

# Bora-Care®

## Log Home & Dimensional Lumber

### Service Bulletin

#### Description

**BORA-CARE®** is the most effective wood preservative and long-lasting insecticide available to today's log homeowner. The product has little or no adverse environmental impact and can be used effectively to prevent insect infestation and wood rot or fungus damage in new homes, as well as eliminate active infestations in older homes. One BORA-CARE treatment will protect the home for up to 40 years.

A patented carrier system allows BORA-CARE's active ingredient (disodium octaborate tetrahydrate) to completely penetrate all wood, regardless of moisture content. This system makes BORA-CARE more effective than products designed to treat only the wood's surface. It is particularly suited for seasoned or kiln dried wood.

A BORA-CARE treatment is odorless, does not affect painting, staining or gluing and does not change the appearance of the wood. Most importantly, BORA-CARE treated wood is non-toxic to humans and animals.

**Note:** BORA-CARE is not corrosive to most metals, but may tarnish unpainted aluminum.

Wood treated with BORA-CARE will be protected from:

**Wood boring beetles**

**Termites**

**Carpenter ants**

**Wood rot and decay**

#### Application Instructions

BORA-CARE is a concentrate which must be diluted with an equal volume of water before being applied. Add 1 gallon of water to every gallon of BORA-CARE concentrate and mix thoroughly until solution is completely uniform. The use of warm water and an impeller type mixer, which can be used with an electric drill, substantially aids the mixing process.

Always use diluted BORA-CARE within 24 hours after mixing. If kept for longer periods of time, the active ingredient can drop out of the solution.

**Note:** BORA-CARE is toxic to plants and shrubbery. When necessary, cover plants, root systems and surrounding soil with plastic to avoid damage.

**Apply only to bare wood.** Remove any finish or water repellent coating before applying BORA-CARE.

Wood surfaces should be free of dirt and other contaminants. Apply diluted BORA-CARE by spray or brush to all exposed wood surfaces.

It may occasionally be necessary to apply more than one coat of BORA-CARE to attain the recommended application rate (see APPLICATION CHARTS). This is especially true for larger, smooth surfaced wood members.

Wood surfaces should be allowed to dry for at least 2 hours between applications. Do not apply in the rain or snow. If inclement weather is expected, protect exposed treated surface with a plastic tarp for at least 24 hours after treatment.

#### Spray Application

Mix the BORA-CARE concentrate with water in a clean container, stir well, then add the diluted solution to the spray tank. (Mixing BORA-CARE directly in a spray tank can block hoses and nozzles). Spray all surfaces of the wood or logs, including the ends, with a low-pressure sprayer. Apply solution just to the point of wetness.

#### Brush Application

Mix one gallon of BORA-CARE concentrate with one gallon of water in a clean container. Protect hands with solvent resistant gloves. Brush the diluted BORA-CARE solution onto all surfaces of the logs or lumber, including the ends. Apply solution just to the point of wetness.

#### Care & Maintenance of Treated Logs

For long-term protection, exterior wood surfaces that have been treated with BORA-CARE should be coated with a water resistant paint or stain within six weeks after treatment. It is important to allow BORA-CARE treated wood to completely dry (at least 48 hours) before applying any protective topcoat. It is not necessary to protect interior wood surfaces except in situations involving repeated moisture contact (prolonged construction process, shower stalls, bath houses, etc.).

#### Application Requirements

Since the active ingredient in BORA-CARE penetrates throughout the wood, the amount of BORA-CARE required must be calculated on the volume of wood being treated, not the surface area. One gallon of BORA-CARE concentrate will treat up to 800 board feet of wood.

Only **diluted** BORA-CARE should be applied to any wood surface. Prior to application, check wood surfaces for any existing water repellent finish by spraying a small amount of water onto the surface of the wood or logs. If water beads up or is not absorbed into the wood, a finish is present. This finish must be removed before applying the BORA-CARE.

In log homes which have been lived in for two or more years, interior log surfaces will sometimes accumulate oil, especially around kitchen and dining areas. This oil residue must be removed with a strong detergent prior to treatment. Occasionally, white crystalline deposits may form on a treated surface after drying.

