

Technical Tip

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Chink Paint

(Textured & Smooth)

Chink Paint ™ is a high quality, elastomeric latex paint used to refresh or change the color of your chinking. Chink Paint™ is available in all eight standard colors of Perma-Chink® in either a textured or smooth finish.

When staining a home that is already chinked, it often takes less effort to paint the existing chinking with Chink Paint™ than it does to try to protect the chinking with masking tape during the staining process. It is difficult to prevent stain from getting on the chinking and once stained it is troublesome to clean or paint only the discolored areas and blend with the surrounding chinking. If you are applying a new finish to your home, you can refresh or even change the color of your existing chinking. This gives the home a new, fresh look. Textured Chink Paint™ will keep the appearance similar to that of Perma-Chink® more so than smooth Chink Paint™. However, many applicators find it easier to apply the smooth Chink Paint™.

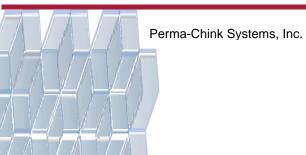
Application

When applying Chink Paint[™] the first step is to make sure the product is well mixed. Chink Paint[™], Textured and Smooth, has a blend of raw materials that need to be uniformly dispersed to ensure proper color, adhesion and long-term performance.

Chink Paint™ is best applied using a paint brush with about two to three inches of relatively stiff bristles. A chip brush also works fine, especially for the textured version. A chip brush is economical and can be disposed of when finished. We recommend keeping a wet rag handy to wipe off any Chink Paint™ that may get on the stained surfaces. Non disposable brushes can be cleaned with soap and water.

Cosmetic Chink Joints and Chink Paint™

Several log home manufacturers offer squared log homes with cosmetic chink joints. Although some owners ignore these cosmetic joints and just stain over them, others like the look of a chink style home which may be the reason that they bought the home in the firstplace. The question is, when to use Perma-Chink® versus Chink Paint™?





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For those cosmetic joints that are less than 3/8 inches deep the answer is easy. Unless the log home manufacturer specifies the use of Perma-Chink®, Chink Paint™ is less expensive and much easier to apply. The application of a thin layer of chinking slightly increases the chance of adhesion problems and blisters. If masking tape is used as a backing material, it is mandatory that the masking tape does not cover any edge. This will eliminate adhesion at that point and lead to failure.

Whenever Chink Paint™ is used and a seam is present within the cosmetic joint, the seam should first be sealed with Energy Seal™. Once the Energy Seal™ has dried, Chink Paint™ can be applied over it. Do not use masking tape under Chink Paint™. Masking tape prevents the Chink Paint™ from adhering to the wood, and the Chink Paint™ will eventually peel off.

For cosmetic chink joints that are at least 3/8 inches deep, Perma-Chink® may be used but you should be aware that Chink Paint™ is a less expensive alternative that is much easier to apply. If the joint is deep enough to accommodate both backing material and the proper thickness of Perma-Chink®, it is best to chink the joint to prevent water from accumulating on the bottom lip.

