

Redwood

TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

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Pitch Bleeding in Redwood

Redwood enjoys a reputation of being relatively free of pitch and resin. From time-to-time however, some minor pitch bleeding becomes evident when redwood is exposed to high temperatures, such as when it is used for siding, trim or fascia on a south- or west-facing wall.

Under conditions such as these, small, sticky gold-colored globules of pitch may bleed to the wood surface. This pitch is not visually evident in the product during manufacture and grading.

This bleeding is usually characterized by narrow streaks or seams along the grain. It is a natural characteristic of the wood and may occur in redwood lumber that is properly manufactured, dried and graded. It is not considered a defect in the wood.



Fig. 1 *Small, sticky globules of pitch may bleed to the surface along the grain of properly manufactured and dried redwood.*

The pitch or resin can be easily removed with a clean rag and mineral spirits or turpentine. Most bleeding will subside after the initial exposure to elevated temperatures. If necessary, after cleaning, spot prime the locations with a primer specifically formulated for blocking pitch and resin such as KILZ or Zinsser Primer-Sealer, and refinish.



Fig. 2 *Pitch or resin on painted surfaces can be easily removed using a clean rag and mineral spirits or turpentine.*