

Scope

This guide applies to Modinex internal softwood lining products installed in interior applications.

What to expect over time

Internal softwoods are commonly used for wall and ceiling linings in dry interior environments. Due to their lower density compared with hardwoods, softwood surfaces may be more susceptible to dents and marks from handling or impact.

Maintaining a protective coating and appropriate cleaning practices will help preserve the timber's appearance over time.

Cleaning

General cleaning

- Dust regularly using a soft cloth or brush.
- Clean with a lightly damp cloth and mild cleaner where required.
- Avoid abrasive cleaning products that may damage the surface finish.

Maintaining your product

Inspection

- Inspect surfaces annually to check for coating wear or damage.

Surface maintenance

- Recoat if the protective finish shows signs of wear.
- Confirm the existing coating system before applying any new finish.

Humid or wet-adjacent areas

Where internal softwoods are installed in bathrooms, powder rooms or similar humid environments, the timber should be fully sealed on all faces, including ends, prior to installation. Adequate mechanical ventilation is important to reduce prolonged moisture exposure.

Avoid installation in direct wet areas unless specifically detailed and approved for that use. Surface moisture should be wiped away promptly, and these areas should be inspected more frequently for coating breakdown, swelling or joint movement. Recoat at the first sign of finish deterioration to prevent moisture ingress.

Surface indentation

Softer timber species may dent more easily than hardwoods. This is a natural material characteristic and not considered a defect.

Maintenance frequency guide

Environment	Inspection	Cleaning	Recoating (if coated)
Internal dry areas	Inspect annually	Clean as required	Recoat only if wear is evident
Humid areas	6–12 months	As required, water only	Recoat at first sign of coating wear

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 Internal Hardwoods 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.

