

Technical Tip

LIFELINE Advance Blushing

Through the late fall to early spring we occasionally receive calls about [Advance](#) Gloss and Satin turning milky white after application. Advance is somewhat sensitive to cool, moist weather and if it has not had an opportunity to dry before the sun sets, cool evening dew can cause “blushing,” a whitening of the finish created by the interaction of water with the uncured Advance topcoat. This is particularly noticeable on shaded walls, especially where Advance has been applied a bit heavy. Once Advance has a chance to dry and cure this whitening will disappear, but it may take several warm, dry days for it to regain and maintain a clear transparent appearance. There is not much anyone can do to help speed the curing process. If it's only happening on a few logs, gentle (warm, not hot) drying with a hair drier can help but the best thing to do is nothing. Eventually time will fix it although if it occurs in the fall of the year it may take all winter for the Advance to completely clear up.

The best way to avoid blushing is to apply the Advance early in the day so it has time to dry before the temperature drops and dew forms on the wall. This will also help prevent blushing from scattered afternoon showers.

Blushing does not effect the durability or performance of the finish. It's just cosmetic but a bit unsightly until the arrival of warm, dry weather. Once the Advance does clear blushing will never reoccur.



Blushing on Log Walls