

Installation is simple:

1. It is best to irrigate the modules prior to installation and immediately afterwards.
2. Install a root barrier, if required, ensuring that overlapping edges are secured in the correct manner.
3. Install a protection or 'slip' layer* to the entire area (see notes below).
4. Install and secure the containment detailing around the perimeter of the roof area.
5. Start by laying the modules at the furthest point away from the roof access point. Do not walk over the top of the installed modules.
6. Loose lay the interlocking Blackdown NatureMat modules onto the prepared roof surface - ensuring the sides lock together.
7. Remove the white side soil elevators by hand and discard.
8. Backfill exposed areas with 20-40mm of shingle.
9. Irrigate as required depending on time of year.

Maintenance requirements:

Blackdown would recommend the following simple maintenance tasks are carried out twice a year.

1. Remove any unwanted weeds from the modules and discard. The modules may be walked over two or three times a year to carry out maintenance but trafficking will cause damage to the plant material.
2. Remove leaf litter or litter that may have blown onto the roof.
3. Check that outlets are not obstructed and water is able to flow freely away from the roof.
4. In Spring feed your roof with a low nitrogen slow release fertiliser, this can be applied at approximately 25g per sqm. Do not over feed your roof, less is better.
5. Irrigation may be required during extended periods of low rain fall.

Sedum species:

Sedum album 'f.murale', Sedum lydium, Sedum acre, Sedum sexangulare, Sedum hispanicum var. minus, Sedum spurium 'Fuldaglut', Sedum floriferum, Sedum kamschaticum, Sedum hybridum 'Immergrunchen', Sedum reflexum (S.rupestre).

Please note, it is usual for your sedums to change colour during the course of the year - this is entirely natural and is a result of the way the plants react to external stress factors such as periods of drought or low temperatures.