

TruWood[®]
TRIM

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



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Warranty Requirements

- The terms of the Limited Warranty require strict compliance with the installation instructions. These instructions are supplemental to applicable local building codes and standard building practices. Architectural designs, plans and specifications must comply with these instructions.
- All deviations from the installation instructions must be pre-approved in writing by The Collins Products LLC Product Performance Manager.**

Proper Storage

- Store trim flat and support it on stringers to avoid sagging and contact with the ground.
- Trim must be covered and protected from the elements.
- Allow trim to acclimatize to local conditions prior to installation.

Construction Essentials

The structure must be constructed to meet applicable local building requirements, HUD minimum property standards or HUD manufactured housing construction and safety standards.

A. VAPOR BARRIERS, VENTILATION AND MOISTURE CONTROL

- Design and construction of structure to include installation of trim must be such that moisture does not accumulate against trim or penetrate trim and wall system. Appropriate caulking, flashing or outsloping is required.
- Horizontal trim applied as a decorative band at bottom or upper elevations of wall must be flashed or caulked to prevent moisture accumulation behind trim. *See Fig. 5.*
- A continuous vapor barrier rated 1 perm or less is required across the interior side of all walls to be sided. Examples include 6 mil polyethylene and kraft-backed or foil-backed insulation stapled tightly to the face or sides of the studs.
- A vapor barrier rated 1 perm or less must be installed between the wood sill and the foundation wall.
- A vapor barrier ground cover must be used in crawl spaces.
- Crawl spaces, attics and living spaces must be ventilated at least to the minimum specified in HUD standards.

Proper Installation

A. FASTENING

- Use corrosion resistant 8d boxhead nails with a minimum head diameter of 1/4" (10% variance).
- Nail on each edge 12" o.c. alternating edges with nails a minimum of 1/2" from trim edge.
- Nails must penetrate wood framing 1-1/2". *See Fig 1.*
- Avoid countersinking nails or rupturing the surface of the trim. If countersinking occurs, caulk nail prior to painting. *See Fig 1.*
- Fasten from end to end or center to end to avoid internal stress.
- Do not nail into trim edges (sides).
- Butt joints must be located on framing members. Blocking is required at corners of fascia and rake boards.
- Nailing of fascia to solid wood or blocking shall not exceed 24" o.c.
- When a scarf joint is used with 4/4" trim, two nails are required into solid wood framing on each side of joint. With 5/4" trim, a minimum of two nails must penetrate overlap of trim to solid wood framing. *See Fig. 2.*

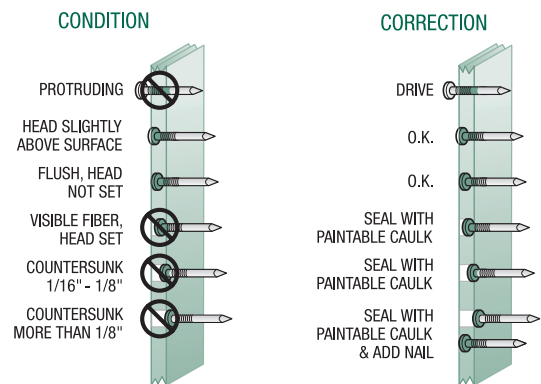


FIG. 1

Scarf Joint

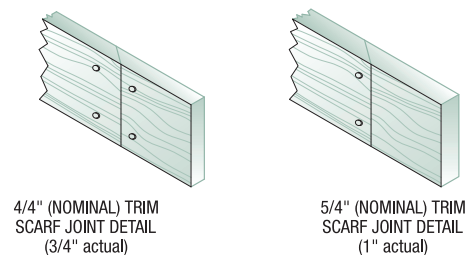


FIG. 2

Mitered Corners

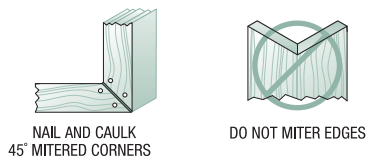


FIG. 3

B. CUTTING

- Cut with conventional tools into the face to be exposed.
- Do not miter edges (sides) of trim. If trim is cut to fit around door and window openings, raw edges of trim must be primed.
- 45 degree diagonal cuts are permitted around door and window openings. See Fig 3.

C. GAPS, CLEARANCES, AND CORNERS

- Gap butt joints $\frac{3}{16}$ " and caulk. See Fig 4.
- Trim must have a minimum 2" separation from concrete or be appropriately flashed. Trim must be 6" from soil or landscaping material.
- Where the trim meets the roof, it must be spaced a minimum of 2" from the plane of the roof and be properly flashed. The cut edge must be primed and painted.

