

Exterior Sealed Shou Sugi Ban

Shou Sugi Ban (also known as Yakisugi) is the traditional Japanese art of charring wood to create a blackened, charred finish with unique properties and characteristics. When traditionally applied, the Shou Sugi Ban process creates a layer of carbonization on the wood which offers a degree of natural resistance against water, fire, rot, and insects. This blackened surface ages with the elements, creating a stunning patina.

When applied for aesthetic purposes, the charring process creates unique shapes, textures, and tones that cannot be replicated through paint or stain.

This material must be handled with extreme care throughout the entire receiving, storage, and installation process. Any type of careless handling could result in chipping, scratching or removal of the carbon surface.

Using our black sealer, a localized touch-up can be used to repair any accidental damage that may occur from mishandling. **For a maintenance coat we recommend using our reformulated Renner M339. Apply this maintenance coat with a fine finish sprayer and carefully back brush as needed.**

For proper handling, we recommend avoiding any situation that would involve friction on the wood's surface, including dragging, pressing, and scraping. Wood must be gently lifted upwards, and placed with care, while unloading and installing the material.

Recommended fastening systems include stainless steel trim head screws, or our Nova ExoClad® Rainscreen QuickClip® system. Never use nails or pneumatic fastening systems, both of which can damage the wood surface.

Although the carbon layer of traditional Shou Sugi Ban is intended to age and patina over time, the sealer on Hewn's material acts to add longevity to the original finish. While maintenance is not required for this product to remain stable over time, additional coats of sealer can be applied if the surface appears dry or weathered.

Please reach out to maintenance@hewn.com with any questions or concerns regarding your Hewn Exterior Shou Sugi Ban siding.