



Log & Solid Timber Construction

NatureColor™ Acrylic Exterior

Log Types:

There are many types of log building systems that are categorized by how the logs are shaped, what type of corner fitting systems are used and the wood species selected. Handscribed or Machine milled. Green, Air Dried or Kiln dried.

The primary concern for wood finishing of log and solid timber construction is moisture. There are two primary areas where moisture may be present in a log. Surface moisture and inner moisture. Surface moisture must be below 21% for acrylic based coatings to penetrate and achieve the optimum bonding to the wood substrate.

When the inner moisture of the log is above 21% this moisture will migrate out of the logs, which could cause a penetrating film finish to lose its adhesion to the wood.

Note:

All outer and inner bark plus the cambium layer should be removed from the log prior to coating. As the logs continue to dry, these layers of the log will release from the sapwood and will lift any coating that is applied to these layers.

Design & Building Techniques:

A design that keeps the water and sunlight away from the wood surfaces will result in lower maintenance, which will save the building owner time and money. Here is a list from "The Log Home

Maintenance Guide" by Gary Schroeder.

- ✗ Plan with a "Maintenance Perspective"
- ✗ Good foundation drainage
- ✗ Sill (bottom) logs should be 2 feet above ground
- ✗ Protect log posts from ground moisture
- ✗ Keep exterior walls free from back splashing
- ✗ Use self draining notches at the corners
- ✗ Ventilation systems for moisture producing areas of the home (i.e. kitchens, baths, etc). Vent through roofing system whenever possible.
- ✗ Log ends that do not extend beyond the roof overhangs
- ✗ Provide a minimum of 2-foot overhangs, 4-foot is better
- ✗ Install gutters and downspouts
- ✗ Install flashing – dormers, chimneys, etc.
- ✗ Use Impel Rods
- ✗ Cap log posts on railing systems with metal
- ✗ USE A QUALITY FINISH

Preparation:

Follow the instructions on the General Preparation Guide Sheet.

Application Methods:

High Surface & Inner Moisture (Green Logs):

1. Apply Wood Preservative or Borate treatment
2. Let log dry (6 warm months)
3. Prep Procedure
4. One Coat of Acrylic Exterior
5. Wait minimum of 2 hours*
6. One Coat of Acrylic Exterior
7. Wait minimum of 2 hours*
8. One Coat of Acrylic Exterior

Low Inner Moisture: (less than 18%)

1. Prep Procedure
2. One Coat of Acrylic Exterior
3. Wait minimum of 2 hours*
4. One Coat of Acrylic Exterior
5. Wait minimum of 2 hours*
6. One Coat of Acrylic Exterior

High Inner Moisture: (more than 18%)

1. Prep Procedure
2. One Coat of Acrylic Exterior
3. Wait minimum of 2 hours*
4. One Coat of Acrylic Exterior
5. Wait minimum of 2 hours*
6. One Coat of Acrylic Exterior

*Note: Low temperatures or high humidity may extend dry times.

Timing:

Surfaces should be coated within two weeks of cleaning procedure, second coat within two weeks of the first coat and third coat within two weeks of the second coat.

If subsequent coats are extended beyond these parameters cleaning of the surface should be done per the maintenance preparation specifications.

Color Check:

Always do a complete system color test on a sample of surface that will be used in the project from the NatureColor™ purchased for the project.

Batch Check:

Batch numbers appear on the lids of Quart and Gallon containers and the sides of the Five-gallon pails. For color consistency always use the same batch number for the job. If different batch numbers exist, mix all batches together to assure color consistency.

Tools:

NatureColor™ Acrylic Exterior are best applied with a nylon polyester bristle brush. NatureColor™ products can be sprayed, but always back brushed to work the product in the wood on and to even the pigmentation and film thickness.

Spray Specifications :

- ✘ Airless Sprayer
- ✘ Tip Size .011 to .013
- ✘ Pressure – 1500 to 1800 PSI
- ✘ Saturate surface with product
- ✘ Even application by back brushing

Clean Up:

Wipe up spills and spatters immediately with damp rag. Equipment and tools should be cleaned with soap and water. Dispose of empty can or unused finish in accordance with state and federal regulations.

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For Best Performance:

- ✘ Keep material from freezing
- ✘ Do not thin or add colorants
- ✘ Apply liberal coats
- ✘ Apply in direction of the grain
- ✘ Maintain a wet edge
- ✘ Saturate all end grains
- ✘ Apply when surface and air temperatures are between 50°F and 90°F
- ✘ Avoid application of product when temperatures are expected to drop below 50°F within 4 hours
- ✘ Avoid application when dew or moisture is present
- ✘ Avoid applying finish in direct sunlight or when surface is hot to the touch.

Notice:

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