

Case Study

Turn Point Lodge, Marlborough Sounds

Turn Point Lodge, an idyllic hideaway designed by Tennent+Brown Architects, is perched on an isolated hillside overlooking part of the Marlborough Sounds.

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Each of the three component parts is clad and roofed with ColorCote® AlumiGard™ pre-painted aluminium. The Ironsand colour was chosen to fit with the marine environment.

Because of its isolated location and limited access for heavy machinery – the most direct route to Turn Point Lodge is a 40-minute boat ride through the Marlborough Sounds – the three building units and sub-floors were built off-site at Mahikapawa by David Kepes of Timbercraft Construction. The finished units were then lifted into position after a five minute flight down Pelorus Sound by a helicopter operated by Heli Harvest Limited.

The helicopter had a five tonne load capacity but the marine environment and wind load considerations meant each of the units had to be kept to a weight of under 4.5 tonnes and had to be able to stay structurally rigid during the lift (the kitchen block was constructed and helicoptered in two halves).

ColorCote® AlumiGard™ pre-painted aluminium roofing and cladding is perfect for this corrosive sea spray environment. ColorCote® AlumiGard™ is strong, lightweight, corrosion resistant, low maintenance and also helped provide the structural rigidity needed when the building units were airlifted into position.





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