

# LARCH EXTERIOR SIDING FAQs

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## **Why choose larch?**

Larch is an underutilized species with rot resistance greater than Douglas fir, an attractive grain, neutral color, and affordability making it an ideal wood for siding products. By keeping this wood out of pulp mills and fireplaces, you are also doing your part to reduce carbon emissions.

## **How does larch compare to cedar?**

The fast-growth and harvest cycles of today's cedar make it no more rot resistant than larch. We also question the sustainability of cedar.

## **Can we go vertical with the larch? Would we need to do a flashing transition at the end cuts? Have you seen this used with a chamfered end cut?**

Yes on vertical. Our experience is that a 45 degree transitional cut is enough, and flashing at that point is way overkill.

## **What are the maintenance requirements and needs?**

Depends on so many factors, like any exterior siding. Exposure to the sun is of course the biggest. All siding changes over time, with the west side changing more than the north, for instance. Water detailing, over hangs, personal preference, etc. all have a say on answering your question. One of us just refinished their own wood siding after 9 years for the first time—someone else might have done so a couple of years earlier.

## **What is the finish material?**

Seal Once. We have found this to be pretty green, with the shortest MFDS sheet of any exterior finish we could find.

## **What is the warranty on the larch?**

The Seal Once finish comes with a limited warranty, like most all finishes. The larch itself has no warranty.

## **Can we source it in the future if necessary?**

Larch is a wood that will be around longer than any of us. Pioneer Millworks is entering our 30th year and is employee-owned in large part to insure continuity after our founder transitions.

## **How does the prefinished material act? Will we need to cut every piece on site and put a finish on the end?**

The wood comes in random, though reasonably long, lengths and has to be cut to length on site. We send along enough extra Seal Once to touch up the ends after cutting. This is required in all prefinished sidings.

## **What finishes are available?**

Larch Select and Standard can be finished in 4 different colors: Mahogany, Natural, Battleship Grey, and Bronze Cedar. We can also supply the siding unfinished.

## **What surface options are available?**

Larch Select is available either wire brushed or circle sawn. Larch Standard is only provided as wire brushed.

## **We're here to help.**

Don't hesitate to reach out to our sales department if you have changes or questions. You can reach us at: [info@pionermillworks.com](mailto:info@pionermillworks.com) or 800-951-9663.