



Wood is a living substance and takes on and gives off moisture continually. When handled and treated properly, wood is an economical, easy to install, easy to work with product. Wood is the most environmentally logical choice as the most renewable, re-useable and recyclable resource we have today. Wood is nature's most infinite, sustainable, least energy consumptive material.

Important care, handling and finishing information for Exterior Primed Components:

All surfaces of exterior primed components must be painted with two coats of premium quality paint immediately, before exposure to the elements and prior to installation. Primer is formulated to provide a high quality base for a wide variety of commercially available topcoats with good resultant adhesion and durability. Because it is designed to accept topcoats, a primer by nature is highly filled (flat) and will chalk and break down slowly with UV exposure if not top coated immediately. Surfaces to be painted must be thoroughly dry and free of dust, dirt, oil, grease, wax, chalk, and other contaminants. Each coat of paint should be applied evenly. Make certain that the surfaces are dry before applying another coat. Apply the paint in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

In addition to the two topcoats, the bottom of posts must be completely covered with caulking and aluminum or plastic post plinth must be installed under the post. This helps prevent excessive moisture wicking up the bottom of the post.

Temperature and humidity have a major effect on drying and may affect paint film characteristics. Paint should be applied at product, surface and air temperatures between 50 and 90 degrees Fahrenheit unless the product label specifies differently. Relative humidity should be below 85%.

Always store in a clean, dry area, not damp, moist, or extremely humid environments. Product must lay flat, fully supported along its length and be covered. Wood is hygroscopic and dimensionally influenced by changes in moisture content of its surrounding environment.

Field repairs and touch-ups are the responsibility of the installing contractor and painter. Field touch ups shall include the filling of nail or screw holes, refinishing of raw surfaces resulting from cutting, job filling, repair of job inflicted scratches and mars, and the final cleaning of surfaces prior to painting.

Routine painting and maintenance must be performed as necessary to maintain properly painted and sealed surfaces.

All wood surfaces must be primed, ends must be sealed with caulk, and two high quality exterior topcoats applied. A plastic plinth, elevated non-wood bracket, or aluminum plinth must be used between the post and platform.