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# Cetol<sup>®</sup> Maintenance



Maintenance Coat

Protection for

Wood Siding and Logs

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# Cetol® Maintenance

Cetol Maintenance is a premium, non-pigmented exterior finish to be used over previously Sikkens-coated vertical surfaces (siding) as a maintenance coat.

Typically with maintenance coats, pigmented products will further darken the wood. However, with a one-coat application of Cetol Maintenance, the wood will retain the same look and color.



## Cetol® Maintenance Performance Highlights

Features	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
Excellent Microporosity and Flexibility	Minimizes blistering and cracking due to expansion and contraction or moisture build-up


## Application Tips

### Application Do's

- Apply over existing Cetol 23 Plus or Cetol Log & Siding
- Apply only when the surface is in good condition and has been maintained according to Sikkens maintenance guidelines
- Apply when the surface and air temperature is 50°F/10°C to 95°F/35°C
- Saturate all end grains, nail holes, cavities and cracks in the wood
- Apply a liberal coat in the direction of the wood grain using a long-haired natural bristle brush (Cetol Maintenance may be sprayed when backbrushed)
- Maintain a wet edge to prevent lap marks and missed areas
- Stir before using
- Intermix batches to ensure consistency

### Application Don'ts

- Do not apply on decks, doors, outdoor furniture or fences
- Do not apply over Cetol Door & Window, Cetol SRD or Cetol DEK Finish
- Do not apply on raw wood
- Do not use for marine applications
- Do not apply when the surface is hot to the touch
- Do not apply when rain, dew or frost is present or expected within 5 hours of application
- Do not thin

Cetol® Maintenance  is available where reduced emission products are required.



## Working With Cetol® Maintenance

### ■ Preparation Procedures

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#### *Previous Sikken-Coated Surfaces*

1. Spray the surface with clean water, wetting the wood.
2. Clean the surface with a solution of two 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 time, scrub the surface with a hard bristle brush. 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.

#### **Tips**

- It is always recommended to perform a one-coat test sample to check for desired results.
- Fill all joints, cracks, nail holes, if needed, with a good quality polyurethane or acrylic caulk/filler.

### ■ Application Procedures

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Coverage area for Cetol Maintenance is 300-400 sq. ft. /U.S. gal. (smooth wood) and 150-225 sq. ft./ U.S. gal. (rough wood).

1. Follow the preparation procedures
2. Apply one coat of Cetol Maintenance
3. Clean tools with mineral spirits

### ■ Schedule for Cetol Maintenance

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

1. Follow the preparation procedures listed above
2. Apply one coat of Cetol Maintenance

## ■ Preparation Procedures

### *New, Weathered (Uncoated Wood)*

The best method to prepare wood surfaces is to sand with 80-120 grit sandpaper for vertical surfaces and 60-80 grit sandpaper for horizontal. **For optimal performance and appearance on new cedar decks, mechanically sand with 60-80 grit sandpaper.** Always sand in the direction of the wood grain. An alternative to sanding for preparation is listed below.

### Cleaning Recommendation


1. 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.
2. 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/or weathering. Keep the wood wet. Do not let the solution dry on the wood.
3. 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.
4. Let the surface dry for 48 hours before applying the coating.
5. If there are any glossy patches, scuff sand with 80 grit sandpaper.
6. Cetol SRD should be applied within one week of preparation for horizontal surfaces (decks) and within four weeks on vertical surfaces (siding).

### Tips

- **Refer to Sikkens Hardwoods Care Brochure for applications on hardwoods.**
- *New pressure-treated lumber requires a six-week drying period. Water-repellent treated lumber requires one year of weathering prior to application.*
- *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, follow the preparation procedures.*
- *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 a gallon of warm water. This solution should be allowed to sit on the affected areas for 15-20 minutes before the final rinse with clean water. Let dry 48 hours before coating.*
- *It is always recommended to perform a one-coat color test on a sample of the wood.*
- **Previous coatings must be removed prior to the application of Cetol SRD.**

## ■ Application Procedures

Coverage area for Cetol SRD is 200-300 sq. ft./U.S. gal. (smooth wood) and 100-150 sq. ft./U.S. gal. (rough-weathered wood)

1. Follow the Preparation Procedures.
2. Apply only one coat of Cetol SRD by brush, roller or spray. If spray or roller applied, Cetol SRD must be back brushed immediately to ensure penetration and to avoid an uneven finish. When using SRD , brushing is the preferred method for application on decks and other horizontal surfaces.
3. Clean tools with mineral spirits.

### Application Do's ...

- *Apply when the surface and air temperature is 10°C/50°F to 35°C/95°F*
- *Stir before using*
- *Saturate all end grains*
- *Maintain a wet edge*
- *Apply in direction of the grain*
- *Back prime (if possible)*
- *Intermix batches to ensure color consistency*

### Application Don'ts ...

- *Do not apply in direct sunlight*
- *Do not apply when the surface is hot to the touch*
- *Do not apply when rain, dew or frost is present or expected within five hours*
- *Do not apply when moisture content of the wood is greater than 21%*
- *Do not use Cetol SRD as a primer with other Sikkens products*
- *Do not thin*

## ■ Maintenance Procedures

To help maintain its protective characteristics, apply a maintenance coat of Cetol SRD when visually required.

1. Follow the cleaning recommendation.
2. Apply one coat of Cetol SRD by brush, roller or sprayer.

### Tips

- *Areas that have minimum wear should only be lightly coated. Hardwood surfaces may require more frequent maintenance.*
- *Color #996 Natural Light and #113 Cape Cod Grey may require more frequent maintenance (i.e., every 18-24 months for siding), and are not recommended for darker colored wood.*

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### ■ Products to Know

**Cetol®** is the brand name of Sikkens products that fall into either the Translucent or Clear categories. When you see a product with Cetol® on the label, this product will allow you to see all the wood grain and character of the wood (although depending on the product it may color the wood.)

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