

**SPECIFICATION SHEET # 7215, AUTHENTIC HAND HEWN SIDING ("SKINS")
July 21st, 2008**

1. Introduction

When the first settlers moved into new regions of our expanding nation, they cleared small plots of ground for subsistence farming and used the felled trees for logs and timbers to construct homes for themselves and barns for their livestock. Because these resourceful settlers had to use what was available to them, they often did not discriminate among wood species--if the trees they felled were solid and durable they were used in the needed structures. It is in that same spirit of resourcefulness, economy and good stewardship that Trestlewood offers Authentic Hand Hewn Siding. Rest assured that the siding you purchase will involve the same mix of hearty North American species as was used by our great, great grandfathers more than a century ago.

2. Species

Mixed Species. May include Oak, Elm, Hickory, Ash, Maple, Beech, Poplar, Pine, Fir, Spruce, Cedar, others.

3. Source

Barns, corncribs, stables, mills, homes and other buildings and agricultural structures from different locations in North America.

4. Moisture Content/Stability

Authentic Hand Hewn siding is generally very dry and seasoned, and is much more stable and less prone to shrinkage than is new material.

5. HC/FOHC

Authentic Hand Hewn siding is almost exclusively FOHC; usually moderate to very tight growth rings.

6. Metal

Nails, bolts and other fasteners are removed or occasionally cut flush or broken off inside the material.

7. Mortise Pockets/Holes

Authentic Hand Hewn Siding generally has very few holes or mortise pockets. An occasional hole or mortise pocket is acceptable, however.

8. Checking/Cracks

Authentic Hand Hewn siding can have significant butt and surface checking and cracks and minor end splitting; many pieces have dark checking and weathering. Each piece will be solid and sound.

9. Surfacing/Coloring

Weathered (degree of weathering varies); original face surface was hewn by broad axe or adze, and has been weathered and worn over time; reverse face is bandsawn (each piece is cut from a timber or sleeper); the edges are generally rounded, though an occasional piece will have square edges. Authentic Hand Hewn siding colors vary -- common colors include browns (common for interior weathered timbers), grays (common for exterior weathered timbers) and combinations of browns and grays.

10. Surface Rot

The hewn surface and edges of this product may have rot or other degradation. Trestlewood will sort out pieces which are unsound as a result of extensive rot. The rustic nature of this product is enhanced by some surface degradation and should be expected.

11. Standard Dimensions

a) Width: 8"+; b) Lengths: 6' to 16'; c) Size Flexibility: The more latitude the customer can provide in acceptable siding sizes, the better able Trestlewood is to meet the customer's siding needs in an economical and timely manner; d) Manner of Measurement: Dimensions of Authentic Hand Hewn siding may vary from one end of a piece to the other end of the piece. Trestlewood measures each piece on the wider face and rounds width dimensions to the nearest whole inch in tallying board footages (for example, a piece measuring 8.5" wide would be tallied as 9"; a piece measuring 9.375" would be tallied as 9".) Where pieces vary in dimension at different points along the piece, Trestlewood will use its best efforts to average width measurements to arrive at an equitable count. Lengths are billed on actual length shipped.



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12. Available Dimensions

- a) Width: depending on inventory in stock (widths sold in the past include up to 14" wide);
- b) Lengths: depending on inventory in stock. Please contact your Trestlewood representative for available sizes.

13. Appearance Variation

Authentic Hand Hewn siding generally comes from a variety of sources. As a result, siding characteristics can be expected to vary from piece to piece. Trestlewood believes that appearance variations (no two pieces exactly alike) are one of the selling points of this product line.

14. Weight

Depending on species mix. Typically, approximately 3.5 pounds per board foot