



## CLASSIC CLADDING INSTALLATION MANUAL

### CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Congratulations on the purchase of your Classic composite cladding.

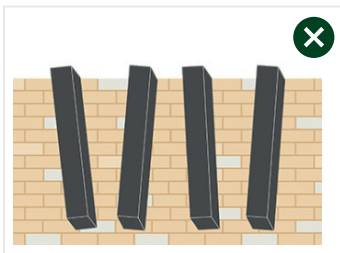
To ensure that you keep your low maintenance cladding looking its best we commend that you follow a few easy guidelines.

For periodic cleaning use a soft bristle brush and a dilution of mild soap and warm water. For those using a pressure washer we recommend that you stand at least 1m away from the area you are to clean. Spray in the direction of the grain to avoid damaging the product. Always follow the safety precautions when operating a pressure washer.

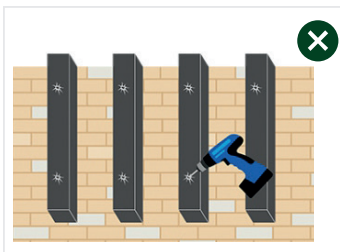
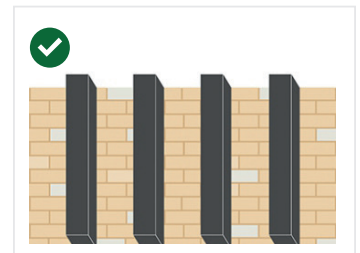
For those harder to clean areas or where the cladding may have been damaged we recommend using a 400 grit sandpaper or above. Lightly sand the cladding in the same direction of the grain. Rinse thoroughly with water after sanding. Please use the correct PPE when carrying out sanding.

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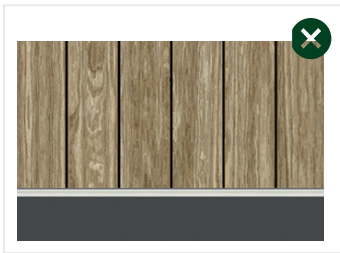
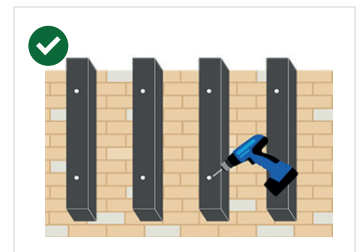
**NOTE: WHEN SCREWING THROUGH COMPOSITE PRODUCTS ALWAYS PRE DRILL ANY HOLES**



Batten must be laid on a solid flat surface such as a brick wall. Without this it will cause movement and could be dangerous.



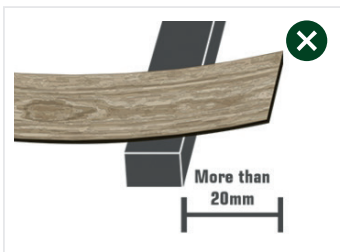
Always pre drill the wood plastic composite cladding using a minimum of a 4.5mm drill bit. If you do not you risk damaging the product over time.



When constructing cladding vertically, insure to use drip plate to prevent panels from sliding down.



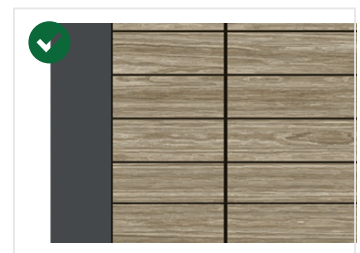
Battens must be set to a minimum of 400mm centres, if not boards may warp or move uncontrollably. Composite battens need to be fully supported along their length.



Ends of cladding boards panels must be supported and not have an overhang of more than 20mm. If not boards will move or cause damage.

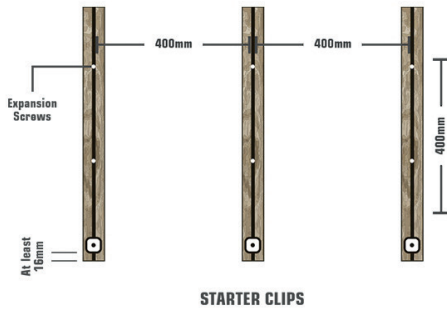


Butted boards must have 3mm gap. If not boards may warp or crack under pressure.



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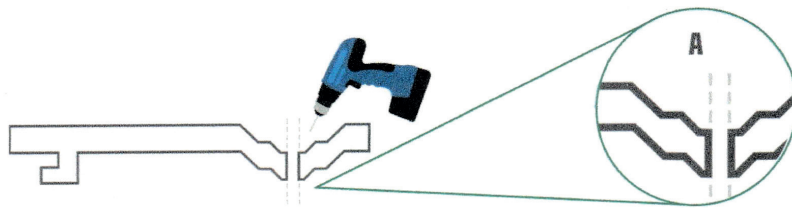
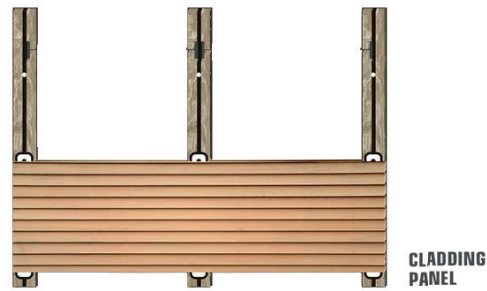


#### SCREWING THE BATTENS

1. Fix battens at 400 mm centres on a flat surface. Battens should be the opposite way to the intentions of the cladding. Battens on butt joints should be minimum 100mm wide.
2. Fix Starter Clips to the battens at least 16mm from edges. Ensure the cladding will be level prior to fixing.

