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General Care and Maintenance

Thank you for choosing to enhance your home with a Vergola®. The following instructions should ensure that you get the greatest possible benefit from our product.

Under no circumstances should anyone attempt to walk or stand on the moveable louvre blades.

Should it be necessary to work above the roof, a 50mm builders' plank must be placed across the framework. It should then be tested to ensure that it will not touch any blade when walked on. On long spans, the plank can be supported in the centre by setting the blades in the open position and propping the plank from below with an "A" frame.

In most cases, such as cleaning the blades, retrieving children's balls or removing small tree branches, the answer is simply to open the Vergola®.

As a guide, watch the shadow on the ground and using the switch, open the louvres until the shadows are at a minimum for maximum sun, or just disappearing for maximum ventilation. Generally, the louvre blades may have up to 25mm (1") gap and still provide reasonable rain protection. This provides a means to remove hot air when there is a high possibility of rain.

Whilst the moving parts of the Vergola® require no maintenance, it is advisable to keep the top and gutters clear of leaves and twigs.

If the unit has been closed for a long period, clear the gutters by hand from underneath and then open the louvres to tip of leaves etc. Bring the louvres to their maximum open position and hose off the remaining leaves and dirt. Close the louvres again and hose out the gutters from underneath. An alternative is to hose the leaves into the gutter from above and clear by hand from below.

We have found that water with a small amount of mineral turpentine will remove most grime if rubbed gently with a rag. [BlueScope](#), the Colorbond manufacturer, recommends that you wash down the louvres and gutters regularly with water and mild detergent to remove any build-up of corrosive deposits.

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