

# **Finishing and Pre-Finishing**

- A quality wood treatment is recommended
- Enhances the natural beauty of the wood
- Protects against moisture, mildew and UV radiation
- Pre-finished siding products are available
- Coverage will be <u>approximately</u> 125-200 square feet per gallon on new wood. 200-300 square feet on previously stained wood.

# **Pre-Finishing**



environment to both front and back offer exceptional quality and durability. PPG ProLuxe Cetol SRD is a non-film forming, transparent, oil-based wood finish that offers a matte finish, perfect for logs, siding, decks, and railing.



# **Finishing Information**

**COLOR/TINT:** Recommend starting with a lighter tint as the siding will get darker each time they re-stain. They can always go darker, but it is difficult to lighten up siding. Also recommend they use some pigment (if exterior) because the pigment offers protection from the sun. A natural or clear stain is better suited for interior use. If used on the exterior expect more frequent applications for a clear, transparent, or natural stain.

## **Ordering Prefinished Product**

All log siding products will be shipped unfinished unless ordered prefinished. The following log siding profiles can be ordered prefinished as well as window and door trim and corner pieces. Full Log products may not be prefinished.

Log Siding Profiles (corners and trim too) that can be ordered Prefinished

1 x 8, 2 x 6, 2 x 8, 3 x 8, and 2 1/2 x 10, 2 x 10, 3 x 10.

**IMPORTANT:** We recommend mailing pre-finished samples to the customer or your store on the siding they are interested in purchasing. The reason for this is different species of wood accept a stain differently. Choosing the exact color off the siding minimizes error and disappointment. **There are no returns of prefinished product**.

We Prefinish in 3 colors; One coat on front, one on back. It is applied in a climatecontrolled environment to ensure the best results. <u>Pre-finishing is an extra charge per lineal foot.</u> We suggest ordering an extra gallon for touch ups. We do NOT pre-finish mantles, staircases, railing, or full log products.

For exterior applications we recommend applying a maintenance coat (same color) on any prefinished products 6-12 months after installation to extend the life of the stain. The maintenance coat will ensure the siding is protected and extend the life of your stain.

## **Staining Yourself**

We suggest using a good quality exterior stain (if used outdoors) that is breathable. We use and offer PPG ProLuxe Cetol SRD made exclusively for wood siding and log sided homes. There are other products that work well, just make sure they are compatible with wood siding. Call the manufacturer or visit their web page for specific information.



**Preparation:** Inspect the siding to make sure it is ready to accept a stain. Make sure it is clean and free from mill glaze. Follow the preparation instructions on the stain container according to the manufacturer's recommendations. If a cleaner or power washer is used, rinse thoroughly and allow adequate drying time before applying any stain. A moisture meter is an excellent way to test the moisture content of your siding to achieve the best results. Some stains won't work well if the siding has not had time to dry after washing.

<u>Cedar</u>: All cedar products should be cleaned with a cleaner prior to staining to remove tannin stains that naturally develop on untreated cedar. Rinse thoroughly. A wood brightener is the final necessary step following cleaning to restore original color.

<u>Stain Choice</u>: **DO NOT SEAL** the siding with any sealer like varnish or polyurethane. Any moisture trapped inside (remember even kiln dried only means less than 15% moisture) will come out through the sealer, causing it to peel or crack. Do Not Paint, as paint is a sealer.

<u>Application</u>: Stir well before use and occasionally during use. Test a small area first before coating the entire project. Apply the product at the acceptable temperatures listed on the container, usually above 50°F and below 95°F. Product will not penetrate properly if the temperature is too high or too low. Do not apply if the wood is hot to the touch or rain is imminent.

<u>Coverage:</u> PPG ProLuxe SRD: 200 – 300 square feet/gallon on previously stained wood, 125-200 square feet/gallon on new wood. Organiclear: 200-400 square feet/gallon.

#### How often will I have to re-stain?

The exterior of the home will need to be re-stained every 3–5 years. This varies due to sunlight and the tint of the stain, (see above). If the home is shaded, expect longevity. If there are little or no trees, it may be every 2–3 years, especially on the south side of the home where the sun will bleach the stain. The aforementioned time frames are merely estimates, always follow stain manufacturer's guidelines.

### **CAULKING**

It is not necessary to caulk in between rows or where the siding butts together. Caulk around all windows and doors, and where the siding meets corner pieces. If full tail corners are used, caulk all joints around full tail corner pieces.

### **CHINKING**

Chinking is a caulk-mortar compound used for chinking full log homes. It is not needed for log sided homes. If you are in need of additional information about chinking products please call 800-657-4666.



# **Maintenance Products**



### Log Builder Caulk

Available by the case in 10.5 (12 per case) and 30 ounce tubes (10 per case).



Log Builder - 10oz 5020021001 - Tan 5020021002 - Woodtone

Log Builder - 30oz 5020022901 - Tan 5020022902 - Woodtone Log Jam - 30oz 5020012901 - Tan 5020012902 - Woodtone Cedar 5020012903 - Buff 5020012904 - Mortar White



# Chinking

30 ounce tubes or 5 gallon buckets

Colors:



Mortar White

Woodtone Tan Cedar

Log Jam - 5 Gallon 5020010501 - Tan 5020010502 - Woodtone Cedar 5020010503 - Buff 5020010504 - Mortar White

## **Chinking Gun & Follow Plate**

For use with 5-gallon pails of Chinking. Make loading easier with a follow plate. Gun - 5990000001 Plate - 5990000004





# **Maintenance Products**



### X180 Wood Restorer / Log Cleaner

Available in 1 gallon concentrated pails. Coverage: 150 to 250 sg. ft. per gallon when diluted according to instructions. Will also vary depending on the porosity and texture of the wood.

Vendor Part Number 5990050102

## **Siding Stain**

PPG ProLuxe SRD is used for our Prefinish, but also sold separately. Available in 1 or 5 gallon buckets. See page H1 for colors.

### **PPG ProLuxe**

Vendor Part Numbers SRD - 1 Gallon 5040001078 - Natural 5040001077 - Cedar 5040001009 - Dark Oak

SRD - 5 Gallon 5040000078 - Natural 504000077 - Cedar 504000009 - Dark Oak





Colors:

## Full Log Stain\*

Organiclear allows wood to "breathe" naturally. Due to varying applications and wood conditions, allow 200-400 square feet per gallon.

\*This is not the same product as used with our prefinishing, but can be used over the top of Sikkens SRD or other oil base stains.



Honey Golden Oak

Vendor Part Number Organiclear IWF (interior) - 1 Gallon 5010010101 - Clear 5010010102 - Honey

Organiclear IWF (interior) – 5 Gallon 5010010501 - Clear 5010010502 - Honey

Organiclear WR5 (exterior) - 1 Gallon 5010050103 - Ivory 5010050102 - Honey 5010050104 - Golden Oak

Organiclear WR5 (exterior) – 5 Gallon 5010050503 - Ivory 5010050502 - Honey 5010050504 - Golden Oak

Clear

