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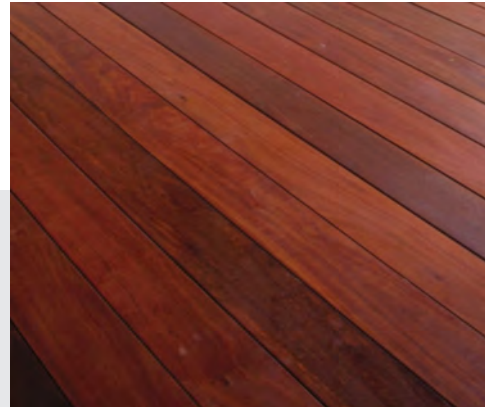


Kayu® International, Inc. was founded in 1994 and is one of the world's largest serving Direct Importers of the finest Exotic Hardwood for the U.S. and Canadian markets; providing decades of **High Quality Hardwood, Dependable Service at Surprisingly Affordable Prices.**

Fundamental Guidelines

We've outlined some fundamental guidelines to assist you with the process of installing your siding, being mindful that each project is unique and the details vary from build to build. Please consult with a professional siding installer in your area.

All wood is subject to expansion and contraction as the moisture in the environment surrounding the wood changes. KAYU® siding is skillfully kiln-dried, board to board, resulting in highly consistent results. Unlike air-dried boards, shrinkage is very limited with kiln-dried boards.



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**KAYU®-RAINSCREEN SIDING™
INSTALLATION FUNDAMENTALS**

**The Look of a New Generation, The Feel of Tradition
Build with KAYU®**

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Maximum Allowable Board Spans for Exterior Siding:

KAYU®-Exterior Siding™	
Nominal Size	100 PSF on Center
1 x 4	16" on center
1 x 6	16" on center
5/4 x 4	24" on center
5/4 x 6	24" on center

We recommend narrower spans, for a sturdier Hardwood siding.

DISCLAIMER

KAYU® hardwood products are carefully selected and inspected to ensure the finest quality. However, all wood is subject to expansion and contraction as the moisture in the environment surrounding the wood changes. Shrinkage, expansion, checking and other movement are normal occurrences in all hardwood siding. Natural wood products are subject to variances in color, grain, density and performance.

STORAGE AND HANDLING

- Before installation and finishing, keep your KAYU® hardwood boards clean, dry and out of direct sunlight. Acclimate to your project site by dry-storing 2 weeks prior to installation. Do not store siding directly on the ground. Be sure the bottom boards are well ventilated by placing the boards at least 12" off the ground and on top of blocks. Do not cover KAYU® material with plastic or tarp during the acclimation period, this will trap moisture and cause stability issues. Place a sheet of plywood on top of the boards to protect against water. Do not store the wood in an enclosed area (this includes warehouses & garages). Keep material dry until installation.
- Do not cut Metal anywhere near KAYU® Hardwood during the installation process, avoiding MPCC (Metallic Particle Corrosion Contamination).

SEALING /FINISHING

- Prior to installation, seal siding with a high-quality penetrating oil sealer on all four sides. Sealing only one side will create uneven moisture flow which increases the likelihood of cupping.
- In order to bring back the original color of the siding, a periodic cleaning and a new coat of finish will be necessary. Once a year is the standard guideline for maintenance. The rate at which maintenance is needed, depends largely on; the degree of exposure to direct sunlight, climatic conditions, preference of color and the frequency at which any preservative treatments are applied.
- Similar to other exterior wood products, with time, KAYU® Hardwoods will gradually fade to a silver-gray patina color. In this state, maintenance on your siding will be as low as any other siding product on the market.

KAYU® DRYING

- KAYU® boards are skillfully kiln-dried for consistent application, board to board, using a highly sophisticated process of computer and operator controlled heat and humidity to adjust and regulate the drying of the wood. Excessive moisture will cause the boards to expand slightly. Unlike air dried boards, shrinkage is very limited. Please refer to our website resource pdf. about why kiln drying is far superior to air-dried.
- KAYU® siding does not shrink or expand end to end (unlike composite siding), therefore neatly trim ends and butt together.

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VENTILATION AND AIR FLOW

- Building codes are constantly changing and they can vary by state, county, city, town, and/or district. Contact your local Building Inspection Department to ensure compliance of siding installation.
- Allowing adequate ventilation is extremely important for proper air flow to reduce the potential for cupping and surface checking. In high moisture areas, it is imperative to leave an expansion space; allowing the wood to expand and contract. In high moisture areas do not install the siding too tight, leave a 1/16" expansion gap between each board.
- **For maximum long term siding stability:**
 - **Vapor barrier / house wrap** is a water-resistant synthetic material that protects the structure of your home from moisture damage. Using a breathable building paper, apply wrap to the wall as per specifications. wrapping stops moisture from getting into the framing or insulation; damaging the internal linings, or seeping lower into the building.
 - **Furring Strips:** attach 3/4" furring strips 16" apart on center.

FASTENING

- Install the baseboard (horizontal furring strip) with stainless steel screws. Make sure the baseboard is level before moving forward.
- Align furring strips vertically on top of baseboard 16" on Center, attaching furring strips.
- Install rain screen clips to the top of the siding board. Space the rain screen clips at 16" on center using 2 screws per clip. For shorter boards, add an extra clip anywhere needed. The more clips you use, the better the board will keep stabilized over time. Align each rain screen clip with the furring strips installed.
- Install the first Kayu® siding board on top of the rain screen clip. Before proceeding, check the first board to make sure it is properly aligned.
- Place hidden siding fasteners into the groove.
- Nail stainless steel screw through the siding fastener into the furring strip at a 45 degree angle. Where two pieces of siding butt together, use two fasteners.
- Put the next Kayu® siding boards on top of the installed siding fasteners and continue the process with a 1/4" space.

SAFETY

- Safety should be one of your main concerns when installing siding. We recommend wearing protective eye-wear, dust masks and gloves during installation. When using a saw, always cut away from your body. Check with your local department of Building and Safety before you start a project and/or have safety concerns.