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Cedar Slat Roof Information and Maintenance Guide

The Cedar slats we use for our roofs are Western Red Cedar No.2 Clear and Better.

It is pre-graded at the sawmill then sawn to size and graded again. It is then kiln dried under strict controls, then graded once again. The result of this three-step process is the highest standard No. 2 Clear and Better.

Western Red Cedar is a gorgeous, dynamic and ever-popular choice for garden rooms. Its alluring pinkish-brown colour with warm reddish hues finds itself at home in almost any exterior environment. Not only does it look stunning, but performs excellently too. As well as retaining its size, Western Red Cedar has a naturally high resin content. This lends it excellent natural insect and rot resistance – providing it with, typically, a long life span.

When properly finished and maintained, it will deliver decades of trouble-free service. It has a decay resistance of durability class 2 (durable) according to the EN 113 standard.

To ensure Western Red Cedar looks good and performs as long as possible it will need treatment and maintenance. Our Cedar roofs are coated at point of manufacture with Teknos Aquatop 2600-21 TS 15017, this gives the Cedar a flexible, durable, micro-porous protective film which is resistant to bacterial, mould and UV attack.

UK Garden Buildings offer a 5 year guarantee for all cedar roofs against rot, providing they have been regularly coated with a high quality UV protector; we recommend maintenance coats are carried out at a minimum of two year intervals depending on the products used.

N.B. When Western Red Cedar is left untreated it will weather and change colour to a silver grey, this can happen quite quickly especially with high exposure to UV light. In the UK, the moist climate can cause the weathering process to happen unevenly, dark grey patches will appear and the rest of the timber will follow eventually. It is evident when the Cedar has not been treated.