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### WOOD FOR EXTERIOR USE REQUIRES MAINTENANCE

Although our Thermally Modified Wood Collection is much different than typical wood cladding through the thermal modification process, wood is still wood, and it will need maintenance when used for exterior applications.

- All wood naturally weathers and fades to gray, silvery tones over time.
- Thermally Modified Wood is designed to achieve a beautiful, weathered look.
- The two-tone prefinish is a factory application attribute. A back-brush refinishing technique is recommended to maintain the look, but it will not be an exact match.

## PREFINISHED PONDEROSA PINE PROTECTIVE CLEAR COAT

There are some things you can do to maintain the wood to ensure optimal performance.

- Before the first winter, apply a clear coat sealer as to protect the wood from harsh weather and to reduce the UV degradation.
- Recoat in a clear sealant every two to three years up until about s even to ten years.

#### REFINISHING

- Refinish siding to prevent a faded, weathered look every seven to ten years depending on the amount of UV exposure and the desired aesthetic.
- Before refinishing, power wash your siding to remove dirt and grime.
- You may consider wire-brushing your siding before applying a topcoat if there is a build-up of clear sealant that may inhibit the paint or stain from soaking into the wood.
- When painting or staining, refinish in a solid color or use a solid color with a back brushing technique.
- A back brushing technique helps remove some of the excess paint to mimic the two-tone aesthetic, revealing a bit of the wood's color beneath.
- Back brushing needs to be done quickly after the spray application.
- To maintain this look, repeat the clear coat cycle and refinishing process every 7-10 years or as needed.

### VERTICAL GRAIN HEMLOCK

- Similar performance to cedar and is expected to fade to silvery gray.
- Vertical Grain Hemlock is a higher quality wood than Ponderosa Pine and it will last longer over time.
- If you want to maintain the original color longer, you'll want to apply a clear coat before the first winter.

