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## FAQs

### How can I identify an Alumawood® Shade Structure?

Made with quality materials and an attention to detail, Alumawood® Shade Structures are one of the best in the aluminum patio cover market.

Each component of an Alumawood® Shade Structure is manufactured from structural grade aluminum alloys and finished with our exclusive high performance coating system, Aluma-Shield<sup>SM</sup> with Teflon® surface protector, which is backed by our Limited - Lifetime Warranty. Each patio cover system is designed to assemble with flawless fit and engineered for building code requirements throughout the United States. Every design and detail has been carefully considered to enhance the aesthetic appeal and the natural wood appearance.

There are a few ways to ensure you are buying a real Alumawood® Shade Structure.

- Each order of an Alumawood® system includes a packing slip from Amerimax Exterior Home Products, Inc. You can obtain this packing slip from where you purchased your Alumawood® Shade Structure.
- Alumawood® Shade Structures that were purchased after February 2004 will have “AMERIMAX ALUMAWOOD” stamped in black ink inside the 2’ x 6’ Rafters and 3’ x 8’ Headers (also known as Header Beams). Once product is received, take off the end caps of the 2’ x 6’ Rafters or 3’ x 8’ Headers and look inside for the “AMERIMAX ALUMAWOOD” ink stamp.



## What are the benefits of Alumawood® Shade Structures?

Alumawood® Shade Structures are constructed of embossed aluminum with a textured wood-grain finish. The structures are built with heavy header beams and a weather-resistant Aluma-Shield<sup>SM</sup> paint system with Teflon® additive that withstands sun, rain, wind, and extreme temperatures. Alumawood® Shade Structure need virtually no maintenance. Unlike real wood, Alumawood® Shade Structures won't burn, crack, peel, warp, rot, or attract termites. Our environmentally friendly Alumawood® Shade Structures are made from recycled aluminum.

Alumawood® Shade Structures come in two different styles to suit your needs. If you want added shade but prefer partial sun and refreshing breezes, our Laguna lattice patio cover is the ideal solution. However, our Newport solid roof patio cover provides you and your outdoor furniture with the best protection against the elements. You'll be able to enjoy your outdoor living space even when the weather isn't ideal.

## How does the cost of an Alumawood® Shade Structure compare to that of real wood?

The cost of materials for an Alumawood® Shade Structure is comparable to that of a wooden shade structure. However, Alumawood® Shade Structure cost less in the long run because you'll never need to scrape, paint, or repair them.

## Are Amerimax shade structures structurally engineered?

Yes. Products comply with the 2009 and 2012 [International Building Code](#) and 2010 and 2013 California Building Code. For specific questions on wind, snow and live load requirements, contact your local building department.

## Do Alumawood® Shade Structures support attached or installed items such as ceiling fans?

Other than a ceiling fan as per the specific engineering detail, our engineering does not support anything installed on top of or hanging from our Alumawood products.

## What type of paint coating is applied to Alumawood® Shade Structures?

Amerimax uses a weather-resistant, anti-corrosive Aluma-Shield<sup>SM</sup> paint system with Teflon® surface protector. It is the most durable paint system in the aluminum patio cover market. The paint system withstands the harshest conditions, including sun, rain, wind, and extreme temperatures.

## Can Alumawood® Shade Structures be repainted?

While we do not recommend it, you can repaint Alumawood® Shade Structures; however, the proper preparation is critical. Amerimax recommends consulting a professional paint store for repainting advice. Alumawood® Shade Structures are coated with silicone polyester and cured in a paint line oven for a durable finish. Repainting will likely weather and fade quicker than factory paint.

Please know that repainting any part of your Alumawood® Shade Structure will void your warranty.

## Do you provide a warranty on your Alumawood® Shade Structures?

Yes, Amerimax Exterior Home Products, Inc. is committed to bringing you products of the highest quality and value with our made-to-order manufacturing philosophy and Limited Warranty. For full Lifetime Limited Warranty details and additional information [click here](#).

## Where can I purchase replacement parts for my shade structure?

Please contact the dealer who installed your patio cover in order to obtain any replacement parts.

## Where can I purchase an Alumawood® Shade Structure, Maxx Panel® Insulated Roof, Traditional Patio Cover or Amerimax Carport?

Visit our [Dealer Locator](#) to find an authorized Alumawood® Dealer ready to help you install your shade structure!

