

# Stain Color and Application Guide

Engineered to Make Your Neighbors Jealous

## Why Prime Columns?

- Superior insect and rot resistance
- Kiln dried for maximum stability
- Stain immediately – no waiting for wood to dry

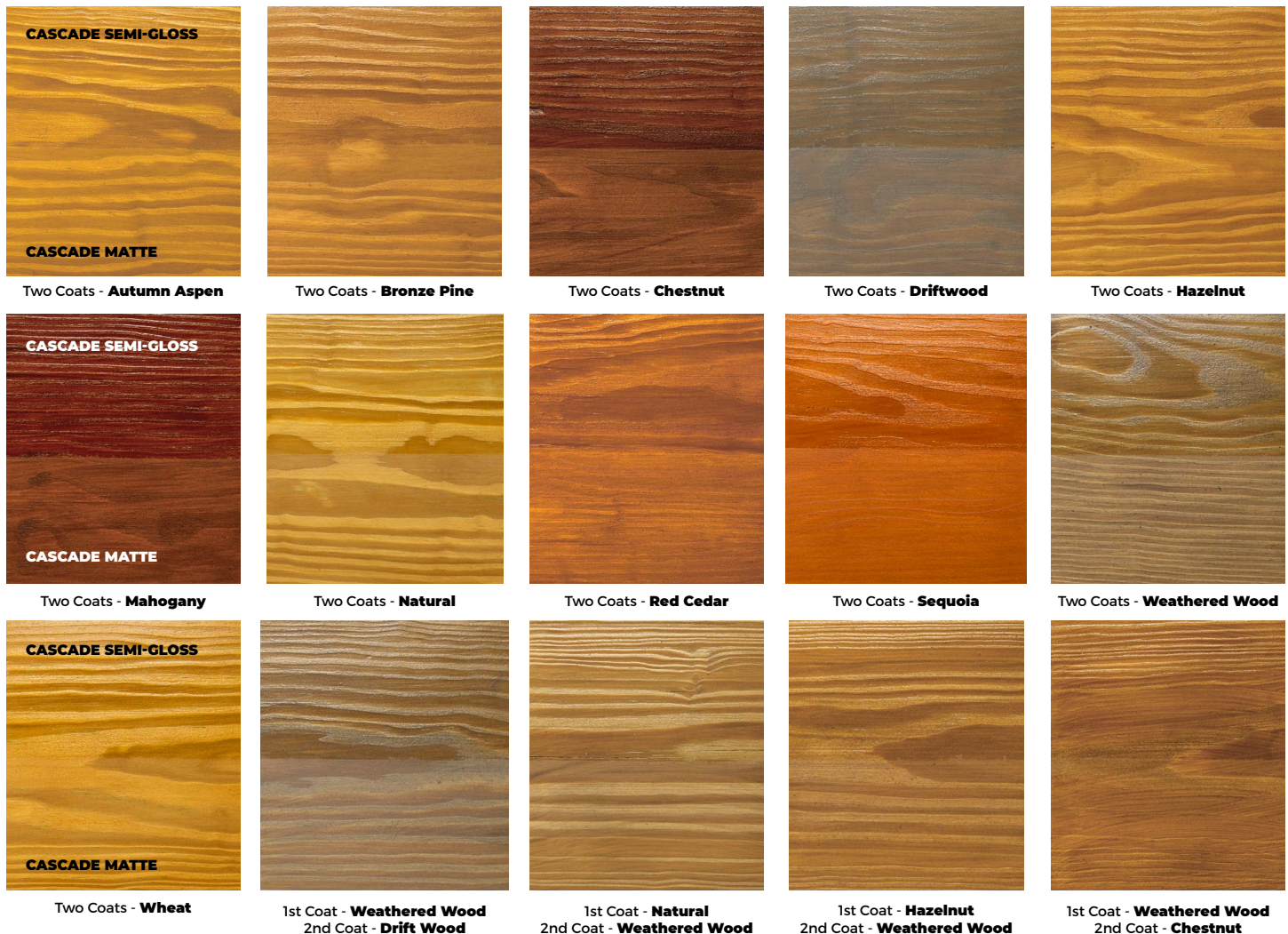
## Why Sashco's Capture<sup>®</sup> & Cascade<sup>®</sup> System?

