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Installation and Maintenance Instructions

Basic Rules for Installing Natural Exteriors Siding:

1. Natural Exteriors siding should be installed on a smooth, flat surface. Install on plywood, a wood composite solid sheathing (no less than 7/16" inch thickness) or with an insulated/leveling board if installing over traditional lap siding. Never install on open stud walls.
2. A weather-resistant barrier should be installed prior to siding installation.
3. All polymer sidings will expand and contract due to weather conditions. When installing in weather below 40 degrees, leave approximately 3/8" in receiving channels such as cornerposts and J-Channel and 1/4" when above 40 degrees.
4. Siding should be nailed in the center of the slots approximately every 10" – 16".
5. DO NOT NAIL SIDING TIGHT and DO NOT FACE NAIL. There should be approximately 1/8" of space between the nail head and siding panel to allow for expansion and contraction.

Installation:

- If installing shake siding on the entire wall, start by striking a level line around the house and installing a starter strip. If your application dictates, siding can also be installed using a J-channel to start the first course.
- Install cornerposts and J-channel around doors/windows.
- For the best appearance, use random size starter pieces at the beginning of each course.
- When interlocking panels, line up overlap with small scribed line provided at the complete right hand side of the nail hem.
- Install the first nail in the small circular hole located in the very center of the nail hem. DO NOT NAIL TIGHT.
- Use at least 7 nails per full length panel. DO NOT NAIL TIGHT.