Log Homes: From Land to Lockup

Reprint Edition

The **International Log Builders Association** is pleased to provide you with this free reprint from our book, *Log Homes: From Land to Lockup*. The ILBA is a not-for-profit, educational association dedicated to furthering the craft of log home construction. It publishes books, articles, *Log Building News*, and the Log Building *Standards* (the "building code" for log homes), and conducts annual conferences and workshops for log home customers and log home builders. **ILBA 800-532-2900 info@logassociation.org**

Log Builder Interview Form

Log Company Name:								
Person I talked to:								
Phone: Fax	α:							
Type of Construction: handcrafted	machine-cut	other						
Today's date:	_							
Web Site:								
I heard of them from: designer advertisement		tor other						
1. How many years has the company been in bus	iness?							
2. How many years of building experience does the	he builder have?							
3. How many craftsmen does the builder employ	?							
4. How many projects or homes does this company build at one time?								
5. Does the company or the builder belong to any	y professional associa	ations? If so, which ones?						
6. What is the size of the company? How many projects or homes do they average per year?								
7. What species of wood do they use? Douglas fir	Spruce Pine C	edar Other:						
8. Do they have a preference for certain species, a	and if so, why?							
9. Do they build with green wood? Dead standing? Winter-cut? Air dried? Kiln dried?								
10. What is the average (mid-span) diameter of the	he logs they use?							
11. How do they solve settling issues?								
12. Do they build to the ILBA Log Building Stand								
(a free copy of Log Building Standards can be dow								
13. What type of structures do they build? Scri								
14. Notches—what sort of corner notch do they								

15.	Lateral grooves (long grooves)—what sort of groove do they use? Comments:						
16.	Do they build log gable ends? Log trusses? Post & Purlin?						
17.	What type of insulation do they use in their grooves? Fiberglass Gasketing tape None Other						
18.	What type of insulation do they use in their corner notches? Fiberglass Gasketing tape None Other						
19.	Does their package include: \Box Holes for electrical wiring? \Box Mortises for electrical boxes and faceplates?						
	□ Through-bolting? □ Doweling? □ Screwjacks? □ Wall-slot cuts? □ Flats cut on purlins and plates for roof?						
	\Box Ledging for loft floor? \Box Doors and window openings cut and prepared for installation?						
20.	Are all bolting materials and hardware included? Installed?						
21.	How do they finish their logs? Grinding Sanding Planing Hand-peeled (drawknife) Machine-peeled						
22.	How do they finish saddles (scarfs)? Grinding Sanding Planing Other:						
23.	Do they pre-stain the logs (apply exterior finish)? Required Optional Suggested Not available						
24.	. Do they prefer a certain brand of exterior finish? Which one? Waterbased Oil based						
25.	Do they use fungicide, mildewcide, or preservatives in their yard during construction or prior to						
	shipping?						
26.	How far ahead does one have to plan in order to work with them? What is the expected						
	time from signing their contract to shipping the package?						
27.	Does the company provide staircases?						
28.	Does the company provide hand railings?						
29.	. Does the company supervise the reassembly of the structure? Who pays for the labor						
	needed for reassembly? Who pays for crane rental for reassembly?						
30.	Is shipping-transport of the building included in their price?						
	If not, do they make shipping arrangements for you?						
31.	Does the company provide General Contracting services?						
32.	2. Do they offer any materials packages? Will they do this on request? What additional materials, if						
	any, do they provide? doors windows flooring lumber other:						
33.	Can they design your home? Do they do this in-house? What are the costs?						
34.	Do they have stock plans to choose from? Do they have a plan book? Video						
	Is there a cost?						

Contacts

Name	phone	fax	e-mail	address	comments

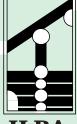
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