



Pictured Ivory Wall Cladding

# COMPOSITE WALL CLADDING

Installation Guide,  
Aftercare and FAQ's



Pictured Stone Grey Wall Cladding



## STORAGE AND HANDLING

Composite Wall Cladding Boards should always be stored in a cool shaded spot, on a flat and level surface which supports the whole length of the Boards. It is recommended to store the Boards on a pallet to ensure they are not sat directly on wet or cold ground.

Wear protective gloves when handling the Boards and take care when lifting them. We recommend that a minimum of two physically capable persons carry the Boards. Always ensure persons assisting with installation or handling are physically capable.



## COLOUR AND GRAIN

Composite Wall Cladding Boards are designed and manufactured to replicate the natural variants of a timber cladding board.

It's recommended to purchase all Boards required for the project at the same time, as this will ensure colour consistency and only one delivery cost. We recommend laying out all the Boards before installation to ensure a natural effect of grain and colour tone is balanced across the whole of your Cladding. As with all materials exposed to direct sunlight, some natural weathering will occur over time.



# TOOLS

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## Protective Equipment

When handling or carrying Cladding Boards it is advised to wear long sleeves and gloves. When cutting the Boards, we suggest you wear a protective dust mask, ear defenders and safety glasses.



## Tool Set

Standard everyday carpentry tools will be needed to complete the installation, including: tape measure, pencil and stanley knife.



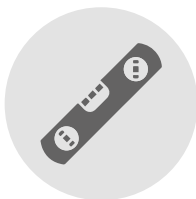
## Power Drill Or Driver

Standard power drills can be used when installing Composite Wall Cladding Boards.



## Jigsaw Or Handsaw

Composite Wall Cladding Boards can be cut using any standard wood cutting tools. We recommend using a fine-toothed blade to get the cleanest finish to your cut edge.



## Spirit Level

A spirit level is essential when installing your Battens to ensure a level support system.

# INSTALLATION - HORIZONTAL



**1** You will need to pre-drill the Battens and the surface below using a 6mm drill bit. The Battens are 30mm high and you will need to secure them at least 50mm into the surface below. You will need to choose fixings suitable for the surface you are fixing into. Screws should be 5-6mm diameter and at least 80mm long\*.

\*We do not provide the fixings and screws for your installation.



**2** Battens should be attached to the surface at a maximum distance of 500mm apart. The Battens will need to run the entire length of the area being clad, adding in additional Battens at any point where you will need to join two Cladding Boards end to end. Remember to install your Battens at a 90-degree angle to the way that you want your Wall Cladding Boards to run. Battens should be 50mm wide x 30mm high and should be fully supported once installed. It is important that the surface below the Battens is flat and stable.



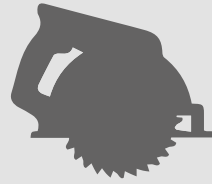
**3** Attach a Starter Strip to the bottom of each Batten, this will give the first Cladding Board something to sit on. You will need to pre-drill a pilot hole into the Composite Batten and attach the Starter Strip using a screw that is at least 15mm long. Ensure that each Strip is level with the next and that the first Board sits level on the Strips before continuing to the next step. Place the first Wall Cladding Board on to the Starter Strips. Mark and then pre-drill pilot holes through the fixing groove of the Board into the Batten below.

# INSTALLATION - HORIZONTAL



## EXTREME TEMPERATURES

Extreme temperature changes could cause the Boards to expand or contract. Ensure Boards have had sufficient time to acclimatise to the temperature before installing. Do not install in extreme temperatures.



## CUTTING

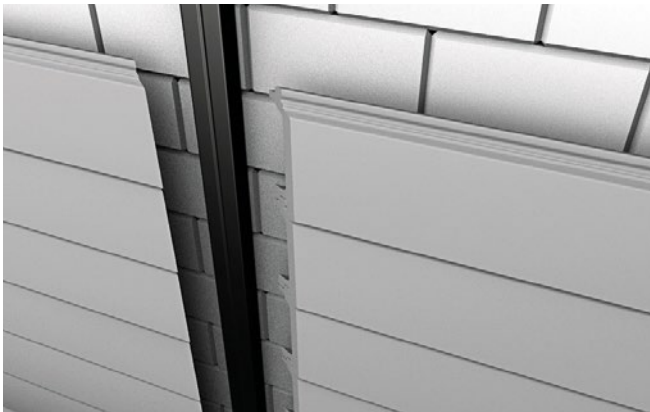
If Boards need to be cut to size, ensure the Boards are installed and secured immediately after cutting.



**4** Secure the Boards using a screw at least 20mm in length, ensuring that the Board is fastened securely on each Batten that it touches. Secure these fixings by hand, as is important not to over-tighten the screws and risk splitting the Board. Ensure that the section between the Battens remains empty allowing air to flow beneath the Boards.



