

## Coating Shakes and Shingles

First, what is the difference between shakes and wooden shingles? Shakes are traditionally split on both sides. Wooden shingles are sawn on both sides and thinner at the butt than shakes. The best advice for coating shakes and shingles is to use whatever your shake and shingle manufacturer or supplier recommends. Often shakes and shingles are pre-treated with a flame retardant or other chemicals prior to installation. These treatments may not be compatible with all types of coatings systems.



*Shingle Roof*



*Weathered Shake Siding*

### Roofs

We do not approve the use of any of our finishes on roofs of any type including shakes or shingle roofs. Check with the supplier of your shakes or shingles to find out what they recommend.

### Shake or Shingle Siding

If you do want to apply a coating to shake or shingle vertical siding the time to start the process is before they are installed but check with the manufacturer first. You can try brushing a coat of stain over the entire shake or shingle, but an easier method may be by dipping them. Rather than using a stain, our Prelude Clear Primer is a good option. Besides adding water repellency to all surfaces, it will prevent over absorption of the pigmented stain and result in better and more uniform color generation on rough or porous surfaces. When the stain or Prelude has dried, the shakes or shingles can be installed. Once in place, they can then be stained and top-coated with a brush or airless sprayer. Back-brushing will also be necessary to get the Lifeline into all the nooks and crannies. Just remember-thin coats. You do not want to flood the surface. Even then it will still be a challenge avoiding drips and runs when applying a finish with a brush.