Take The Katahdin Challenge

Let us do your HOMEwork!

If you're not an experienced builder or contractor (like most people!) it can be difficult to make a true apples-to-apples comparison of two log home packages. Don't worry, that's where we come in! If you send us a competitor's detailed and itemized quote (which you should always ask for) then we will make a line-by-line, item-by-item comparison. We call it the Katahdin Challenge - it's a service that we provide every day, free of charge. If we can't provide more for the money than our competitors, then we will send you a set of four (4) cedar planter boxes from our sister company, Cedar IdeasTM ---->

Want to make the comparisons yourself? Use the checklist below to identify the areas that are applicable to the log home you want to build and review the Katahdin advantage in that area. Once finished, follow the instructions at the end of this list to complete your Katahdin Challenge. It's really just that simple!



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Key Areas	The Katahdin Advantage	Katahdin	Co. A	Co. B
1. Wood Species	Finest northern white cedar exclusively - for excellent 1.41 per inch R-value. Plus natural oils for proven resistance to insects and rot.			
2. Floor System	Complete floor system, including stairs and subfloor of engineered high-performance wood panels if needed.			
3. Log Manufacturing	Fully computerized log cut line — pre-cut, pre-numbered, pre-drilled, barcoded and sequentially packed — saving significant time and money on the job site.			
4. Log Texture	Milled logs or hand peeled - at no additional cost.			
5. Log Grading Standards	Northern white cedar logs inspected and graded by TPI (Timber Products Inspection Company) certified graders - a stringent and internationally recognized grading system for logs of all species.			
6. Energy Envelope System TM	Katahdin's proprietary full-log wall insulation package. R-13 Energy Envelope System available at no additional cost. Enhanced systems available to meet energy codes anywhere in the USA.			
7. Loft	Framing: Round or rectangular ceiling joists. Floor: 5/4 tongue and groove spruce wood floor or 1x6 kiln-dried T&G pine with 5/8" T&G high-performance engineered wood panels.			
8. Stair Options	Instead of only rectangular, dimensional lumber, we also offer half-round and rustic for stairs and railings.			
9. Ceiling	Ceiling sheathing, kiln-dried tongue and groove pine.			
10. Roof Systems	Purlin (whole-log), rafters, and beams available rectangular or rounded — at no additional cost. Additional materials: rigid insulation (where applicable), sheathing, 2x4 strapping, shingles and accessories. All conventional roof framing systems also available.			

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11. Roofing	30-year architectural roof	shingles with accessories			
12. Gables & Dormers	Gable and dormer materi with interior tongue and	als, full log or framed-and-sided groove cedar paneling.			
13. Windows	Offers high-energy Ander plus high-tech Velux® rooskylights.				
14. Doors	Therma-Tru® fiberglass in quality 6-panel pine inter Therma-Tru steel fire doo				
15. Window & Door Installation	Pre-cut window and door and overlapping trim to p in a tight fit that reduces				
16. Interior Fit & Finish	Interior partition framing paneling for superior apphardware, pine trim and				
17. Exterior Finish	Exterior cedar and pine to finished appearance.				
18. Skirting	Exterior log skirting with texture to match house.				
19. Porch & Deck	Premium northern white shows: deck surface, skir plate and gable log stock.				
20. Financial Stability	We're so confident in our you our banker's phone r it. Will other companies				
21. Solar-Ready Design	Option to make any desig				
22. Delivery	The package price you're costs, eliminating the sho Additionally, materials ar				
23. 25-Year Warranty	Ironclad 25-year warranty.				
24. Deposit Required Just 10% down with balance on delivery.					
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Completing the Katahdin Challenge Total Number of Checkmarks					
To complete the Katahdin Challenge and receive a detailed, apples-to-apples comparison from a Katahdin estimator, please send this form and a copy of the competitive estimate(s) to your local		Quoted Package Price (\$)			

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