional softwood species for project-specific applications.

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