**5** Slot the second Board onto the first and repeat the fixing process ensuring that the second Board is fitted securely in place on each Batten. Repeat this process with each Board until you reach the required height.



**6** When butting two Boards together, you should use a mitered edge for a neat finish. The most common miter angle is 45 degrees. As the cuts are angled, you'll have one side of the wood longer than the other. You'll need to keep track of which side will be which and make your measurements correctly.

# INSTALLATION - HORIZONTAL



**7** Set the miter saw to the angle it will need to cut. Use the included instructions for your machine, as each is different. Set the pieces side by side to ensure a neat joint. Screw the Wall Cladding through the top and into the Batten.



**8** Continue to fit the Cladding Boards in this manner until you have completely covered the area you want.

It is possible to fit your Boards side by side by simply butting the two ends up together. You may need to install more Battens if you wish to do this, as each Board will need to be supported on a Batten where it meets the next Board.



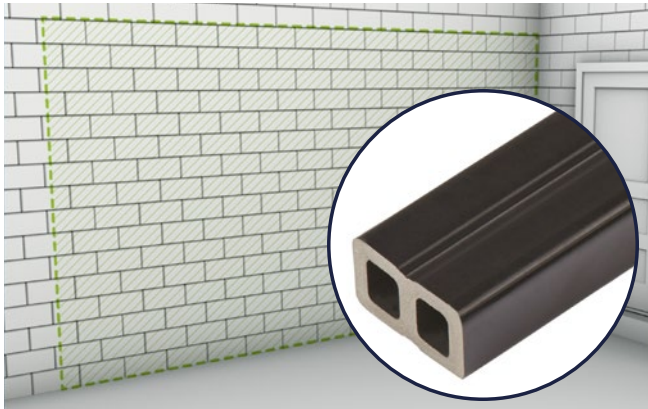
## WOODGRAIN EFFECT

Did you know Composite Wall Cladding also comes in a woodgrain finish? With eight colours available, you can achieve the look of authentic woodgrain Cladding to complement or contrast your space.



Pictured Charcoal Woodgrain Effect Wall Cladding

# INSTALLATION - VERTICAL

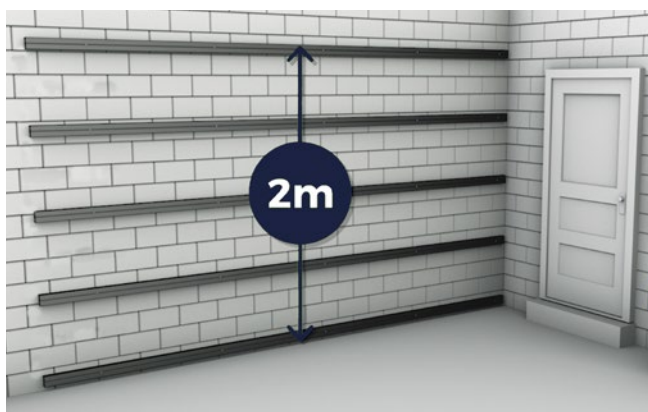


**1** It is recommended that the Battens used to support your Wall Cladding are made from a composite material, which helps to maximise the long term performance of your Cladding. Alternatively, you can use wooden Battens to support your Cladding following the same fitting process as you would for Composite Battens.



**2** You will need to pre-drill the Battens and the surface below using a 6mm drill bit. The Battens are 30mm high and you will need to secure them at least 50mm into the surface below. You will need to choose fixings suitable for the surface you are fixing into. Screws should be 5-6mm diameter and at least 80mm long\*.

\*We do not provide the fixings and screws for your installation. Composite Wall Cladding is an attractive and simple way to cover an external wall in a variety of colours.



**3** Battens should be attached to the surface at a maximum distance of 500mm apart. The Battens will need to run the entire length of the area being clad, adding in additional Battens at any point where you will need to join two Cladding Boards end to end. Remember to install your Battens at a 90 degree angle to the way that you want your Wall Cladding Boards to run. Battens should be 50mm wide x 30mm high and should be fully supported once installed. It is important that the surface below the Battens is flat and stable.

