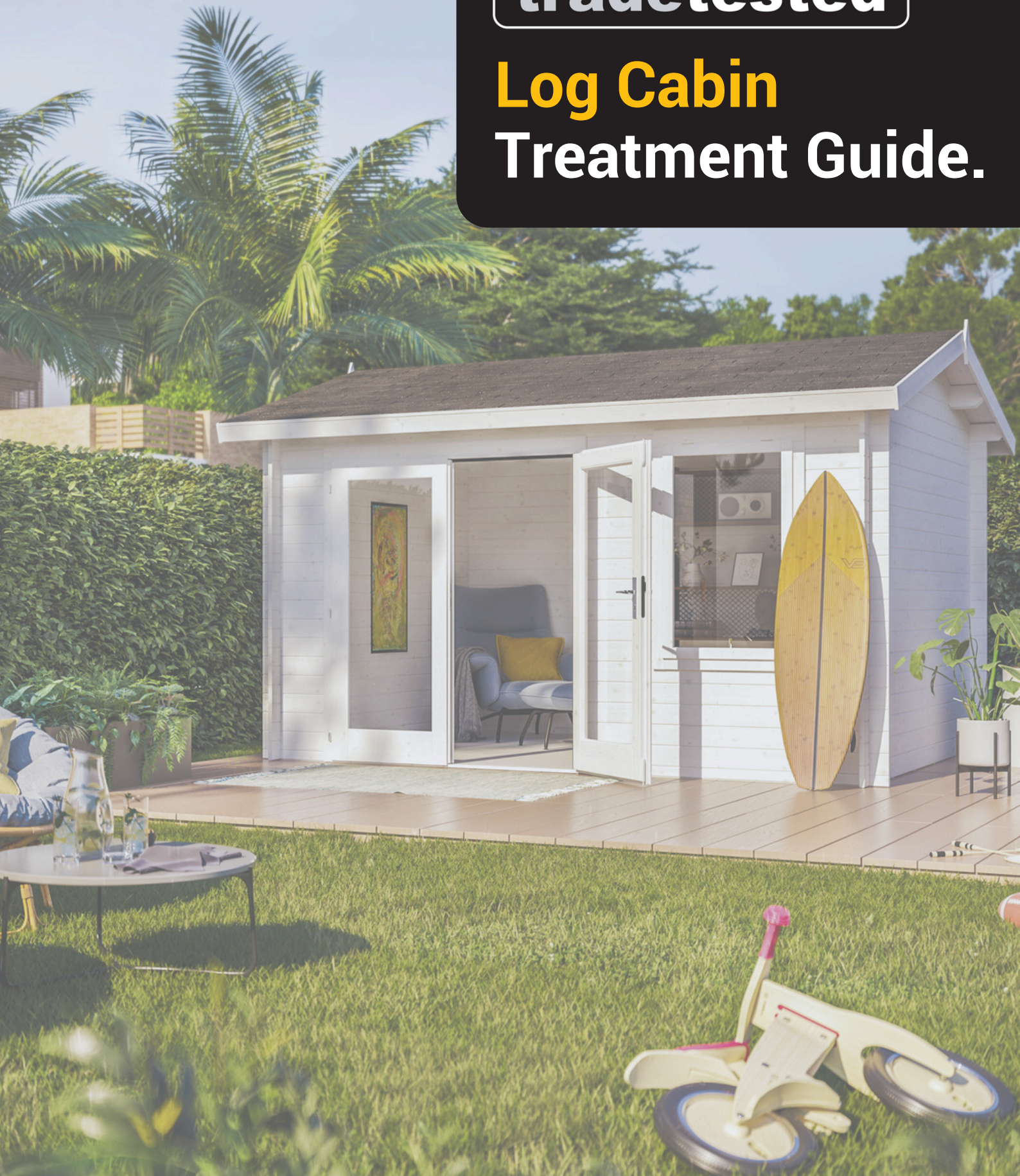


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Log Cabin

Treatment Guide.



Please ensure that you fully read your instruction manual included with your Palmako Log Cabin and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us on

0800 800 880.

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Get ready to make your log cabin great.

Thanks for choosing us to help create your backyard oasis!

We've created this booklet with valuable care & maintenance information to keep your cabin in optimal condition.

Follow these straight forward steps and your cabin will be the start of your backyard for years to come.

Cheers!

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Preparation.

+ DELIVERY & STORAGE

All Palmako Cabins are delivered unfinished and untreated

If you are not intending to build your cabin straight away, do not remove the protective packaging, and keep the components in a dry place with no direct contact with the ground. You must keep the cabin components away from weather conditions (moisture, sun, etc). Do not store in a heated room.