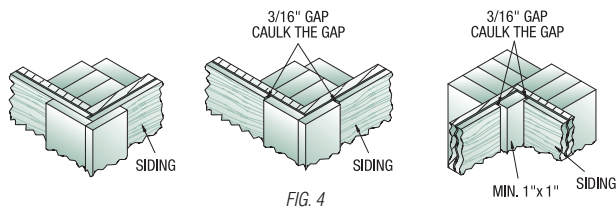


FIG. 4

D. CAULKING

- Use best quality flexible, paintable, mildew-resistant exterior grade caulking material.
- Caulk all overdriven nails.
- Caulk all horizontal trim material. Flashing is strongly recommended at windows and openings in walls. See Fig. 5.
- Caulk 45 degree angle cuts at window, door, and corner trim.

Caulk and Flash

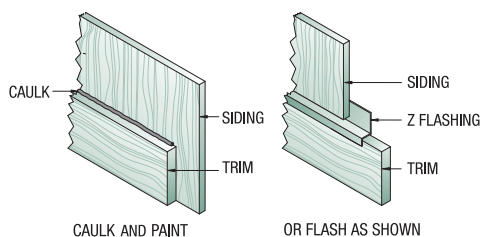


FIG. 5

E. PAINTING

- Touch up damaged areas with a high quality oil or alkyd-based primer.
- Trim must be finish-painted within 90 days after installation. If trim is exposed for a longer period, reprime the trim with a high quality oil or alkyd-based primer.
- Trim must be clean and dry when paint is applied.
- Use high quality exterior acrylic latex or alkyd-based paint containing an appropriate amount of mildewcide for local moisture conditions. For best performance, 100% acrylic latex paints are recommended.
- Use only high quality alkyd-based paint on smooth trim. **Do not use water based paint on smooth trim.**
- Follow paint manufacturer's recommendations for engineered wood siding products.
- A minimum of 4 dry mils, including factory primer, is required. This is best achieved with two coats of finished paint.
- Drip edges and grooves must be well covered.
- All surfaces and exposed cut edges must be painted in place.

Installation Errors That Void the Warranty

- Do not miter edges or route patterns into trim.
- Do not apply trim to a rain soaked structure.
- **Do not apply trim that is wet. Wet trim can shrink after application and shrinkage is not covered by the TruWood warranty.**
- Do not apply stucco or composite stucco products over the trim.
- Do not apply trim to floating structures or buildings over water.
- Staples are not an acceptable fastening device.
- Do not apply to wall systems without conventional framing.
- Do not paint in wet or cold conditions.
- Do not use shake and shingle paints, low quality flat oil or alkyd paints, vinyl acetate (PVA), vinyl acrylic or vinyl acetate-acrylic copolymer paints. These coatings do not adequately protect the siding.
- Do not use latex paints on smooth trim.

Note: This list is not intended to be inclusive of all errors that would void the warranty. These are just some examples.

Key Homeowner Maintenance Responsibilities

- Periodically inspect and renew all caulking and immediately repair any water penetration issues.
- Maintain gutters and downspouts to avoid water cascading down walls.
- Ensure lawn sprinkler patterns are directed away from structures.
- Follow paint manufacturer's recommendations for repainting and paint maintenance.

Codes and Standards

TruWood Trim is designed to be used in compliance with all applicable building codes and standards.

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Example of Trim Applications

- TruWood Trim is a versatile product for use in combination with TruWood Siding or other sidings. TruWood Reversible Trim can be used on either side (rough sawn texture or smooth). TruWood Reversible Trim is available in beveled or channeled styles.
- Typical applications are corner borders, fascia and accents around doors and windows. As a decorative product, it can be used in many designs to add accent and depth to all elevations.

Board and Batten



FIG. 6

TRUWOOD SIDING & TRIM 30 YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY

1. LIMITED WARRANTY – TRANSFERABLE WARRANTY COVERAGE

THIS LIMITED WARRANTY IS SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS 3 AND 4 BELOW.

Collins Products (“Collins”) warrants that its TruWood Siding & Trim products (the “Products”) were manufactured to meet or exceed the specifications set forth in ANSI-CPSA 135.6. Collins warrants its Products, exclusive of factory applied coatings, against defects in material, workmanship and buckling (defined as more than 1/4" deflection between studs installed at 16" on center) of the basic structure for a period of 30 years from the date of installation (“Product Warranty Period”) as long as the Products have been stored, handled, installed, finished, and maintained in accordance with TruWood installation instructions and care and maintenance recommendations in effect at the time of installation (“Collins Instructions”). Collins further warrants the factory-applied primed coatings (the “Coatings”), exclusive of the Products, against defects in material and chipping, peeling and blistering for 5 years from the date of installation as long as the Products have been stored, handled, installed, finished, and maintained in accordance with Collins Instructions. This Warranty is transferable from the purchaser of the Products to the owner of the structure on which the Products are installed, if purchaser and structure owner are not one and the same. The Warranty is further transferable from the owner of the structure on which the Products are installed to the first subsequent owner of the same structure (collectively, the “Owner”). The Warranty is not transferable to any subsequent structure owner.