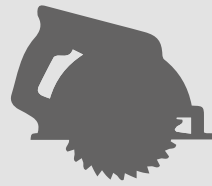


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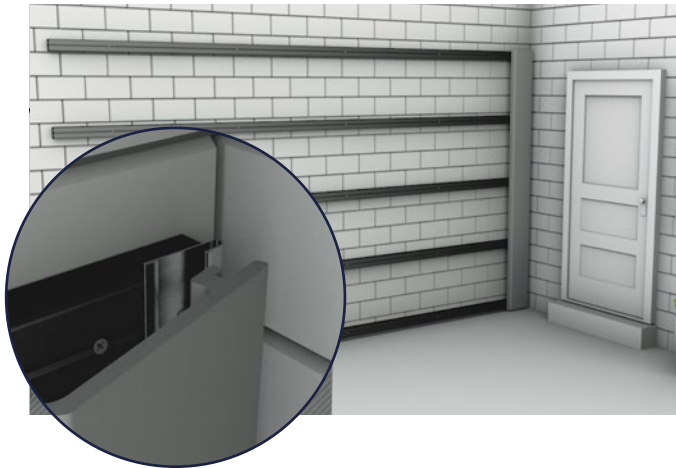


## CUTTING

If Boards need to be cut to size, ensure the Boards are installed and secured immediately after cutting.



**4** Attach a Starter Strip to the right side of each Batten, as this will give the first Cladding Board something to sit on. You may wish to pre-drill a pilot hole into the Composite Batten and attach the Starter Strip using a screw that is at least 15mm long. Ensure that each Strip is level with the next and that the first Board sits level on the Strips before continuing to the next step. Place the first Wall Cladding Board on to the Starter Strips. Mark and then pre-drill pilot holes through the fixing groove of the Board into the Composite Batten below.



**5** Secure the Boards using a screw at least 30mm in length, ensuring that the Board is fastened securely on each Batten that it touches. Secure these fixings by hand, as it is important not to over-tighten the screws and risk splitting the Board.



**6** Ensure that the section between the Battens remains empty allowing air to flow beneath the Boards. Slot the second Board onto the first and repeat the fixing process ensuring that the second Board is fitted securely in place on each Batten. Repeat this process with each Board until you reach the required height.



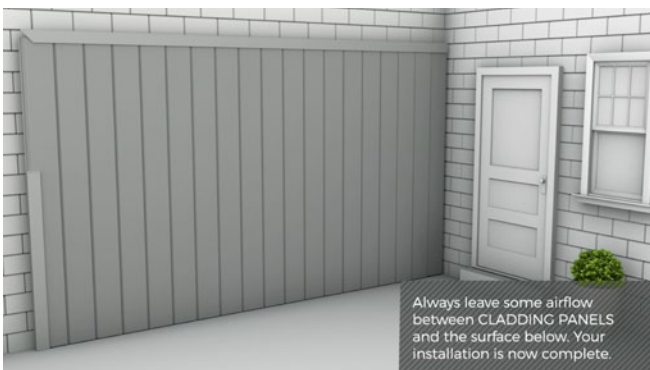
# INSTALLATION - VERTICAL

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**7** Continue to fit the Cladding Boards in this manner until you have completely covered the area you want.

It is possible to fit your Boards side by side by simply butting the two ends up together. You may need to install more Battens if you wish to do this, as each Board will need to be supported on a Batten where it meets the next Board.



**8** Depending on your installation, you may want to finish off the edges using one of the Trims to give you a lasting professional look. There are a range of Trims available in all colours to complement your Cladding Boards, which can be secured to your installation by glue, using an exterior grade high elastic glue.

# FINISHING TOUCHES

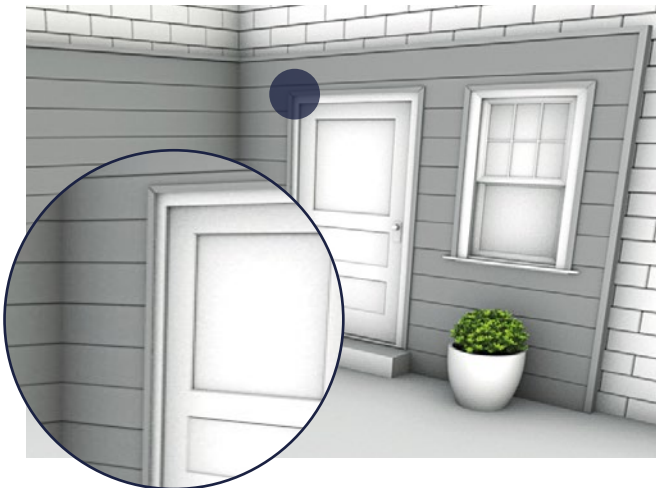


## AIRFLOW

**Please do not** completely seal your installation, allow some air to flow between the Cladding Boards and the surface below when fitting the trims.

