QUICK TIPS FOR INSTALLING HORIZONTAL VINYL SIDING

For best results, use certified vinyl siding. 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.

TOOLS

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

STANDARD ACCESSORIES

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

*All accessories should be fastened 8”–12” max on center. Do not drive the head of the fastener tightly against the accessory nail hem. Allow approximately 1/32” (0.8mm) clearance (the thickness of a dime) between the fastener head and the vinyl.

TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL INSTALL

CUTTING VINYL SIDING

YES

- Fine-toothed blade (reversed)

NO

- Fine-toothed blade (not reversed)

(IN OR USE A VINYL SIDING BLADE)

INSTALLING VINYL ACCESSORIES

STARTER STRIP

- Starter Strip

CORNER POST

- Vertical accessories must have the fastener installed in the top of the top slots

DOORS AND WINDOWS

- Top
- Bottom
- Sides

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INSTALLING PANELS

1. Minimum fastener length must be sufficient to penetrate sheathing other nailable substrate and framing a total of a minimum of 1 1/4" (32mm) or in accordance with the manufacturer’s installation instructions.
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 when fastened.
5. Leave 1/4" clearance inside all receiving channels at all openings and stops for expansion and contraction. Increase to 3/8" (9.5mm) when installing in temperatures below 40° F.
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

PANEL ALIGNMENT

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