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CAPE COD 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 long term performance and compliance with the Cape Cod Wood Siding Warranty.

1 WASHING

For esthetic reasons you may opt to wash the siding. We recommend using a specifically designed wood siding house wash product (readily available at most hardware stores) and following the instructions on the product label. To minimize dirt accumulations on the siding ensure that the siding is protected from backsplash. Prevent water stains by ensuring that gutters and down spouts direct water away from the siding surface. Do not use a pressure washer as the high pressure water may penetrate the building envelop or damage the paint coating which will void the Warranty.

2 MOULD AND MILDEW

Molds and Mildew develop on many exterior surfaces due to naturally occurring spores in the environment. To grow, mold and mildew need a moisture source that typically occurs in humid shaded areas and is more common on the North Exposure of the building. Molds can vary in appearance but they are usually black in colour. In order to have long term paint performance, Molds and Mildew have to be removed from the siding. Remove by washing with a house wash specifically designed for removing molds and mildew from wood siding by following the instructions on the product label. Damage caused by Mold and Mildew is not a warranted issue.

3 TOUCH UP

Although the Cape Cod Machine Coat 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 excessive 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 paint can be 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. **When touching up or recoating semi transparent finishes caution has to be exercised to ensure that the end result is the anticipated color appearance. To ensure the coating matches the siding colour exactly, apply to a small test area and allow to dry completely before proceeding.**

4 FADING

Cape Cod uses a high quality fade resistant 100% acrylic paint. Fading is a result of the sidings continued exposure to UV rays. Fading is not a warrantable defect. To ensure consistent appearance, plans should be made to recoat the siding upon notice of colour change. Solid colour and semi transparent sidings should be recoated with PPG Pittsburg paint®. Please follow instructions in the attached link to obtain the paint coatings. www.ppgpittsburghpaints.com/

5 NATURAL WOOD CHARACTERISTICS

Cape Cod Wood Siding is made from real wood and the stability of the material cannot be guaranteed. Cape Cod Siding however attempts in its manufacturing process to minimize the appearance of natural wood characteristics. Although rare, these characteristics which are inherent in all woods may appear but do not affect the performance of the siding, and for appearance reasons can be easily repaired.

Pitch: Cape Cod 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.

Knot lift and Centre Heart Shrinkage: Cape Cod in its manufacturing process attempts to stabilize knots and centre heart, however it is possible these characteristics may occur and are considered normal. Use Cape Cod supplied touch up to protect any section of bare wood, according to instructions in section 3 of this Maintenance guide.*

*If using touch up paint retained from the original siding purchase, you must ensure 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.

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