

# U·C COATINGS

WOOD PROTECTION PRODUCTS

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROPER USE OF LOGDAWG® STEEL PLATES

- Wearing safety glasses and gloves, examine the end of the log and determine which end splits, or potential splits, you wish to restrict. For large logs with wide splits or multiple splits, multiple LOGDAWG plates may be used.
- LOGDAWG plates are designed to be inserted into the end of logs, perpendicular to any splits using the 4" LogSaver Hammer.
- LOGDAWGS are most effective when applied to freshly cut logs, when splits have not progressed. The log face should be clean and evenly cut, to enable an even strike. This will allow the LOGDAWG plate to pierce the surface with one strike of the hammer.
- Place the steel LOGDAWG plate, flat-side down, against the face of the hammer. The tabs on the plate should overlap the outside edge of the hammer head with the teeth facing outward. This allows you to adjust the LOGDAWG plate to any angle. The LOGDAWG plate should be applied to straddle the split as evenly as possible for maximum strength and effectiveness.
- Allow adequate room to swing the hammer and to insure safe application. Hold the hammer with one or two hands and swing the hammer so you strike the end of the log. The end must be struck squarely with sufficient force to drive the all the teeth completely into the wood.
- The LOGDAWG plate will remain in the end of the wood when the hammer rebounds. If the LOGDAWG is not struck squarely and the LOGDAWG plate is not flush against the face of the wood, use the rear hammer head to tap the plate into the log to complete the installation.
- After the LOGDAWG plates have been inserted, coat the ends and areas where the bark has been removed with ANCHORSEAL wax sealer to prevent additional end checking.
- **BEFORE PROCESSING LOGS - REMOVE LOGDAWG PLATES TO AVOID DAMAGE TO SAW BLADES & KNIVES**
- LOGDAWG plates are designed to be easily removed without cutting the log end.
- A variety of common tools can be utilized to remove LOGDAWGS such as a Fencing Tool or a pair of Channel Lock Pliers. Grasp one of the metal tabs on the plate, pull & roll the tool toward the center of the plate, rolling the LOGDAWG plate and removing it from the face of the log. It may be necessary to grasp the steel plate several times to facilitate removal.
- Used LOGDAWG plates can be sold as valuable scrap metal for recycling.
- If you have any questions or comments, please contact U·C Coatings right away.