

**General Description**

Cetol Maintenance is a premium, non-pigmented exterior finish to be used over existing Cetol 23 Plus or Cetol Log & Siding as a maintenance coat. Typically, with maintenance coats, pigmented products will further darken the wood. With a one coat application of Cetol Maintenance, the wood will retain the same look and color.

**Recommended Uses**

- Siding
- Logs
- Trim
- Garage Doors

**Features and Benefits**

- **Non-Pigmented Maintenance Coating** - Developed to provide a non-darkening maintenance coat for vertical surfaces (siding, logs & trim)
- **High Solids Alkyd** - Provides maintenance protection in one coat
- **UV Absorbers** - High performance UV protection, preventing graying and deterioration of the wood surface
- **Excellent Microporosity and Flexibility** - Minimizes blistering and cracking due to expansion and contraction or moisture build up

**Color Range and Packaging**

003 Colorless (clear)

**U.S. Gallons:** 003

**U.S. 5 Gallons:** 003

**Shelf Life:** Approximately five (5) years in an unopened container.

**Product Data**

**Technology:** Alkyd  
**Gloss:** Satin  
**Viscosity Poise:** 1.2 - 1.8 Poise @ 23° C  
**Weight per Gallon:** 7.45 - 7.65 lb./gal.  
**Solids by Weight:** 49.5 - 51.5%  
**Solids by Volume:** 42.7 - 44.7%  
**VOC:** <450 g/l

**Application**

**Method:** Long-haired natural bristle brush; or, airless sprayer (when back brushed) using a .011 - .013 tip size @ 1000 - 1500 psi.

**Surface & Air Temp:** 50° - 95° F  
10° - 35° C

**Thinning:** None; ready to use after stirring well.

**Coverage:** Smooth wood - 300 - 400 sq. ft./gal.  
7.4 - 10 m<sup>2</sup>/l  
Rough wood - 150 - 225 sq. ft./gal.  
3.7 - 5.5 m<sup>2</sup>/l

**Cleanup:** Mineral Spirits

**Drying Time:** Twenty-four hours minimum at 68° F (20° C) and 65% relative humidity. At temperatures below 50° F (10° C) or conditions of high humidity, the drying time will be extended.

**Note:** **During application, moisture content of wood substrate should not exceed 18%. Do not apply when rain, dew, or frost are forecast within five (5) hours of application.**

# Cetol<sup>®</sup> Maintenance

## Preparation Procedures for Previously Sikkens - Coated Surfaces:

Spray the surface with clean water, wetting the wood. Clean the surface with a solution of two (2) ounces of 100% powdered Tri-Sodium Phosphate (TSP) or phosphate-free substitute plus one (1) quart of liquid bleach in three (3) quarts of water. Apply this solution generously to the wood with a garden pump sprayer. Let the solution sit on the wood for 15 - 20 minutes. During this period, lightly scrub the surface with a hard bristle brush to help effectively remove dirt and mildew spores. Do not let the solution dry on the wood. Keep it wet. Power wash the cleaning solution from the wood with clean water. To prevent damaging the wood, do not exceed 500 PSI. The nozzle must be a maximum of one (1) foot from the surface for full effectiveness. Let the surface dry for three (3) days before application. Fill all joints, cracks, and nail holes with a high quality polyurethane or acrylic caulk/filler and let cure prior to applying the coating system. Refer to caulk/filler manufacturer for proper application.

## Application Procedure:

*It is always recommended to perform a one (1) coat test sample to check for desired results. Apply ONLY over existing Cetol 23 Plus or Cetol Log & Siding where the surface is in good condition and has been maintained according to Sikkens guidelines. Do not apply Cetol Maintenance over raw wood, decks, doors, outdoor furniture, or fences. May discolor chinking. Do not apply over Cetol Door & Window, Cetol SRD Translucent Wood Finish, Cetol SRD Semi-Transparent Stain, or Cetol DEK Finish. Do not use for marine applications.* Intermix batches to ensure consistency. After preparation, apply one (1) coat of Cetol Maintenance. During application, saturate all end grains, nail holes, cavities, and cracks in the wood. Brush on a liberal coat and maintain a wet edge to prevent lap marks or possible missed areas, as Cetol Maintenance is non-pigmented and will be more difficult to see on the surface. Brush in the direction of the wood grain starting at one end of the board or log and continuing to the other end of the board or log. Follow recommended maintenance procedures and schedule. Cetol Maintenance needs UV light to cure properly. The absence of UV light will significantly slow the drying process.

## Maintenance Procedure and Schedule:

Proper maintenance starts with visual inspection. Apply Cetol Maintenance every two (2) to three (3) years. However, as weathering, exposure conditions, and altitude can vary, maintenance may be needed sooner and should be performed when visually necessary regardless of time frame.

Before application of a maintenance coat, prepare the surface using the previously mentioned TSP solution. Let the surface dry three (3) days after power washing. Apply one (1) coat of Cetol Maintenance.

## Health and Safety Data:

***DANGER!*** RAGS, STEEL WOOL, BRUSHES, ROLLERS, AND ANY WASTE SOAKED WITH THIS PRODUCT MAY SPONTANEOUSLY CATCH FIRE IF IMPROPERLY DISPOSED OR STORED. To avoid a spontaneous combustion fire, immediately, after each use, place rags, steel wool, brushes, rollers, or waste in a sealed, water-filled metal container. Keep away from combustible materials. For disposal guidance, contact your local household refuse collection service, fire department, or local government environmental control agency. Harmful or fatal if swallowed. Keep out of reach of children. Keep away from open flame or sparks. Use only with adequate ventilation.

## First Aid Treatment:

Refer to the Material Safety Data Sheet found on the Sikkens website ([www.nam.sikkens.com](http://www.nam.sikkens.com)) or by calling Sales and Technical Support at 1-866-SIKKENS (1-866-745-5367).

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