

RUBBOL® SIDING FINISH APPLICATION GUIDE

Working With Rubbol® Siding Finish

■ Preparation Procedures

*All Types of Vertical Surfaces:
New, Weathered, Uncoated Wood, Previously Coated Wood*

The best method to prepare vertical wood surfaces is to sand with 80-120 grit sandpaper. However, an alternative to sanding for preparation is listed below.

Cleaning Recommendation

1. Spray the surface with clean water, wetting the wood.
2. Clean the surface with a solution of four ounces of 100% powdered Tri-Sodium Phosphate (TSP) or phosphate free substitute plus one quart of liquid bleach in three quarts of water. Apply this solution generously to the wood with a garden pump sprayer.
3. Let the solution sit on the wood for 15-20 minutes. During this period, scrub the surface with a hard bristle brush to help remove mill glaze and weathering. Do not let the solution dry on the wood. Keep the wood wet.
4. 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 foot from the surface for full effectiveness.
5. Let the surface dry for three days before application (i.e., the moisture content is below 18%).

Tips

- *It is always recommended to perform a two-coat test sample to confirm desired color results.*
- *New rough-sawn wood (less than four weeks old) should be dry-brushed using a brush with stiff bristles to remove loose dirt and fibers. If debris is still present then follow the preparation procedures.*
- *Extractive-prone wood species such as cedar or redwood may require a non-bleed oil-based primer.*
- *Weathered grey wood or wood affected with blue fungi or rust from nails may be treated after the surface preparation by applying a solution of four ounces of oxalic acid crystals in one gallon of warm water. This solution should be allowed to sit on the affected areas for 15-20 minutes before the final power wash with clean water. Let dry three days before coating.*
- *Fill all joints, cracks and nail holes with a good quality polyurethane or acrylic caulk/filler prior to applying the coating.*
- *Coatings in poor condition, i.e., peeling and flaking, need to be completely removed before applying an new finish.*

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Coverage area per coat for Rubbol Siding Finish is 300-400 sq. ft./U.S. gal. (smooth wood) and 150-200 sq. ft./U.S. gal. (rough, textured or weathered surface).

New/Bare Wood and Previously Coated Surface Applications

1. Follow the preparation procedures.
2. Apply one coat of Rubbol Siding Finish.
3. Let surface dry for minimum of 24 hours.
4. Apply the second coat of Rubbol Siding Finish. (For previously coated surfaces, apply a second coat if needed.)
5. Clean tools with warm water and soap.

Application Do's ...

- *Apply when the surface and air temperature is 50° F/10° C to 95° F/35° C*
- *Stir well before using*
- *Saturate all end grains*
- *Maintain a wet edge*
- *Apply in the direction of the grain*
- *If possible, back prime surface*
- *Intermix batches to ensure color consistency*
- *Apply using nylon-polyester brush, roller or by spraying*

Application Don'ts ...

- *Do not apply in direct sunlight*
- *Do not apply when the surface is hot to the touch*
- *Do not apply when dew or frost is present*
- *Do not apply in wet weather*
- *Do not apply when moisture content of the wood is greater than 18%*

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■ Maintenance Procedures

Proper maintenance starts with visual inspection. A timeframe of five to eight years can be used for general purposes. However, as weathering, exposure and altitude vary, maintenance should be performed when visually necessary regardless of timeframe.

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2. Apply one coat of Rubbol Siding Finish.