

# AFTERCARE AND TREATMENTS

## **PRESSURE TREATED SHIPLAP**

Prevents rot and insect infestation, using treatment which conforms to British and European standards and which is impregnated using proven vacuum, high pressure technology. The colour of pressure treated timber slowly weathers from an initial green hue to a natural grey. The treatment does not, however, waterproof your shed and we recommend you must apply the Eco Shield or something similar to your building. You can also apply a treatment to colour the building when the timber is dry. We do not recommend that pressure treated sheds are dipped treated at the time of manufacture. Where there is high humidity, and low air circulation, you may find that mould deposits may occur where air is unable to circulate and you may also find that chemical deposits may occur over time. Although, this may not be attractive, these can be brushed off and will not affect the integrity of the timber.

## **THERMOWOOD**

Is a durable product that will last for many years without applying a surface coat. The natural effect of weathering and exposure to sunlight will however cause loss of colour, increased raised grain, surface cracking and higher risk of surface algae growth. A treatment of restol oil will help the timber and retain the natural thermowood appearance.

## **WESSEX**

We recommend that you should aim to treat your building within 14 days of installation and repeat as necessary. Ensure the treatment is suitable for planed timber.

## **PLEASE NOTE THAT TIMBER IS POROUS AND NONE OF THE ABOVE TREATMENTS WILL TOTALLY WATERPROOF YOUR BUILDING.**

Wood is a natural product and should be regularly checked and maintained to ensure a long life. It is subject to shrinkage, cracking and warping due to it being a natural product. Special care should be taken both during extreme weather conditions and prolonged harsh conditions, particularly if the building or parts of the building are in exposed areas. This can be due to heat, rain, snow, frost, wind etc. Moisture, caused by damp, wet conditions can get trapped inside sheds, especially if they are not used often. If the outside temperature drops, any moisture inside the shed will cause condensation on the inside of the shed panels, roof, floor and possibly other items stored in the shed.

## **SHINGLE ROOF**

Please note that the shingles are both nailed or stapled on to the roof and have adhesive backing. Over the heat of the summer this will adhere strongly to the roof. Check your roof regularly to ensure that the shingles are firmly fixed to the building roof particularly following high winds and storms. In the case of wind lifting the shingles please use a suitable roofing adhesive to re-affix.

**Check your roof regularly to ensure that there is no debris or tree or hedge branches that can come in contact with the roof. Remove snow after a heavy fall, otherwise leakage may occur when the snow thaws.**

## **WINDOWS & DOORS**

We recommend that you seal your window glass with silicone or suitable waterproofing to ensure that water doesn't come through. Ensure that you regularly oil or grease the door hinges and lock as necessary.

## **CHECK YOUR BASE**

If your base drops even a few centimetres, it can cause the building to become out of alignment. This can cause twisting or listing of the building and the door to drop. Take preventative action if this looks like happening. If your base is larger than the building then check to see if any water is pooling up on the base which can cause problems. Take action to stop this.

## **WESSEX BUILDINGS**

Timber is a natural product and as such is liable to move. Gaps may begin to appear between the logs. If this happens it may be possible that the storm batons have been fitted too tight. Loosen off the bolts of the storm batons and allow the building time to settle back into position. If this does not resolve the problem, then you should try and knock the logs back into the correct position. Take a block of wood and place it onto the ends of the logs and using a mallet hit them back into place gently. We strongly advise against installing any fixtures that will restrict movement of the building. Our partition walls are specially designed to allow the log cabin to move.

**If you would like any further advice on any other matter that is not covered here, please email us at [Info@merittimberproducts.co.uk](mailto:Info@merittimberproducts.co.uk)**