QUICK TIPS FOR INSTALLING VINYL SIDING

For best results, use certified vinyl siding and colors certified for color retention. The VSI Vinyl Siding Installation Manual, found at vinylsiding.org, provides more information about how to install vinyl siding and accessories. Please see the manufacturer’s instructions.

Visit vinylsiding.org for more information.

STANDARD ACCESSORIES

- Utility Trim
- Starter Strip
- Drip Cap/Flashin
- J-Channel
- F-Channel
- Inside Corner
- Outside Corner

*All accessories should be nailed 8”–12” max on center.

TOOLS

- Utility Knife
- Tin Snips
- Safety Glasses
- Snap Lock Punch
- Nail Hole Slot Punch
- Zip Lock Tool

TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL INSTALL

STARTER STRIP

- Starter Strip
- Level

CUTTING VINYL SIDING

- Fine-toothed blade (reversed)
- Fine-toothed blade (not reversed)

(OR USE A VINYL SIDING BLADE)

DOORS AND WINDOWS

- Bottom
- Sides
- Top

Remove

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8”–12”
NAILING: Vertical Accessories or Siding

1. Fasten nails or other fasteners in the center of the nailing slot and make sure the fastener penetrates a minimum of 1 1/4" into a nailable surface.
2. Do not drive the nail tight against the nail hem.
3. Leave approximately 1/32" clearance (about the thickness of a dime) between the fastener head and the nail hem.
4. Make sure that the panels and accessories move freely side-to-side when fastened.
5. Leave 1/4" clearance inside all receiving channels at all openings and stops for expansion and contraction.
6. When panels overlap, make sure they overlap by 1" on the face of the panel.
7. Overlap panels away from entrances and away from the point of greatest traffic.
8. Do not face-nail through siding, except for the one nail needed to finish at top of a gable.

LOCKING PANELS

- Not locked
- Stretched Tight
- Fully locked, but not stretched tight

FINISHING: Last Course in Eave Options

- J-channel
- Utility trim
- Snap lock punch
- Siding panel

*Snap lock punches should be about 6" on center.