



Protect it all.™

## Natural Oil Roof Treatment

### Protection and Maintenance of Shake and Shingle Roofs, Truth or Fiction?

Consumers are told that the life expectancy of a shake roof these days is approximately 20 years with minimal maintenance. Some are told to let their new shake roof "season" before they treat it. Others are told that silver grey is the "natural" colour of cedar. So much of the information within the roof industry is based on opinion and sales hype rather than scientific accuracy and it is up to the homeowner to weigh it and make the right decision as to how to maintain and protect their investment. The research and development team at CBR Products has been examining the effects of various shake and shingle treatments for many years. The information and research we share with you will aid you in making an educated decision.

### Shakes in Europe have lasted thousands of years....

There are structures in Northern Europe whose original wood shake siding and roofing is thousands of years old, decay free and solid as a rock. The shakes have been cleaned and treated as needed using traditional methods for centuries. The Europeans are very aware of what the wood required to combat deterioration and these ancient shakes are proof today that their method worked. By further developing their wood preserving techniques utilizing modern technology, a formula that duplicates the "old ways" in a technologically advanced "new way" was developed. Broda PRO TEK TOR Natural Oil Roof Treatment can extend the life of your roof beyond what you may have been told or expected.

### Avoid the "Quick, Cheap Fix"

Unfortunately our culture is guilty of demanding "bargains" and choosing the cheapest option. One trend has been to wash off the dirt and fungi and then spray on fungicidal poisons made from zinc/copper mixed with petroleum distillates to discourage the re growth of the fungi. As there is no component to bind this toxic combination to the roof it all eventually ends up in the ground beneath the roof. The shakes and shingles are severely stressed by this process and the natural oils have been leached from the wood. Another option often chosen is the "one time" application of a "water proof" coating. As water will always get behind this type of coating on a wood roof, the shakes and shingles often end up constantly saturated with water.

### How Does Broda PRO TEK TOR Prevent Deterioration?

The main enemies of wood roofs are the Ultra Violet rays (UV) in sunlight and deep rooted wood decaying fungi.

The best way to control fungal decay is to minimize the absorption of the water that lands on the surface of the roof. Effectively repelling the water falling on the roof and most importantly, at the same time, allowing water vapour to pass in and out of the shakes and shingles as the weather changes is the best way to keep a roof dry.

Ultra violet rays do the most damage to shake and shingles. Unprotected wood roofs are literally "shaken to death" by the vibration of the UV rays. Knots popping out, shakes twisting and curling and nails working their way out are all symptoms of UV damage. High quality pigments and light stabilizers properly incorporated in the roof treatment provide the best UV protection.

Broda PRO TEK TOR Natural Oil Roof Treatment is a blended natural oil based, water borne, deep penetrating environmentally preferable coating. Formulated to provide excellent water repellency, vapour permeability, mildew resistance and UV protection while enhancing the natural beauty of the wood roof. There are no solvents which can damage tar paper or water proof membranes. Properly applied, Broda Roof Treatment does not form a film, which could peel, crack or blister.

## **Broda PRO TEK TOR Natural Oil Wood Treatment**

Once the decision has been made to restore and treat your wood roof it is very important to find a reputable and reliable roof restoration contractor. Correct preparation of the roof is important. The roof must be inspected for damage and all necessary repairs be done. The roof must then be power washed to remove all the surface moss, mildew and weathering. For optimal preparation, a weathered wood restorer will be applied to brighten the wood surface and kill remaining mold and mildew spores.

Proper application of Broda PRO TEK TOR Natural Oil Wood Treatment is very important. Recommended roof restoration contractors will follow manufacturers directions for use for optimum product performance. Adequate repairs and preparation must be completed and the correct amount of product must be applied under the correct weather conditions.

## **Maintenance**

Regular maintenance is the key to extending the life of your wood roof. Washing your wood roof yearly and keeping the roof free of debris will extend the period between recoats. Regular "refresher coats" will maintain the aesthetic beauty of your roof as well as extend the length of time before replacement is necessary.

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