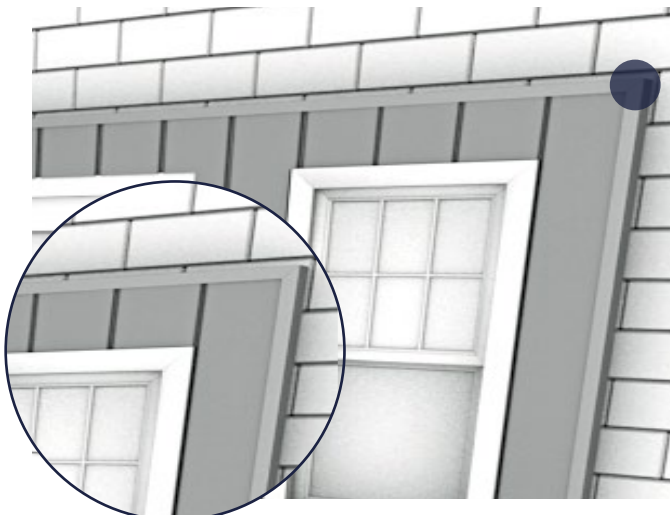


Depending on your installation, you may want to finish off the edges using one of the Trims we can provide to give you a lasting professional look. There are a range of Trims available in all colours to complement your Cladding Boards and these can be secured to your installation by gluing them in place using an exterior grade high elastic glue.



Installing the Corner Trims is the last phase of the project. Install the Composite Wall Cladding as above right up to any windows or doors.

Take the Corner Trim and measure the length of the area it's going to be fitted on, for example the width and height of a door or window. Corner Trims can be cut to length and worked just like timber. If placing two trims side by side, these can either be mitered to create a neat angle, or cut to fit.



Once the Corner Trim is cut to size, you can use Sumogrip adhesive along one or both sides of the Corner Trim to attach to the edge of the Cladding.

To allow for expansion you may wish to only glue the top edge. Once installed, you can then cut and place the second piece of trim along the edge until you have the desired finished look.

# AFTERCARE

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## MAINTAINING YOUR COMPOSITE CLADDING

For standard everyday maintenance, such as clearing plants and leaves, brush your Cladding Boards using a stiff bristled brush.

To remove any dirt, grime or animal droppings, for example, Composite Cladding Boards can be washed using warm, soapy water and a sponge when needed. This will ensure your Cladding will look its best for years to come.

The Composite Cladding products we supply require very little maintenance once installed. Composite Cladding is also rot and weather resistant, and unlike traditional timber materials, Composite Cladding products do not need to be painted or stained.



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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Can Wall Cladding Boards be installed inside?

Yes, Composite Wall Cladding is a versatile Cladding material, designed to transform the exterior of your home. However, the Boards can easily be installed inside, if desired.

## Can I use a pressure washer?

A pressure washer can be used to clean your Composite Cladding Boards. We recommend using a pressure washer with a psi of no greater than 2,000.

A fan tip should be used with a 40 to 60 degree spread, keeping the head 250-300mm away from the surface. Always test in an inconspicuous area first. Direct, prolonged contact could damage the surface of the Boards and should be avoided.

## Do I need planning permission to put my Wall Cladding up?

In most cases, adding Cladding to your home does not require planning permission, providing that the materials are off a similar appearance to the rest of your home. In some cases, you may need to apply for planning permission if your home is a listed building in an area of exceptional beauty or a national park. Please note that we are not licensed planning or building surveyors. We recommend speaking to a licenced professional.

## Do I need to paint my Composite Wall Cladding Boards?

Composite Wall Cladding Boards are available in a variety of eight colours. The low-maintenance composite material does not need to be sanded, treated or varnished. Simply select your chosen colour, install and enjoy. Please note, our Composite Decking Boards cannot be painted.

## How much do Composite Cladding products weigh?

The Composite Wall Cladding Boards we supply are available in 3.6m lengths. Each 3.6m length can cover 0.45sqm. Each Board weighs approximately 6.95kg.

## What colours are available?

Unlike traditional timber fencing, Composite Cladding is available in eight colours to match your chosen design or to blend into the environment. Composite Corner Trims are also available in the same eight colours.



Charcoal

Teak

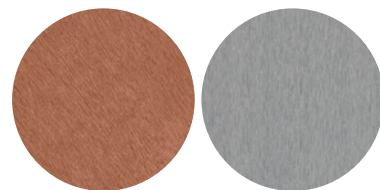
Light Grey



Ivory

Olive Green

Coffee



Redwood

Stone Grey



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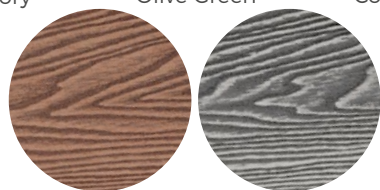
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## What is Composite Cladding made of?

Composite Wall Cladding products are manufactured from 60% FSC-Certified hardwood fibres and 40% recycled plastic. This makes them an environmentally-friendly, rot resistant and durable Cladding material.

## Is Composite Cladding fire rated?

As Composite products are part wood fibres, Composite Wall Cladding Boards are not fire rated.