



# HANDLING AND MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

Factory-Finished Exterior Wood Siding by Goodfellow

The following are steps that should be followed to ensure years of optimal performance.

## HANDLING AND STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

Any product found to be unsatisfactory or defective, for any reason, must NOT be installed.

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Must keep dry, covered and protected from direct sunlight.

Must store on level, hard surface that is off ground on 6" blocking.

Must follow installation instructions.

Do not drag or slide the siding at any time.

# MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

#### AROUND THE BUILDING

- Adjust lawn sprinklers to spray away from the side of the building.
- Keep roof and gutters in good condition so that water drains away from the building.
- Ensure that any damaged caulking is replaced and fill any gaps with caulking.
- Inspect the siding 1 to 2 times per year for visible signs of damage or degradation and address any issues without delay.

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#### **CLEANING**

Cleaning should be done 1 to 2 times per year. Wash the exterior of the building in the hottest and driest (low humidity) part of the summer as it helps the area dry quickly and avoids mildew and mold growth. Using a soft sponge, cloth or brush attachment, similar to those used for cars or RVs, wash the surface with a solution of mild nonabrasive detergent and water. Be sure to follow the detergent label's instructions. Rinse off the detergent before it dries using a regular spray nozzle attached to a garden hose – do not use a power washer. Rinse from the bottom of the surface up to avoid the possibility of staining.

### **MILDEW**

To remove mildew, wash the surface with a solution of one part liquid bleach and 3 parts water. Using a garden sprayer, spray the solution on the affected areas.

Note: Test for mildew by applying a few drops of bleach to the affected area. If the soiled area does not disappear, it is probably dirt. Repeat Cleaning.

## **TOUCH-UPS**

#### SOLID AND DUOTONE PAINT

A paint touch-up is a simple process to aesthetically repair an affected area and restore the siding. Always use the same paint colour for touch-up as was initially applied. If in doubt, refer to the original invoice for the colour identifier or consult a Goodfellow representative. While performing touch-ups, have clean rags and water on hand. Use the applicators supplied with the paint, however, if applicators are not available, cotton swabs are suitable. Open the paint container, dip the cotton swab into the paint and lightly dab the affected area. Remember that each layer of paint could build sheen, so using a cotton swab reduces the chance of applying too much paint. NEVER use caulk to touch-ups.

Note: Because of the special two-tone paint process of Duotone, the color effect can only be reproduced on large surfaces in our factory. As such, touch-up areas must not exceed the size of a dime.

#### SEMI-TRANSPARENT STAIN

Every 5 years, a fresh coat of stain should be applied to the Goodfellow Exterior Wood Siding. Always use the same stain colour that was initially used. If in doubt, refer to the original invoice for the stain colour identifier or consult a Goodfellow representative.

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