The above guidance can be crucial when it comes to the longevity and structural integrity of your cabin.

+ SITE PREPARATION

A good foundation is the key to guaranteeing the longevity and quality of your cabin. Only a completely level, rectangular foundation and bearers will ensure problem-free installation of the cabin.

The floor must be a minimum of 50mm off the ground, preferably more. The underside of the floorboards and the joists should be painted thoroughly and care taken to ensure enough airflow under the cabin. We recommend using Malthoid DOC between joists and the ground.

If unsure consult with, or have the foundation prepared by a specialist.

+ KNOTS & CRACKS

It is important to address knots and cracks prior to painting or treating your cabin,

Knots can be present in the wood and could, over time, lead to water ingress. We recommend filling these with a premium outdoor wood filler and sanding down, followed by your chosen primer or treatment.

Due to the nature of the timber, there is also a possibility that cracks may appear over time as the wood expands and contracts. We recommend covering any cracks with a wood putty, sanding down and then re-treating or re-painting the affected area.

+ FLOOR BOARDS, DOORS & WINDOWS

It is recommended that you protect the floor boards in advance with a colourless wood impregnation agent such as Cutek Euro, especially the undersides of the boards, to which you will no longer have access when the house is assembled.

This will prevent moisture penetration.

It is also recommended that you coat the doors and windows with Cutek Euro or similar - both indoor and outdoor facing. Failure to prep doors and windows with protection can result in the doors and windows becoming twisted over time.

+ CORNERS

Corners can be areas of water ingress if not properly treated, it is important to ensure that you treat every corner to protect the cabin and keep the weather out. If not treated correctly, water could seep through the corners and into the cabin. We recommend using a small paintbrush into order to cover these areas completely.

+ ROOF

As the roof will receive the brunt of the weather it is critical that this is treated correctly.

Treat the roof with the specified number of coats that is advised by your chosen treatment manufacturer and cover with the roofing felt roll provided and/or the optional Log Cabin Roofing Shingles. Many customers choose to enhance the roofing further using ColorSteel roof panels or similar.

When treating the cabin ensure that you treat the ends of the roof boards as, although these will sit behind the fascia board, left untreated water can seep through the roof boards leading to warping, water ingress or mould issues.

Once these are treated, ensure both the back and the front of the fascia board is also treated, then attach.

+ STORM BRACING

If your cabin model includes storm bracing, this must be attached. Please refer to your manual for further instructions.

If gaps become present around the storm bracing this may indicate that they are too tight. Loosen them slightly and let the wood settle back into place.

Treating or Staining.

+ GOING FOR THE 'AU NATURAL' LOOK?

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Once you have removed your cabin components from the protective wrapping you must treat them immediately with your chosen wood preservative before exposing them to the elements. Untreated wood can become grey and can eventually turn blue and become mouldy.

We recommend the use of Cutek Euro 10L for a clear protection, or Cutek Colourtone for a stain/tint option.

Cutek is made specifically for NZ weather conditions and is an oil-based wood stabiliser with a unique self-healing effect. Penetrating deeply into timber, Cutek highlights the natural grain and beauty of wood whilst providing robust and long lasting protection. Cutek Euro will not flake or peel and maintenance is fast and simple – no need to sand or strip.

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For best results, ensure that you have not applied any prior sealants, barriers, or any product to the cabin components that could affect the penetration of the Cutek Oil.

Apply evenly with a brush, speed brush, roller or spray – remove excess drips and runs. Timber should be only slightly oily after application.

Apply a second coat once your first coat is dry.

If you are not using Cutek Euro, please refer to the manufacturer of your oil/stain choice for correct application tips

Priming & Painting.

+ WANT TO GET CREATIVE WITH IT?

Read over the preparation recommendations laid out on pages 1-2 of this guide.

Next, start with a premium primer/undercoat similar to Dulux One Step Prep.

Finish off with 2 top coats off premium paint, similar to Dulux Weathershield.

A weather protection paint that will protect wood from moisture and UV radiation is crucial to the conclusive finishing. Consult a paint specialist at your local paint or hardware store to chat about recommended options for unprocessed softwood.

When painting, always use high quality tools and paints, and follow the paint manufacturer's application manual and safety and usage instructions

Cloudy or overcast conditions are ideal for painting - avoid painting in extreme sunlight or rain.

Having been properly painted, your product's lifetime will increase substantially. Palmako recommends that you inspect the house thoroughly - once every six months - to assess if any touch-ups are needed.

+ WARRANTIES

Please see our website product pages for the warranty period that applies to your cabin. Give us a call on 0800 800 880 if you wish to discuss the details of your warranty.

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