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## **Composite Garden Room Information**

All our composite buildings are manufactured using the highest quality Ultrashield composite.

Composite garden rooms are becoming exceedingly popular due to their authentic timber look, low maintenance and ability not to rot, split or suffer fungal decay.

To ensure your composite garden room retains its original beauty you will need to be aware of the following.

### **Mineral Deposits**

Mineral deposits appear when regular cleaning is not carried out. The deposits appear because of rain mixing with runoff from roofs, fences, trees, hedges etc. When evaporated from the composite it creates a haze on the surface that can be washed away if seen within a certain period. If over time the haze is not cleared, it can build up and create layers that are more difficult to clean. To remove mineral deposits, you can use 50/50 solution of water and vinegar, spray the solution on the affected area, leave for five minutes and use a non-metal scrub brush in the direction of the grain to remove the deposits, finish by rinsing with water and drying the area with a towel to see the results. It may take multiple times scrubbing the boards to get the mineral deposits off the surface.

#### **Mould and Mildew**

Mould and mildew occurs periodically in everyday environments; Therefore, surface mould and mildew can appear on the composite if decaying organic material such as, but not limited to, wood, leaf decay and pollen are present along with elevated temperatures, air and water. There is no way to eliminate mould and mildew, therefore, you can only minimise the occurrence by removing the decaying organic materials as quickly as possible. If mould and mildew are present, use warm soapy water and a soft non-metal scrub brush to clean.

# **Irregular Heat Sources/Fire**

Composite has the tendency to retain heat whenever presented directly or indirectly to it. Irregular heat sources, such as but not limited to, fire pits, chimineas, barbecues, patio heaters etc may damage the surface of the composite. Precautions should be taken from irregular heat sources to ensure no damage occurs.

#### **Masonry Construction**

During masonry construction the composite should be covered with a tarpaulin or construction grade plastic film. Mineral deposits, left over from construction, can mix with water and evaporate leaving deposits behind which create a white/haze on the surface. These are exceedingly difficult to remove and will require regular maintenance to maintain the original look.



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# **Chemicals, Solvents and Paints**

No chemicals, solvents or paints should be used on the composite products. Please also take care when using weed killers around the base of the building avoiding contact with the composite.

## **Board Tolerance**

The composite board manufacturer allows a tolerance of 2 - 4mm in board height. This means each board height can vary slightly, our fitters work hard to ensure all the boards on the building line up to create a high-standard finish.

# **Board Shrinkage**

Unlike timber, Composite boards can shrink in width rather than depth. Our boards are cut in the factory to allow for this shrinkage, our bespoke corner and joining strips means that this potential shrinkage should not be visible on a completed building.

Boards may shrink this way.

Rather than this way (like timber).

N.B Pressure washers should not be used on Composite Garden Rooms, the PSI pressure can damage the composite and membrane between the composite and internal walls leading to water ingress. Should pressure washers be used the building guarantee will be void.