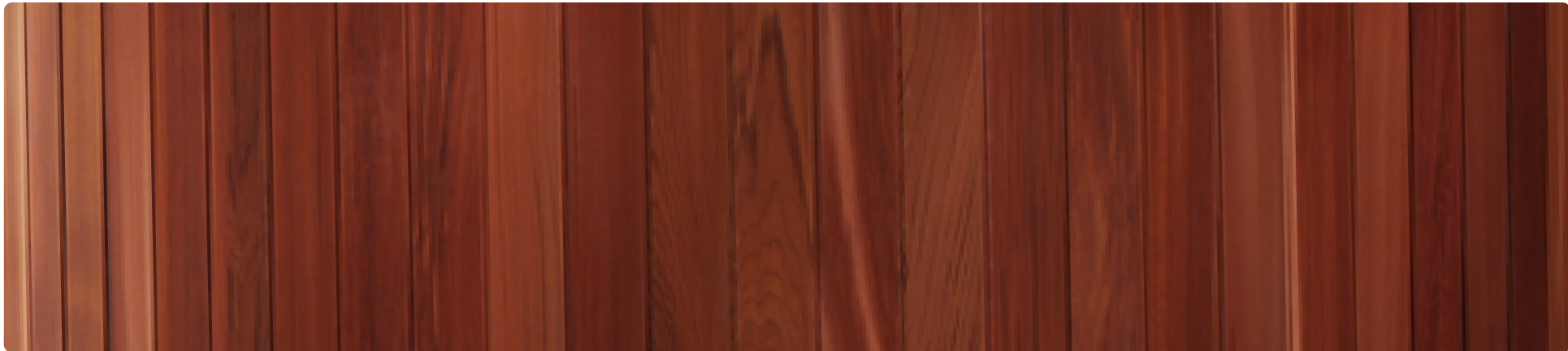




Red Cedar Care & Maintenance Guide

Caring for the natural timber finish of your **Odyssey Cold Plunge**





Odyssey Cold Plunges featuring timber cladding are finished using Western Red Cedar, selected for its natural durability, dimensional stability and suitability for outdoor environments. As a natural material, however, the appearance of the timber will change over time when exposed to sunlight, moisture and changing weather conditions.

These changes are a normal characteristic of real timber and do not affect the underlying stainless-steel construction or operation of your Odyssey Cold Plunge.

01 | *Natural Weathering*

Western Red Cedar naturally changes colour as it ages. Depending on the location and level of exposure, the original warm cedar tones may gradually lighten, darken or develop a silver-grey appearance.

Individual boards may weather at slightly different rates due to variations in grain, moisture exposure and sunlight. Small changes in colour, grain appearance, surface texture and minor movement of the timber are therefore to be expected. Areas receiving more direct sunlight or rain may weather faster than protected areas.

Regular maintenance allows the original appearance to be retained or restored if preferred.

02 | *Protecting Your Cold Plunge*

Although Western Red Cedar is naturally well suited to outdoor use, we strongly recommend positioning the cold plunge in a sheltered location wherever practical.

Reducing direct exposure to rainfall and prolonged sunlight will significantly help preserve the appearance of the timber and extend the life of its protective finish. A plunge installed in a fully exposed position will generally require more frequent timber maintenance than one installed beneath shelter.

- Position the plunge beneath a canopy, pergola, roof overhang or other suitable shelter where possible.
- Avoid locations where roof runoff or guttering discharges directly onto the timber.
- Avoid allowing sprinklers or irrigation systems to repeatedly wet the cladding.
- Maintain airflow around the plunge and do not permanently enclose wet timber.
- Do not allow leaves, soil or other organic material to remain against the timber.
- Wipe away standing water where practical.
- Keep the supplied insulated cover fitted when the plunge is not being used.

03 | *Routine Maintenance*

Inspect the timber periodically, particularly after winter or extended periods of poor weather.

For minor areas of fading, dryness or light weathering, clean the affected area and allow it to dry completely. A suitable Osmo UV-Protection Oil can then be applied in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

It is normally preferable to treat complete boards or sections rather than very small isolated patches, as this helps achieve a more consistent appearance. Always test any treatment on a small, inconspicuous area first.

04 | *Heavier Weathering and Refinishing*

Where the protective finish has deteriorated more significantly, simply applying additional oil over the existing surface may not produce an even result. In these circumstances, the affected timber should be lightly sanded back to clean, sound timber before being refinished. The surface should be clean, dry and free from dust before Osmo UV Protective oil is reapplied. Follow the oil manufacturer's preparation, application and drying instructions.

For extensive weathering, we recommend refinishing the complete affected face or section of the plunge rather than individual patches. This produces a considerably more uniform finish.

05 | *How Often Should The Timber Be Treated?*

There is no fixed maintenance interval because the rate of weathering depends heavily on installation conditions. A plunge beneath a covered outdoor area may require very little attention, while one exposed year-round to direct sunlight, rainfall and winter weather will require more regular maintenance.

We recommend inspecting the timber every 3 months and carrying out preventative treatment when the finish begins to look dry, faded or worn rather than waiting for significant weathering to develop. Preventative maintenance is considerably easier than restoring heavily weathered timber.

06 | *Cleaning the timber*

Cleaning For routine cleaning, use a soft cloth or sponge with clean water and, where required, a mild timber-appropriate cleaning solution. Avoid aggressive pressure washing, abrasive cleaning pads, bleach and harsh chemical cleaners. These can damage the surface fibres or protective finish. If using a new cleaning or maintenance product, always test it on an inconspicuous area first.

07 | *Natural Timber Characteristics*

Please remember that Western Red Cedar is a natural material rather than a manufactured surface. Variations in colour and grain are part of its appearance.

Over time you may also see minor checking, small surface cracks, slight movement or differences in weathering between individual boards. These characteristics are normal for externally exposed natural timber and should not automatically be considered a product defect.

08 | *Long-term Care*

With appropriate care, Western Red Cedar provides an attractive and durable exterior finish for your Odyssey Cold Plunge.

The most effective approach is simple: protect it from unnecessary weather exposure, inspect it regularly and maintain the finish before significant weathering occurs.

A sheltered installation combined with periodic cleaning and re-oiling will significantly reduce maintenance requirements and help keep the timber looking its best for years to come.

Important

Natural weathering, colour variation, minor timber movement and deterioration of surface finishes resulting from environmental exposure are normal characteristics of external timber and require routine maintenance. These should be distinguished from defects in the underlying product or workmanship.