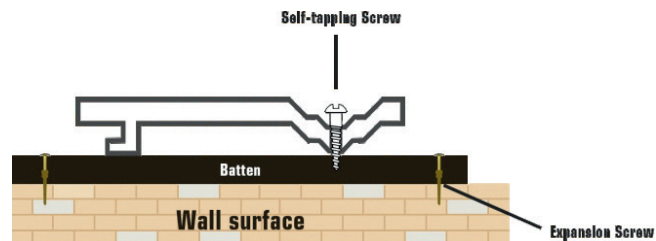
#### FIXING THE CLADDING

- Once the first board is securely located and level pre-drill a 4.5 mm hole through the board.

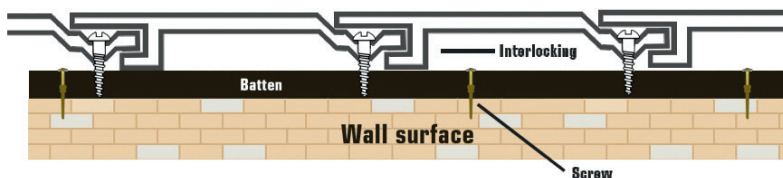


Pre-drill a hole 4.5mm on the panel's rail A position first.

Insert the 4mm screw into the hole, then tighten the screw till the panel has securely fixed on the joist.

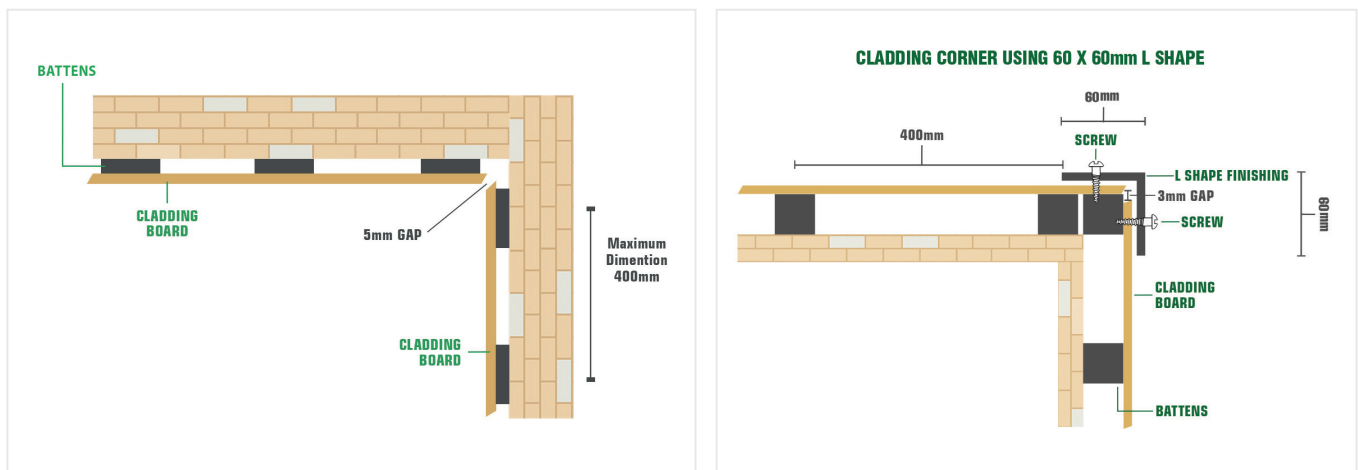


The boards will now interlock as below.



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### TYPICAL CORNER DETAIL



**SCREW HOLES HAVE TO BE PRE DRILLED**

### MAINTENANCE & DISCLAIMER

#### COLOUR EXPECTANCY

Due to sun bleach, composite products are subject to fade. We use a recycled product, thus color variations are expected. Our warranty does not cover color fade, water marks or discoloration or stains on our products. Colour variations may occur in different batches, wherever possible we advise that you purchase enough of the product at the same time to complete your project.

#### DISCLAIMER

The information given in this guide is based on guidelines for installation of domestic properties. This manual does not cover any guidance for commercial projects due to the complexity of commercial designs. This general guide may not cover every scenario envisaged. It will be solely the responsibility of the installer for the installation methods they use and the performance as every installation can differ and may be unique. Blend Composite recommends that all designs should be reviewed by a licensed architect or engineer before installation, and that every plan or design meets that building regulations and permission before the beginning installations. Please use suitably qualified personnel to prevent injuries or accidents.