2. Warranty Remedies

THIS SECTION PROVIDES THE SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY AVAILABLE TO ANY OWNER.

If any Product or Coating fails to perform as warranted (or fails to perform in accordance with any implied warranty not disclaimed herein), during the first five years from the date of installation, at its option, Collins will either (i) provide labor and materials necessary to replace the defective Products or (ii) reimburse Owner for any replacement costs in an amount up to two (2) times the original purchase price of the Products, less any replacement costs directly attributable to Owner's failure to follow Collins Instructions (“Maximum Reimbursement”). Starting in the 6th year following original installation of the Products, Maximum Reimbursement for replacement costs will be reduced by 4% per year, such that from and after the 30th year, Maximum Reimbursement payable under this warranty will be zero.

In connection with any dispute under this Section, Owner shall have the burden of proof that the Product has been stored, handled, installed, finished, and maintained according to Collins Instructions. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, as an express condition of this Warranty, prior to undertaking any repair or replacement of any affected Products and prior to exercising any rights set forth in Section 5, Owner must (i) notify Collins, in writing, within 60 days of first discovering the condition, at the address in Section 6 and provide annotated photographs, and (ii) allow Collins a reasonable period of time to inspect and/or investigate the condition of the Products in question. Subject to the foregoing, all claims under this Warranty must nonetheless be submitted to Collins in writing within 30 years and 60 days of the date of installation.

3. WARRANTY LIMITATIONS

ANY EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES ARE LIMITED TO THE DURATION OF THE LIMITED WARRANTY. SOME STATES DO NOT ALLOW LIMITATIONS ON HOW LONG AN IMPLIED WARRANTY LASTS, SO THE ABOVE LIMITATION MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU. NO COLLINS RESELLER, AGENT, DISTRIBUTOR, SUPPLIER OR EMPLOYEE IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE ANY MODIFICATION, EXTENSION OR ADDITION TO THIS WARRANTY.

This Warranty does not cover damage to Products due to: (i) misuse, abuse or improper transportation, storage, handling, installation, painting, refinishing, or maintenance; (ii) alterations to the structure after the original installation of Products; (iii) design, application, or construction of the structure on which Products are installed; (iv) failure to comply with applicable building codes and accepted building practices; (v) use or application of sawed or “ripped” TruWood siding as trim; (vi) prolonged contact with accumulated water due to wall, roof, door, window, deck or any other water infiltration leaks, ineffective vapor barriers or failure to maintain Products; (vii) performance of any field-applied finishes; (viii) mold, mildew or fungus; (ix) performance of Products installed on any structure located outside the United States of America; (x) acts of God, war, civil disorder, hurricane, tornado, hail, earthquake, flood, fire, lightning, mudslide, air pollution, severe weather or any other similar cause beyond the control of Collins, or (xi) any condition referenced in the Collins Instructions’ “Installation Errors That Void the Warranty”; (xii) swelling and/or edge checking (such swelling and/or edge checking normally occurs in all wood products as they expand and contract in response to changes in climatic conditions); or (xiii) termite damage. This Warranty requires strict compliance with Collins Instructions. Collins is not responsible for any damages caused by any other party.

4. EXCLUSION OF INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES

COLLINS IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DIRECT, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES RESULTING FROM ANY BREACH OF WARRANTY OR CONDITION, OR UNDER ANY OTHER LEGAL THEORY INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, PROPERTY DAMAGE, LOST PROFITS, LOSS OF USE, OR OTHER ECONOMIC LOSS. SOME STATES DO NOT ALLOW THE EXCLUSION OR LIMITATION OF INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, SO THE ABOVE LIMITATION OR EXCLUSION MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU.

5. State Law

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

6. Contact Us

To receive Product information bulletins and other information concerning the proper installation, use and/or maintenance of the Products, please contact Collins at: **800.329.1219**. For inquiries regarding Warranty service, claims, or technical services, contact Collins at **800.417.3674**. To submit a claim, send written notice of such claim, including annotated photographs, by certified mail, to The Collins Companies, 1618 SW First Avenue, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97201-5706, addressed to the attention of “TruWood Warranty Service.” For sales, contact Collins at www.CollinsWood.com.

