

Technical Data (Not to be considered specifications)

Colors

Tan, Woodtone and Dark Brown

Packaging

10.5 oz. plastic cartridges, 29 oz. fiber cartridges, and 5-gallon straight-sided pails.

Application Range

Surface temp of 40°F (4°C) - 90°F (32°C)

Service Range

-30°F (-34°C) - 250°F (121°C)

Paintability

Paintable with latex coatings after a minimum of 24 hours curing (longer on wider joints) and after 5 days with most oil-based coatings. Contact Sashco for more specific guidance.

Compatibility

Log Builder will adhere to woods treated with most preservatives including borates**, pentachlorophenol, and copper compounds. Log Builder is also compatible with insulating glass sealants and most building materials, including foam insulation and vinyl windows. ** Some borate wood preservatives contain glycols or other agents that could interfere with adhesion. Sashco’s PeneTreat contains no glycols.

Specifications

Passes ASTM C-834, the performance requirements of TT-S-00230B and ASTM C-920, class 25. Meets FHA requirements.

VOC

< 1.5% by weight, max.
59.8 g/L

Cure-Through Time

3 weeks (1/2” thickness, 70°F, 50% relative humidity)

Extrusion Rate

1100 g/min (1/8” orifice at 40 psi)

Freeze-Thaw

Passes 10 cycles (0°F - 70°F)

Hardness (Shore A)

32 (21-day cure)

Elongation @ Break

550%

Solid Wt.

83.8%

Tack-Free Time

Less than 1 hour

Stain

None

Water Resistance

No washout (4 hours, 40°F, 50% relative humidity)
In severe conditions - under 40°F (4°C) and/or 70%+ humidity – full rain resistance may take longer. Cover exterior walls with plastic if rainfall is expected within 24 hours after installation. Not recommended for continuous submersion or areas exposed to foot or vehicular traffic.

Weathering

Washout	None
Cracking	None
Discoloration	Passes ASTM C-834

Notice

Sashco will test any stain to determine compatibility with Log Builder. Just call and send us a sample of the stain you want tested. Test results available in a minimum of 6 weeks.

The data reported here are believed to be reliable. No warranty is made or implied concerning the accuracy or the results obtained from their use.



Log Builder® Caulk

All logs move, so Log Builder was specifically designed to absorb most log movement. Most movement occurs within the first few years, when logs lose the majority of their moisture causing them to shrink and the joints to expand. That’s why it’s crucial to use Log Builder from the start. If the logs are extremely “green” (with very high moisture content) it is often best to wait several months before caulking. Log Builder is ultra-elastic, which means it will stretch and compress with normal movement. It won’t crack, peel or pull away. Instead, it creates a tight seal to keep water, dust, bugs and wind from seeping into your home—for many years. Log Builder is the smooth sealant for milled and hand-crafted log structures.

- Trowels, spatulas, or foam brushes for tooling
- Clean water and rags
- Plastic sheets to cover the caulking if wet weather moves in
- Staple gun & staples
- If you have any questions about application, please call us before proceeding at 800-767-5656.

Surface Preparation

Best results are obtained when Log Builder is applied to wood that has been previously coated with a compatible and thoroughly cured stain. In fact, Log Builder has a Limited Lifetime Warranty when applied over any of Sashco’s stains: Capture Log Stain or Transformation Stain.

If not using a Sashco stain, be sure to confirm its compatibility with Log Builder. If the stain is older but still intact, clean the log surfaces thoroughly to remove dirt, pollen, bird droppings, and other surface contaminants.

The USDA Forest Products Laboratory and other researchers around the world have recently reported that surface wood exposed to sunlight for as little as 1-2 weeks can become significantly damaged and unsound which may lead to premature adhesive failure of coatings. Such surface wood damage has the potential to also hurt Log Builder’s (or any caulk’s) adhesion. Once bare wood has been properly cleaned and prepped to remove unsound wood, stain should be applied as soon as possible. Follow with Log Building caulking.

A few sealers, especially those high in wax content or non-drying oils, may interfere with adhesion. Some of these coatings can hurt any caulk’s adhesion—whether applied before or after the caulk—so we advise against their use. Check with Sashco if you have questions about your particular product.

Fundamental Caulking Application Guidelines

- Proper substrate preparation and application are imperative for product longevity. Read this entire info sheet (LBR 002) before applying any product.
- Make certain there is compatibility between your stain and Log Builder. We recommend Sashco’s Capture®/Cascade® or Transformation Stains® for exterior applications and Symphony® interior clear coat for beautiful long-term protection. Best results are obtained when Log Builder is applied to clean, stained wood. Call Sashco at 800-767-5656 for guidance if in doubt.
- Check the weather forecast. Finishing products are best-applied in moderate weather conditions, i.e., out of direct sunlight, and in dry, warm conditions..
- Check the log surface temperature. The surface temperature should be between 40°F (4°C) – 90°F (32°C).
- It is always best to use a bond breaker (usually backer rod) before caulking. Sashco strongly recommends the use of backer rod, especially if the home is new and/or the logs are subject to significant movement. If a bond breaker is not used, expect more caulking repairs.
- Tool Log Builder to help ensure good contact with the log surfaces, especially to the upper log; this will greatly aid adhesion.
- Ideal sealant depth is 1/2 of the joint width, but no less than 1/4” and no more than 1/2”.
- Assemble tools and equipment:
 - Backer rod
 - Caulking guns



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Stacking Application



Apply bead(s) according to the log home manufacturer’s instructions. Stack the next log and repeat. Don’t allow caulk to skin over prior to stacking.

