

Care and Maintenance

You need to think about a few things before you coat your wood surfaces with SiOO:X Wood Protection.

Even though our wood protection improves and strengthens the timber, surfaces must still be kept free from dirt, algae and atmospheric fallout including airborne fungal spore. The SiOO:X treatment provides protective resistance to penetration of algae and fungi but, in humid climates such as the UK, they can in some locations take hold on the surface. Wood is a natural material and this can happen as it can on other treated wood and on man made materials.

Check the surface regularly so that you can care for and maintain it as needed.

Cleaning

Lighter superficial dirt

- A. Brush with a scrubber or medium hard brush on the dry surface to remove superficial dirt.
- B. If you need more cleaning than from dry brushing, use SiOO:X Maintenance Wash diluted with water with a scrubber or hand brush. Rinse well to remove all of the cleaning agent. If you brush heavily, the surface will benefit from a thin layer of SiOO:X Surface Protection (Step 2). When you wash with water, this will start processes in the SiOO:X products that clean the wood even more after you have finished washing. So that if you miss some algae, for example, it will often disappear after a month or so after the wood has dried.

A method that has been shown to work well on surface fungi, is to use a hand spray bottle containing 10ml of household bleach to 100ml of water to liberally spray and saturate the affected area. Leave to cure overnight. Repeat the process on stubborn areas. Invariably the surface fungi will disappear. This method omits scrubbing and the likelihood of having to recoat with the Surface Protector.

Heavier superficial dirt

- C. If washing following the instruction for B does not fully work, you can use other products designed for removing black spores, mould, fungi, algae and lichen. Follow the manufacture's instructions and advice. Use products with PH between 3 and 8 that do not react so much on the Surface Protection.
- D. In most cases the above processes work successfully. If a stronger application seems to be needed, further advice can be obtained from our main distributors or from Sioo.

Additional information is accessible on www.sioox.org.uk



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