



## Patterson Whittaker Architectural Profiles

### CARE, HANDLING & STORAGE OF PW PRODUCTS

PW products should be handled in the same manner as fine finish lumber, which can warp out of shape if not stored in a flat, straight, dry condition before installation. Please follow all PW guidelines carefully.

#### CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES

Provide clear delivery truck access to the desired off-loading site.

Provide assistance unloading large deliveries and materials requiring more than one person to handle safely and efficiently.

Perform a thorough product inspection and inventory confirmation at the time of delivery.

***PW will not be responsible for material defects once the products are installed.***

#### CARE, HANDLING & STORAGE GUIDELINES

- Wash hands thoroughly before handling.
- Exercise care not to mar finish surfaces when unpacking delivered products.
- If re-stacking, replicate original packing conditions as closely as possible, including the use of all protective padding materials.
- When carrying long, flat-stock lengths, sudden uplifting from near the center point may cause the material to snap.
- DO NOT lean profiles vertically against a wall, as this can cause permanent warping and/or compression cracks in the finish surface.
- Always store profiles in a flat, dry, clean, above-ground location protected from harsh sunlight, rainfall, snow, ground moisture and jobsite contaminants.
- Stack all PW materials straight and flat. Any twisting or bowing of stacked materials can become permanent.
- Fragile fabrications, like arches, must be well secured to flat, rigid panels until ready for installation.
- Keep products well protected from all water sources to ensure the driest possible surface for adhesive and sealant adherence.
- Protect PW shapes from freezing and excessive heat prior to and during installation. DO NOT store under tarps in direct sunlight.
- Use only non-staining packaging or covering materials when storing or protecting PW products. Standard cardboard can cause stains when wet.
- Respect Murphy's Law. Store fragile, easily damaged materials in a secure place.
- To ensure crisp, clean saw cuts, a separated-tooth diamond tipped or masonry saw blade is highly recommended.
- Avoid contact with solvents, oils, grease, paints & stains.
- ALL PW INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS MUST BE CAREFULLY FOLLOWED TO PRESERVE YOUR PRODUCT WARRANTY.