Swedish Cope Logs



1 – Gun Log Builder into clean, stained joints.*



2 – Tool to ensure a tight seal to the top and bottom of the caulk line leaving at least 1/4” depth of caulk in the center of the joint.*

** NOTE: Use a bond breaker (i.e., backer rod) when significant log movement could occur. When movement is known to be minimal (as with many older homes) using backer rod is still best, but usually less critical.*

Milled Tongue & Groove Logs with a Caulk Well



1 – Install backer rod into the caulk well of clean, stained logs.



2 – Gun Log Builder over the backer rod.



3 – Tool to ensure a tight seal to the top and bottom of the caulk line.

Checks



1 – Install backer rod into a clean, stained check to the appropriate depth. (See Fundamental Application Guidelines.)



2 – Gun Log Builder over the backer rod.



3 – Tool Log Builder.

Methods of Application

When using 5-gallon pails, Sashco’s patented Snorkler® pumping system, grout bags, or bulk loading guns may be used. Use a caulking gun when using either the 29 oz. or 10.5 oz. cartridges of Log Builder. When using a cartridge, cut the spout at a 45° angle to desired bead size. Log Builder requires no heating prior to application but will dispense easier when kept warm before use.

Tooling

Log Builder should be tooled directly after application to ensure good adhesion and a smooth looking bead. Log Builder may be tooled with ordinary masonry-type tooling blades, a wetted finger, or a damp polyethylene foam brush. Work the material smooth, tooling Log Builder tightly to the surfaces. Keep a rag handy for clean up.

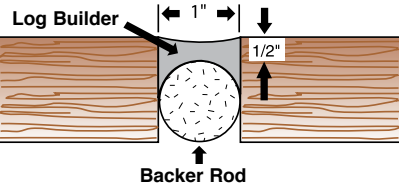
Checks and Cracks

Logs tend to take on water from rain and snow through cracks and checks; therefore, it is important to pay close attention to these openings and prep and seal them properly. *Note: Most small checks should not be caulked. Only the larger ones (1/4” or larger) should be sealed with backer rod and caulk.*

Joint Design

Joint width should be a minimum of 1/4”, but no larger than 2”, and 4 times the anticipated joint movement. For example, if you anticipate log movement of 1/8”, bead width should be about 1/2”.

Proper Joint Design: Depth = 1/2 width



For joints 1” wide or more, the depth should be 3/8” to 1/2”. The depth of joints less than 1” wide should be half the width but no less than 1/4”. (Joint depth, overall, should be between 1/4” and 1/2”).

Clean-up & Disposal

Clean excess product off surfaces (before it cures) with a putty knife and a damp rag. Dispose of Log Builder in accordance with local regulations. Do not dispose of in drinking water supplies. Water may be used for cleaning hands, surfaces and equipment.

Logs Move!

Occasionally, a small number of logs on any home may undergo extreme movement. This movement is a natural part of the logs moisture content adjusting to their new settings. Most logs, as they dry (or go through the repeated process of taking on and giving up moisture), will undergo moderate levels of stress

on sealants applied to them. An occasional log will randomly and unpredictably twist, shrink or warp in response to these moisture changes, moving more than any sealant can possibly handle.

When this extreme movement occurs, it will cause the sealant to fail either cohesively or adhesively. If the failure is cohesive (sealant splits apart), then the repair is performed by simply cleaning the surfaces of the failed sealant and reapplying more. If the failure is adhesive (sealant pulls cleanly away from the surface), then the sealant usually needs to be removed and completely redone.

Limited Lifetime Warranty

Sashco warrants this product will substantially meet published specifications on the date of sale. If it fails to do so, return unused portion with original sales receipt for replacement or refund, at Sashco’s sole option. These are purchaser’s sole and exclusive remedies for any breach of warranty. Purchaser must determine suitability of product for purchaser’s specific needs and assumes all risk associated with its use. Sashco will not be liable for direct or indirect damages.

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First Aid

EYES: Immediately flush with large quantities of water for at least 15 minutes. If irritation persists, see a medical doctor.

SKIN: Wash with soap and water and rinse thoroughly. Wash contaminated clothing before use.

INHALATION: Remove to fresh air.

INGESTION: If large quantities are swallowed, DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING - seek medical help.