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

GENERAL: The suggestions and recommendations below should be followed to achieve satisfactory performance of any CP Product. Failure to comply may result in a reduced useful life of the Product and void the Product warranty.

INSPECTION: The Product should be inspected periodically in accordance with the following maintenance items: (i) re-nail loose Product; (ii) trim trees and bushes that are in contact with the Product; (iii) replace caulking that has hardened, cracked and/or lost its seal; (iv) correct grade drainage where retained water is in contact with the Product; (v) eliminate overspray from lawn and landscaping sprinklers; (vi) check the condition of Coating as set forth below; (vii) follow any applicable paint manufacturer's repainting recommendations; and (viii) maintain gutters and downspouts. (See CP Instructions' "Key Homeowner Maintenance Responsibilities.")

REFINISHING: Exterior wall finishes weather most rapidly on those portions of the building that receive the greatest exposure to sun and moisture. Areas receiving maximum exposure may require refinishing as often as every 3 years. The frequency of refinish will depend on geographic locations; the type, quality and color of the paint; and on other factors such as the method of paint application and the number of coats. Repainting is dictated by the degree of wear or erosion of the old paint. Refinishing is typically required if the Product is discolored and blotchy; if the Coating is cracked, peeling or scaling; or if the Coating appears thin, porous and chalked to a point where it no longer protects or hides the surface. Severe paint cracking, flaking or peeling is not normal paint weathering. Such problems may be caused by inferior paints, incompatible paints, improper painting procedures or by improper construction that permits water or water vapor to reach, condense, or freeze on the back side of the Product. (See CP Instructions' "Painting".)

Frequent repainting can result in excessive total paint film thickness, which may cause problems such as cracking and pooling. On the other hand, unreasonable delays in maintenance repainting may contribute to deterioration of both the paint and Product such that refinishing cannot be accomplished effectively. In general, it is recommended that the total Coating film thickness be maintained at 4 dry mils. This typically is considered the equivalent of three coats of finish (one coat of primer plus two coats of finish paint).

SURFACE PREPARATION: The extent of surface preparation is dependent on the condition of the old finish. Loose paint material should be removed. The surface should be washed and all mildew must be removed before painting. Use of a power washer is not recommended. (See CP Instructions' "Key Homeowner Maintenance Responsibilities" and "Painting".)

REPRIMING: If the old surface is sound (no peeling, cracking, heavy caulking, etc.), repriming is typically not necessary unless it is recommended by the paint manufacturer for the top coat chosen. If the Product's base substrate and/or if the old primer is exposed, these areas should be reprimed. If the Product's edges or ends show any cracks or fissures, these should be resealed with a primer. (Only top quality exterior oil/alkyd type primers are recommended.) The primer used must be compatible with the chosen top coat and the primer manufacturer recommendations followed in all respects. (See CP Instructions' "Painting".)

SELECTING AND APPLYING TOP COAT PAINTS/STAINS: These recommendations deal with refinish over field-applied top coats. A good quality paint that is suitable for use on hardboard siding must be used. The finish chosen should be compatible with the existing old finish. Only good quality exterior acrylic latex paints are recommended when finish is applied to textured products. Satin or gloss oil/alkyd paints are also acceptable, as are opaque acrylic latex stains. The following top coats (paints/stains) are not recommended: shake and shingle paints, flat oil or alkyd paints and stains, vinyl acetate (PVA), vinyl/acrylic or vinyl/acetate/acrylic copolymer paints and stains, semi-transparent stains, clear coatings. The finish coat of paint or stain should be applied in strict accordance with the recommendations of the paint manufacturer. (See CP Instructions' "Painting".) Exception: for smooth TruWood products, use only high quality alkyd-based paint.

MILDEW: Mildew, mold and other fungus growths must be removed from the Product particularly before repainting the Product. This may be accomplished by scrubbing the infected surface thoroughly with mildew removal products or the following solution:

- 2/3 cup TSP (trisodium phosphate) – available in paint or hardware stores
- 1/3 cup detergent containing no ammonia (Tide or the equivalent)
- 1 quart 5% sodium hypochlorite (Clorox or the equivalent)
- 3 quarts warm water or enough to make one gallon

Protective hand and eyewear must be worn when applying any removal product or the solution. The Product should be scrubbed with a soft brush and then rinsed thoroughly with fresh water. Do not place or splash the solution on landscaping. Promptly after the Product has been cleaned and has dried, a mildew resistant paint should be applied.

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