



# Yukari Best Practices

## INSTALLATION

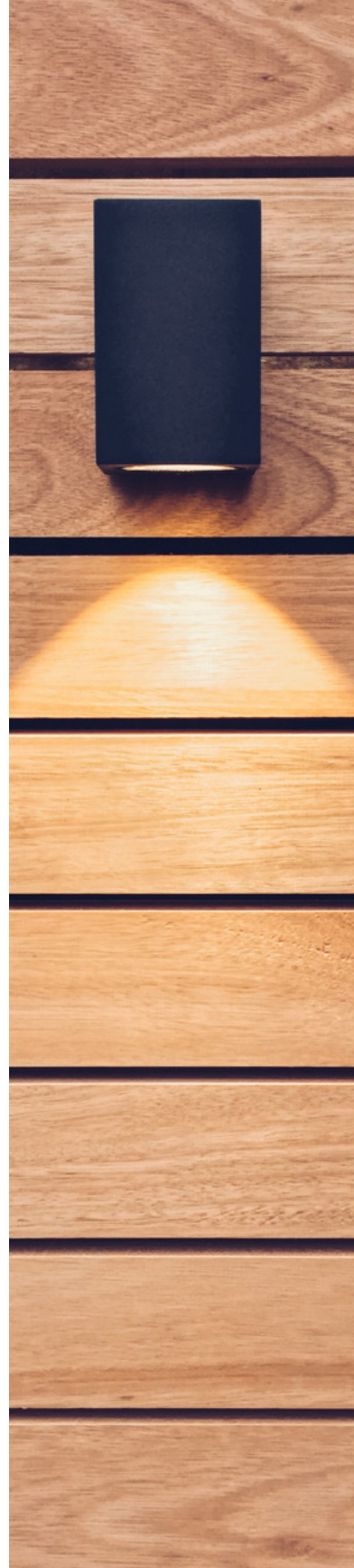
Yukari is an FSC certified plantation hardwood and must be sealed on all 6 sides prior to installation. Yukari accepts a variety of water, solvent, and oil-based finishes and sealers. Please consult an expert for a finish system recommendation designed for the specific install environment.

It is critical that all raw surfaces (including the tongue and groove) are sealed to minimize movement. Check for split ends or cracks in boards while staining/sealing. Remove/cut off splits or cracks in ends of boards and re-seal prior to installation. As with most wood products, Yukari will expand and contract in response to moisture/humidity and temperature. Acclimation of the material at the job site in a dry well-ventilated area for 10-14 days prior to install is recommended.

Ensure that for siding and soffit applications there is adequate airflow around the boards, and allowances for expansion and contraction (furring strips, battens, expansion joints, and ventilation systems.)

- » Re-seal any end cuts made, or mill painted ends if left uncut from the mill
- » Stainless steel fasteners (screws are recommended, but ring shanks and brad nails can be used.) Finish nails are not recommended.
- » Install fasteners at least 3/4" from edge to prevent splitting
- » Pre-drill if fastening with screws
- » Avoid using galvanized fasteners – while galvanized fasteners are popular in exterior applications, they can react with the tannins in wood and can cause stains or corrosion
- » Install at least 12" above grade and in accordance with local building codes

To maintain the beauty and integrity of the product, inspect seasonally and re-apply finish/sealer to joints, exposed ends, and faces as needed.



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