

Maintenance Instructions – Exterior

Wooden roofs and façades are subject to considerable wear from the elements. Rain, hail and UV rays all contribute to weathering the surface. Installing roof overhangs, roof edge profiles and weather cornices can significantly extend the life of the surfaces. Façades that are exposed to a lot of sun need more frequent maintenance than façades that are shaded from the sun. Deep-charred cladding products require less maintenance than the charred and brushed products.

Deep-charred products: Kazura (ABODO)

In principle, this product does not require any maintenance. If necessary, mossy growth can be cleaned off using a natural vinegar solution. Use a spray bottle for this, or use a garden sprayer for large surfaces. Do not use a high pressure sprayer as this can damage the charred surface. Do not use an abrasive scourer and do not scrub. Over the years the wood will start to show small spots of weathering. This is normal, and forms part of the special character of our product. In Japan this is called “Wabi-Sabi” – the aesthetic of transience and imperfection. These spots will go grey by themselves. In the case of extensive damage, we recommend replacing the whole panel.

Charred, brushed and stained products: Nakatado (ABODO)

This product only need to be re-stained, by the normal painting method, every 3-5 years. However, this period can vary somewhat depending on the location of the building and the direction in which the façade is facing. A new layer of stain should be applied before the wood starts to turn grey.

Clean the façade with water and a brush. Use natural vinegar to remove any mossy growth (as described above). After cleaning the wood surface, apply a new coat of stain using a wide block brush. Note: Do NOT scour the wood with anything abrasive before applying the stain. Scouring will cause irreparable damage to the structure of the wood.

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