

# Cabot® Bleaching Stain

## #10241

### DESCRIPTION

**Cabot® Bleaching Stain** is uniquely formulated to accelerate the natural weathering process of uncoated exterior wood. It contains a small amount of gray pigment and a chemical ingredient that actually bleaches the wood's surface. When first applied, this product gives a delicate gray tone, and during the first few months' exposure it gradually turns into a beautiful, natural driftwood gray color. This weathered effect, if derived by nature, would require many years of harsh exposure, which often turns wood dark and uneven in appearance. Cabot Bleaching Stain produces a self-protecting finish and achieves a uniform weathered look in only 2 to 4 months.

### PRODUCT FEATURES

- Self-protective finish
- Natural gray
- 100% Acrylic
- Natural Driftwood Gray finish for wood

### FOR USE ON

New or reconditioned exterior wood siding, shingles and shakes.

### TINTING

Do not tint this product.

### COVERAGE

Approximately 300–400 sq. ft. (28–37 m<sup>2</sup>) per gallon. **Square feet can be calculated by multiplying length and width; e.g., 10' W x 25' L = 250 sq. ft. Requires a 1-coat application.**

### DRYING TIME

Approximately 1-3 hours depending on temperature and humidity.

### SURFACE PREPARATION

**Surface Preparation:** Be sure surface is free of all dirt, mildew stains, loose wood fibers and other foreign matter. In order to be effective, a stain must be able to penetrate. Surfaces must be sound and absolutely dry. (Moisture content must be below 15% or wood must be exposed to dry weather a minimum of 3 to 5 days.) Prepare previously stained or weathered surfaces with Cabot® Wood Cleaner, Wood Brightener or Wood Strippers. On untreated weathered surfaces, scrubbing with a stiff bristle brush or sanding may be required to completely remove all loose wood fibers.

**Mildew:** Any mildew stains present on the surface prior to application should be removed with Cabot® Wood Cleaner. Mildew stains are not caused by the coating, nor do they represent coating failure. This product contains agents that inhibit the growth of mildew on the coating's film.

**Extractive Bleeding:** Extractive bleeding is not caused by the coating, nor is it a coating failure. To remove discoloration caused by extractive bleeding, use Cabot® Wood Brightener. Follow directions on label.

### LEAD WARNING

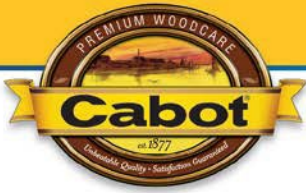
**WARNING!** If you scrape, sand or remove old paint, you may release lead dust. LEAD IS TOXIC. EXPOSURE TO LEAD DUST CAN CAUSE SERIOUS ILLNESS, SUCH AS BRAIN DAMAGE, ESPECIALLY IN CHILDREN. PREGNANT WOMEN SHOULD ALSO AVOID EXPOSURE. Wear a NIOSH-approved respirator to control lead exposure. Clean up carefully with a HEPA vacuum and a wet mop. Before you start, find out how to protect yourself and your family by contacting the National Lead Information Hotline at 1-800-424-LEAD or log on to [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead).

### APPLICATION

Apply with nylon or polyester brushes, stain pads or professional spray equipment. When spraying, always back-brush immediately. To ensure desired appearance and proper drying time, always finish a small test area before proceeding. Do not overapply. Shake and stir thoroughly before and during use. If project requires more than 1 container, blend all containers together to ensure uniformity. Apply to small sections at a time (1-3 boards); start at one edge of the board and work end-to-end, following through to the end of the boards to avoid lap marks. A 1-coat application is recommended.

### RESTRICTIONS

Overapplication of this product may result in a glossy appearance, poor drying or sagging. Do not apply in direct sunlight, to hot surfaces, or when air or surface temperature is below 50°F (10°C) or may fall below 50°F (10°C) for 48 hours after application. Do not apply over wet or damp surfaces or when rain is imminent. Do not intermix with any other products. Do not thin. Protect containers from freezing. Do not apply over previously painted or sealed surfaces. For exterior use only of this product may result in a glossy appearance, poor drying or sagging. Do not apply in direct sunlight, to hot surfaces, or when air or surface temperature is below 50 °F (10 °C) or may fall below 50 °F (10 °C) for 24 hours after application. Do not apply over wet or damp surfaces or when rain is imminent. **Do not intermix with any other products. Do not thin. For exterior use only.**



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### TECHNICAL DATA

**Pigment Type:** Titanium dioxide, iron oxide pigments, silicates, clays  
**Vehicle Type:** Acrylic latex  
**Solvent Type:** Glycol ether, water, glycol  
**Viscosity:** 58-64 KU  
**Flash Point:** N/A  
**V.O.C. Content:** less than 100 g/L  
**Solids Weight:** 38.7%  
**Solids Volume:** 28.3%  
**Pigment Weight:** 36%  
**Density:** 9.72 lbs./gal.  
**Film Thickness:** 1.3 mils when applied at 4.5 mils wet (360 sq. ft. per gal) on new smooth wood. Cabot Bleaching Stain penetrates deeply into weathered wood thus film thicknesses will be much lower on weathered siding

### PACKAGING

Available in gallon and 5 gallon.

### BASE AND FILL LEVELS

Bleaching Stain (10241) 128 (oz./gal.)

### CLEANUP AND DISPOSAL

Clean up with warm, soapy water. Do not freeze. Keep container closed when not in use. Do not transfer contents to other containers for storage or disposal. In case of spills, absorb with inert material such as sand or kitty litter. Dispose of empty container or unused portion in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

### WARRANTY

**\*SATISFACTION GUARANTEE LIFETIME LIMITED WARRANTY:** For complete warranty terms, visit [cabotstain.com/warranty](http://cabotstain.com/warranty) or contact customer service at 1-800-US-STAIN to request a written copy

### CAUTIONS

VAPOR AND SPRAY MIST HARMFUL. Use only with adequate ventilation. When applying with a sprayer, wear a dust/mist filtering respirator (MSHA/NIOSH approval number prefix TC-21C), or a NIOSH approved respirator with any R, P, or HE filter. If oil is not present in the paint product or recommended for use as an additive, add "N" as an additional respirator type. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Wash hands after using. Keep container closed when not in use. Do not transfer contents to other containers for storage. **FIRST AID:** In case of eye contact, flush thoroughly with large amounts of water. Get medical attention if irritation persists. If swallowed, call Poison Control Center, hospital emergency room or physician immediately. **WARNING:** This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. **DO NOT TAKE INTERNALLY. KEEP OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN.**

### MAINTENANCE

UV rays (sunlight) and moisture (rain/snow/dew) are wood's natural enemies, so minimize exposure. Evaluate finish each spring and maintain as needed. Finish durability depends upon weather, wear and other local conditions, but finish typically lasts 3–5 years.

The appearance of the finish will vary depending on the porosity and color of the wood surface. To ensure desired appearance and proper drying time, always finish a small test area before proceeding

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