

Maintenance and care instructions for Siparila Topcoat®

Durable surface with Siparila Topcoat® cladding panels

Siparila Topcoat® is a fully finished exterior cladding panel that is industrially primed and fully pre-painted. Topcoat® exterior cladding panels have a hidden fastening, which improves the panels' weather resistance since the water cannot damage the wood from the attachment points. The ends of the panels are also grooved and tongued, enabling flexible and watertight extensions.

Siparila Oy and Tikkurila Oyj are determined to work together to improve the quality and durability of wood construction. Topcoat® facade panels are safe to use, and the surfaces are easy to maintain and renew. The environmental impact of the final disposal of the panels is minimised. Topcoat® panels are suitable for use with houses certified with the Nordic Swan Ecolabel.

Exterior wooden surfaces require protection

Outdoors, wood is exposed to various environmental factors. Sunlight, temperature fluctuations, humidity and various mechanical and biological factors put a strain on wood. The surface treatment is subject to the same stress factors. Surface treatment provides wood surfaces a beautiful gloss, colour and protection against external stresses.

Good results require the right conditions and methods

When the panels are painted in the factory at controlled, even temperatures, the final result is not affected by the weather or other stress factors. This will extend the maintenance painting interval of the facade panels significantly.

Transportation and storage of the panels

During transportation and storage, the treated panels must be protected from water, preferably covered. The panels must be prevented from touching the ground during storage.

Things to consider during the construction phase

It is necessary to treat the cut surfaces of the cladding panels immediately after installation. Careful treatment of cut surfaces of the panels with Tikkurila's Ultra range of exterior house paints, as well as the invisible fastening of Topcoat panels, prevents moisture from seeping deeper from the surface of the wood. Siparila recommends the Classic, Matt and Lux paints of Tikkurila's Ultra range for the treatment of cut surfaces.

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Maintenance painting and preparation of Topcoat® cladding panels

Topcoat® cladding should be checked annually for any mechanical damage in the paintwork. If necessary, the damage should be repaired as soon as they are discovered.

Before maintenance painting, the surface to be painted must be cleaned from any dirt and loose material. Any mould and algae growth must be removed in accordance with Tikkurila's instructions (available in Finnish at www.tikkurila.fi). Applicable instructions are the product datasheet of Tikkurila's maintenance cleaner and, in the case of maintenance painting, the product datasheet of Tikkurila's mould removal or equivalent instructions available on the Internet.

Rusting metal parts are protected with Rostex Super anti-corrosion primer. We recommend using Ultra Matt, Ultra Classic or Ultra Lux paints for maintenance painting. Preparation and painting are carried out in accordance with the instruction manuals of the products.

Painting conditions

The wood and surface to be painted must be dry. The temperature of the air, paint and surface to be painted must be above +5 °C and the relative humidity of the air below 80%. Make sure that, throughout the painting process and as the paint dries, conditions remain as specified in the instructions.

Ensure a successful outcome

Tikkurila's products, preservatives, primers and topcoats deliver the best possible results when used together. In the future, you should also use the same paint for maintenance. Follow the instructions, as the best possible benefit can only be achieved when products are used correctly.

Products for maintenance painting and topcoating:

Water-dilutable facade paints

Ultra Matt

Ultra Classic

Ultra Lux

These panels have been painted with

Ultra Pro 30