- Highly elastic to move with your wood
- Protects wood to prevent moisture and UV damage
- Easy clear coat maintenance with Cascade clear top coat

## Color Options

Choose a color "out of the bucket" Or, layer two colors to create a look unique to you.

Contact Sashco for free samples and always sample first.



## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

### DO IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME:

Proper substrate preparation and stain application ensure greater durability, better performance, and more jealous neighbors. Skipping or skimping on any of the steps below will affect the durability of the finish.

### FIRST APPLICATION

- 1. KEEP COLUMNS WRAPPED:** To prevent mold growth and surface contamination, keep columns wrapped until ready to prep and finish. (Columns must stay dry.) Whether pre-staining or staining after installation, plan to do all the work within 1 week of unwrapping the columns.
- 2. PREP THE SURFACE:** Make sure surfaces are clean - free of dirt, pollen, mold, etc. (Keeping columns wrapped will prevent surface contamination.) Once unwrapped, sand surfaces with 60 grit sandpaper or Osborn® brushes to completely remove any mill glaze and any loose, unsound wood fibers. This creates the best surface for stain adhesion and longevity. Be sure to remove all sawdust once done.
- 3. AIR AND SURFACE TEMPERATURES MATTER:** To allow Capture Log Stain to dry and adhere properly to the wood, apply the product when the forecast is predicting clear, rain-free and snow-free weather, with air and wood surface temperatures of 40°—90°F, both during application and for the rest of the day after it has been applied. (This includes overnight temps!) Protect stained surfaces from direct rainfall for 1-2 days after application. Use a surface thermometer to check surface temps.
- 4. CONTROL SURFACE MILDEW:** To further enhance protection from mildew growth on the surface of the stain and give added protection from mildew between maintenance coats of Cascade, add in extra mildewcide to each pail of stain.
- 5. MIX IT UP PROPERLY:** Using a drill-driven paint mixer, thoroughly mix the stain, being sure to scrape all pigments off the bottom of the pail. Pails with different lot numbers should be blended together to ensure consistent color. Stir the stain every 10-15 minutes throughout application. If using Capture Flex Tint®, refer to mixing instructions on the tint cartridge.
- 6. SPRAY IT ON AND BACK BRUSH IT IN:** Using an airless sprayer, drench apply the first coat of Capture Log Stain. Best long-term performance is achieved when the first coat is applied to the point of refusal (meaning the wood won't accept any more stain). Follow behind immediately with vigorous back brushing using large 5-6 in. deck and siding paint brushes on 3-4 ft. long poles. This forces the stain into the pores of the wood and promotes penetration and adhesion. If applying by brush, be sure to follow coverage guidelines. Three or more coats may be necessary, depending on how heavily the stain is brushed on.
- 7. SPRAY IT ON AGAIN:** Allow the first coat to completely dry (4—12 hours, less in drier conditions, longer in humid and/or cool conditions), then apply a 2nd, lighter coat to even out color. Brush out any runs.
- 8. SEAL IT UP:** Spray on one coat of Cascade clear exterior top coat, brushing out any runs. Stain must be top coated with Cascade for water-resistance and added UV protection for the Capture underneath.
- 9. ADMIRE YOUR HANDIWORK:** Sit back, relax, and pat yourself on the back for your excellent stain job.

### CLEANUP & STORAGE

Clean fresh product on tools and hands with warm water and soap. Once dry, citrus-based cleaners or mineral spirits will be required. Leftover product can be stored if the lid is tightly replaced. Store in moderate temperatures (40°—90°F).

### COVERAGE

Capture: 1st coat: 250-350 sq. ft. per gallon | 2nd coat: 350-500 sq. ft. per gallon

Cascade: 400-600 sq. ft. per gallon

More textured, porous wood will require more stain. Smoother, less porous wood will require less.

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### SASHCO LIMITED WARRANTY:

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