

To maintain the beauty of Shou-Sugi-Ban clean only as needed using recommended procedures.

Interior wood surfaces can remain beautiful for years with proper maintenance. Controlling temperature to 60-80 °F and 30-50% relative humidity will minimize expansion or shrinking of wood and prolong the life of the finished surface. Avoid excessive exposure to direct sunlight as it can fade finishes or damage them. Routine dusting and non-abrasive cleaners should be used periodically to remove dust, dirt and maintain the finished surface. Spills should be cleaned up in a timely manner to prevent damage to the finish. Occasional wear, or surface distressing can be touched up by the application of Delta Millworks' recommended finish.

DUST

Dust can build up over time and may scratch or dull finishes if not removed correctly. Simply wipe surface with a cloth dampened with water.

CLEAN

Fingerprints, cooking fumes, smoking residue can accumulate and should be removed periodically to restore finish to original luster. Wipe surface with a cloth dampened with a solution of warm water and mild detergent, or a commercial no-rinse neutral pH cleaner. To prevent any damage avoid using cleaners that are ammonia base, alcohol base, and products that contain silicone oils.

TOUCH UP

Use only Delta Millworks' recommended finish, and follow finish manufacturer's application instructions. Contact Delta for the appropriate finish for your product.

Gator, Half Gator, Texas Barnwood, Burned & Brushed
These Shou-Sugi-Ban products require recoating by professional painting contractors.

Tiger, Tiger Smooth Color may be touched up with a single application in worn areas. Take care to coat the entire board to prevent lapping. Follow the finish manufacturer's instructions.



Exterior wood surfaces are exposed to a variety of harsh elements. Ultraviolet rays, rain, sleet and snow all contribute to damaging those surfaces. To help maintain its protective characteristics, apply a maintenance coat of finish when visually required and before the wood begins to turn grey. Before application of a maintenance coat, clean and prepare the surface as specified under General Surface Preparation.

Depending on the material, wood siding may need to be treated within 4-6 years of installation. The time frame can vary depending on the intensity of the sun and weather. To maintain the siding from year to year, a light pressure wash will help keep the dust and mildew off key areas. Delta's more heavily charred finishes will require less maintenance than the finishes with more natural wood showing through, such as Tiger. Our burning process adds to the longevity of the wood and the period of time between reapplication of finish. Traditional Shou-Sugi-Ban in Japan has been known to maintain its appearance for over 60 years.

GENERAL SURFACE PREPARATION

Spray the surface with clean water, wetting the wood. Clean the surface with a solution of four (4) ounces of 100% powdered Tri-Sodium Phosphate (TSP) plus one (1) quart of liquid bleach in three (3) quarts of water. Apply this solution generously to the wood with a garden pump sprayer. Let the solution sit on the wood for 15 - 20 minutes. During this period, scrub the surface with a hard bristle brush to help remove weathering, moss or mildew. Do not let the solution dry on the wood. Keep it wet. Thoroughly rinse with clean water using a power washer. To prevent damaging the wood, do not exceed 500 PSI. Let the surface dry for two (2) days before application (i.e. the moisture content is below 18%) of additional finish.

APPLICATION

Apply finish within one week of surface preparation and when temperature is between 50-95°F and rain is not expected. Follow finish manufacturer's instructions. Apply one coat of Delta Millworks' recommended finish by brush, roller or sprayer. Areas that have minimum wear should only be lightly coated. Light colored surfaces may require more frequent maintenance.

NOTE

Delta's heavily charred Gator and Half Gator Shou-Sugi-Ban are subject to flaking if heavily abraded. Always test an inconspicuous area before cleaning.

