

Cape Cod Finished Wood Siding

Maintenance Instructions

Throughout its lifecycle, Cape Cod Finished Wood Siding can exhibit a variety of natural characteristics inherent to solid wood. Such characteristics are to be expected and may vary depending on the specific environment of each siding installation. Minor coating imperfections, as a result of these natural wood characteristics, are not covered by the Cape Cod Warranty. It is therefore important to inspect your Cape Cod Finished Wood Siding, on a regular basis, and to follow the maintenance recommendations below to ensure compliance with the Cape Cod Wood Siding Warranty.

- 1) **Washing:** Airborne mold spores and dirt will settle on siding and trims forming visible spots on the surface of the coating. Mold must be removed from the siding as it will affect coating performance and **will VOID THE WARRANTY** if left unattended. Normal dirt accumulations will not affect the performance of the siding; however, you may opt to wash the siding for esthetic reasons. When choosing to wash the siding, we recommend Olympic® House Wash, following all of the instructions on the product label. Pressure washers **MUST NOT** be used to clean Cape Cod Siding, as they may damage the coating.
- 2) **Exposure of Bare Wood:** Although the Cape Cod factory finish is very durable, it is possible that neglect, abuse, misuse or other factors can cause a chip, dent or scratch in the paint coating exposing bare wood. Exposed bare wood provides an avenue for moisture to enter into the siding and can result in a coating failure. Exposed wood **MUST** be covered with touch-up paint. Touch-up paint is included with every siding purchase*. Or, such paint can be re-ordered from a local Cape Cod dealer. Care must be taken when applying touch up paint to the siding surface. The touched up areas may appear shinier and look different so to correct this variance, the entire board or wall section may have to be coated to ensure colour consistency.
- 3) **Fading:** Cape Cod uses the highest quality most fade resistant 100% acrylic paint available. The colours are ground in at the paint manufacturing plant. No tints are used by Cape Cod. However some fading will occur over time especially on the south side of the house. Colours such as reds and yellows will fade faster than more opaque earth tone colours. Fading is not a warrantable defect. If the siding is losing its pigmentation to the point that the colour is changing, plans should be made to recoat the siding. Touch-up paint can be retained from your original siding purchase*, or re-ordered from Cape Cod Siding by calling **1-800-565-7577**.
- 4) **Extractive Bleeding (Pitch Bleed):** Cape Cod Siding attempts in its manufacturing process to “set” or “crystallize” the pitch (resin) in each board to minimize pitch bleed. However, it is possible that some pitch will bleed to the surface of the siding during the warmer months of the year. The pitch will not harm the coating. You may choose to remove it with a soft bristle brush and warm soapy water, or by using Olympic® House Wash, following all of the instructions on the product label. Pitch bleed is not covered by the Cape Cod Warranty.

*If using touch up paint retained from original siding purchase, you must insure that the touch-up paint has not been frozen prior to use and that the coating is tested on a sample to ensure a proper colour match with the installed siding. Cape Cod will not be responsible for discolouration of touch- up paint caused by freezing. Cape Cod is not responsible to colour match any siding that has been installed for more than one year.