

UltraLight Trim is a solid paulownia wood product. While paulownia is naturally stable and rot-resistant compared to other wood species, it requires more thorough maintenance and care than its engineered wood counterparts. A routine of bi-annual inspections and a regular cleaning schedule are required to maximize the lifespan of the factory coating and to protect the wood substrate.

1. Bi-Annual Inspection

Spring Check (Post-Freeze / Thaw Period)

- **Caulking:** Check caulking integrity. If the caulking allows moisture to penetrate the joint, immediately remove and re-apply. We recommend using a high-performance sealant (caulking).
- **Butt Joints and Miters:** Check for any gaps and seal them.
- **Bare Wood:** If any bare wood is exposed, immediately clean, sand, prime, and touch it up. We recommend using a premium, oil primer with a water-based 100% acrylic exterior touch-up paint.

Autumn Check (Post-Summer)

- **Paint Integrity:** Check for paint blistering, cracks, or peeling. While covered by our 10-year warranty on paint, Doman must be advised as soon as the first symptoms appear. Abnormal degradation can be caused by improper installation and use (e.g., lack of sealant, lack of seals, overdriven fixing holes, or lack of seals on cuts).
- **Environmental Spores and Mildew:** If you see green or black spots on your trim, immediately clean them using our safe cleaning protocol.

2. Preventative Care & Repairs

- **Landscaping:** Prune branches and shrubs to keep them 12 to 18 inches away from the trim to prevent moisture transfer and scratching.
- **Water Management:** To avoid excessive water exposure, keep gutters clear and ensure lawn sprinklers are angled away from the home.

3. Cleaning Schedule and Safe Cleaning Protocol

Dust, dirt, pollen, and other natural airborne organic debris are prone to deposit on any exterior surface. When exposed to warmth and a humid environment (moisture, rain, or dew), this creates a perfect environment for mold and mildew to grow.

While mildew does not directly affect the structural integrity and performance of the siding or trims, it is not aesthetically pleasing. If left untreated for a long period, it can permanently stain your siding/trims, risk degrading the paint's protective barrier, and ultimately damage the substrate itself.

To help prevent the development of stains, regularly wash your trims using a low-pressure garden hose, and use a gentle scrub if a deeper clean is necessary. Please note that homes near forests, farmlands, and waterfronts require more vigilance due to these natural environmental phenomena.

If any staining does appear on the protective coating, please follow the safe cleaning protocol below:

1. **General Dirt and Debris:** Scrub gently along the wood grain using a soft-bristle brush or microfiber cloth with warm water and a mild, pH-neutral detergent.
2. **Stain Treatment:** Kill fungal spores by applying a mildewcide*. Let it sit for 5–10 minutes, scrub lightly along the wood grain, and rinse completely.
3. **Rinse:** Thoroughly spray the trim from top to bottom with a standard, low-pressure garden hose before the cleaning solution dries.

*Recommended Mildewcides:

Mold Stain & Mildew Stain Remover by ZEP

- Very effective for cleaning small to large stains.
- Use a soft brush on the boards until the stains are completely removed, then rinse with clean water.

Always read and follow the instructions on the product.

Mold Control by Concrobium

- Highly effective at preventing new growth and excellent as a routine cleaner.
- Spray the boards, let the product sit for a short time (10 minutes), and rinse with clean water.
- Always read and follow the instructions on the product.

Both products are readily available in retail stores and offer an immediate solution to spore growth.

For any questions, or if you are interested in more details on how to take care of your trims, please contact us or your UltraLight Trim specialist for professional assistance

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