

## How to Repair Peeled Spots

In most cases peeling is associated with checks or small fissures that have opened after the finish was applied. When this occurs, water soaks into the bare wood. When the sun warms that area of the wood, the water starts to evaporate. This water vapor overwhelms the breathability of the finish, and has enough force to push the finish off the surface. If the peeling is limited to a few small areas, touching them up is not very difficult.

First, if you do not have leftover stain and topcoat that is less than two years old, you need to obtain fresh stain and topcoat to accomplish the repairs.

The following are the recommended procedures for touching up peeled areas:

1. Sand the peeled areas with 60 to 80 grit sandpaper. Do not use a finer grit paper. The finer grit will decrease the surface and hinder adhesion. Be sure to sand off any surrounding stain that looks like there is adhesion failure.
2. If there are a few small areas wipe down the sanded spots with a damp rag. For larger spots or multiple areas on a wall, it is best to wash the entire wall with two cups of Log Wash solution per gallon of water. Allow the wall to dry.
3. If the peeling is associated with checks that are at least 1/4" wide, seal them with Check Mate 2 after sanding and cleaning but before staining. This will help make the Check Mate 2 less visible.
4. Using a rag not a brush, apply one or two coats of stain to the bare wood. Apply enough stain to match the color of the surrounding wood. Since the coarse sanded area may be more absorbent than the original surface, one coat of stain may be sufficient to match the color of the surrounding wood. Using a rag helps avoid lap marks and gets some stain down into any unsealed checks, small cracks and fissures.

Once the stain has been applied and the color matches the surrounding wood, one coat of Advance Topcoat can be applied with a brush or rag. Lap marks are not much of a concern since the Advance is clear and colorless.

# Technical Tip



Fissure with peeling.



After sanding.



Stained and topcoated.