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## Dangers of Media Blasting

While most [log home restoration](#) companies use media blasting as their method of choice for fast finish removal this should be the last option you take when having work done on your log structure. The only time media blasting should be considered is when there is so much coat build-up that sanding or chemical stripping would be inefficient. If this is not true of your structure then you should thoroughly think about media blasting as a choice of finish removal.

**Keep reading to learn why!**

Media blasting has the potential to do catastrophic harm to the integrity of the logs on your log home. Blasting off a log home stain leaves the surface of the log home rough and forms pits in the surface exposing different layers of the log and raising the grain of the logs. These variances in the surface cause blotchiness with a log home stain if not properly prepped with a clear base coat such as Perma Chink Prelude.

Imagine using bb's to remove that beautiful finish from your vehicle. What was once a smooth and beautiful finish is now dull and is full of tiny dents!

If the media used in the blasting is not properly cleaned out of any voids (checks) in your log home it has the potential to actually speed up the decay process in areas of your log home that do not receive much sunlight (North and East walls typically). This happens because corncob and walnut shells are the media of choice used in media blasting. **Corncob and walnut shells are organic matter and organic matter absorbs and retains moisture making any organic media that is left behind a breeding ground for decay and mold, a log homes worst enemy.** Media blasting can also blow dust into your log home due to the high pressure used in blasting.





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This causes an inconvenience for the log home owner and much un-needed extra costs. And if you want to get the best look you are going to have to sand the home once it is blasted anyways. This is double the work now when it could have been performed in one easy step.

When deciding on a method of finish removal you must weigh the pros and cons and choose the best method that fits your needs and budget. Just make sure to do proper research and go look at some previous projects of your applicator to ensure you get the best bang for your buck.

For more information regarding the log home restoration process or media blasting please visit us at [www.fixmylogcabin.com](http://www.fixmylogcabin.com) or call us at (906) 202-0595. If you prefer email please contact us at [iwrcompany@gmail.com](mailto:iwrcompany@gmail.com)

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