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1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the proper installation, use, and maintenance of your CertainTeed Cedar Impressions Double 7 Inch Straight Edge Perfection Shingle Siding. Designed with TrueTexture technology, this vinyl siding replicates the natural appearance of cedar shingles while offering enhanced durability and resistance to weather. Please read this manual thoroughly before beginning installation to ensure optimal performance and longevity of your siding.

The Cedar Impressions Siding is constructed from durable polymer materials, ensuring strength, long-lasting durability, and resistance to harsh weather conditions. It features a realistic woodgrain texture and advanced fade-resistant properties. The classic shingle design is suitable for various home styles. Panels include fastener and nail indicators, along with engineered drainage holes, to facilitate easier and more secure installation.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Always prioritize safety during installation and maintenance. Failure to follow safety guidelines can result in injury or property damage.

- **Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE):** This includes safety glasses, gloves, and sturdy footwear.
- **Use proper tools:** Ensure all tools are in good working condition and used according to manufacturer instructions.
- **Work safely at heights:** When working on ladders or scaffolding, ensure they are stable and used correctly. Follow all local safety regulations for working at elevated positions.
- **Handle materials carefully:** Siding panels can be large and may have sharp edges. Lift and carry them with assistance if necessary.
- **Check for electrical hazards:** Before drilling or nailing, verify the absence of electrical wires or plumbing behind the wall surface.

- **Ventilation:** Ensure adequate ventilation if using adhesives or sealants.
- **Storage:** Store siding panels on a flat, level surface, away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures, to prevent warping.

3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Each carton of CertainTeed Cedar Impressions Double 7 Inch Straight Edge Perfection Shingle Siding contains the following:

- 11 pieces of Cedar Impressions Double 7 Inch Straight Edge Perfection Shingle Siding panels.

Note: Additional accessories such as J-channel, starter strips, and fasteners are sold separately and are required for a complete installation.



Image: A stack of CertainTeed Cedar Impressions Double 7 Inch Straight Edge Perfection Shingle Siding panels in Charcoal Gray. The panels show a textured surface designed to mimic natural cedar shingles.

4. INSTALLATION

Proper installation is crucial for the performance and appearance of your Cedar Impressions siding. Refer to the full CertainTeed installation guide for detailed instructions and local building codes. The following is a general overview.

4.1 Preparation

1. **Inspect Substrate:** Ensure the wall surface is clean, dry, flat, and structurally sound. Repair any damaged sheathing or framing.
2. **Weather Barrier:** Install a weather-resistant barrier (WRB) according to local building codes and manufacturer recommendations.
3. **Flashing:** Properly flash all windows, doors, and other penetrations to prevent water intrusion.
4. **Starter Strip:** Install a starter strip level with the bottom of the area to be sided. Ensure it is securely fastened.
5. **J-Channel:** Install J-channel around windows, doors, and at inside/outside corners. The panel projection is 3/4 inch, so use a 3/4 inch J-channel.

4.2 Siding Panel Installation

1. **First Course:** Engage the first siding panel into the starter strip. Ensure it is level.
2. **Nailing:** Use corrosion-resistant fasteners (e.g., aluminum, galvanized steel, or stainless steel nails). Drive fasteners through the center of the nailing slots. Do not drive nails too tightly; allow approximately 1/32 inch clearance between the fastener head and the panel to permit thermal movement.
3. **Panel Thermometer:** Utilize the patented Panel Thermometer for precise installation, especially in varying temperatures, to ensure proper expansion and contraction gaps.
4. **Overlap:** When joining panels, ensure proper overlap as specified by CertainTeed guidelines to maintain weather resistance and aesthetic continuity.
5. **Subsequent Courses:** Continue installing panels, locking each course into the one below it. Stagger the butt joints for a natural appearance.
6. **Cutting:** Use a fine-tooth saw blade for cutting panels. Score and snap methods can also be used for straight cuts.
7. **Drainage Holes:** Ensure engineered drainage holes are not obstructed during installation.

For detailed instructions on specific installation scenarios (e.g., around utilities, gables, soffits), consult the official CertainTeed Cedar Impressions installation guide.

5. MAINTENANCE

CertainTeed Cedar Impressions siding is designed for low maintenance. Regular cleaning will help preserve its appearance and extend its lifespan.

5.1 Cleaning

- **General Cleaning:** Wash the siding periodically with a soft-bristle brush or cloth, using a mild household detergent and water. Rinse thoroughly with a garden hose.
- **Stubborn Stains:** For more stubborn dirt, mildew, or stains, a solution of 70% water and 30% white vinegar can be effective. For severe mildew, a solution of 1/3 cup powdered laundry detergent, 2/3 cup household cleaner, 1 quart liquid laundry bleach, and 1 gallon water can be used. Always test on an inconspicuous area first and rinse immediately after cleaning.
- **Pressure Washing:** If using a pressure washer, use it with extreme caution. Keep the nozzle at least 12 inches from the siding and use a wide-angle tip (25 degrees or wider). Avoid directing water upwards into overlaps or seams, as this can force water behind the siding.
- **Avoid Harsh Chemicals:** Do not use abrasive cleaners, paint removers, or strong organic solvents (e.g., nail polish

remover, liquid grease remover, furniture polish) as these can damage the vinyl surface.

5.2 Inspection

- Periodically inspect your siding for any signs of damage, loose panels, or obstructed drainage holes. Address any issues promptly to prevent further problems.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common issues that may arise with vinyl siding. For problems not listed here, contact CertainTeed customer support.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Warping or Buckling	Improper nailing (nails too tight), insufficient expansion/contraction gaps, exposure to extreme heat sources.	Ensure nails are centered in slots and not driven too tightly. Verify proper expansion gaps at ends of panels. Remove heat sources if applicable. Replace severely warped panels.
Panels Coming Loose	Improper nailing, panels not fully locked, strong winds.	Re-fasten loose panels, ensuring nails are correctly placed and not over-driven. Check that panels are securely engaged in the course below.
Fading or Discoloration	Exposure to harsh UV rays, environmental pollutants, improper cleaning agents.	CertainTeed siding has fade-resistant properties. Ensure regular cleaning with recommended solutions. If fading is significant and uneven, it may indicate a manufacturing defect (refer to warranty).
Mildew/Mold Growth	High humidity, lack of sunlight, presence of organic debris.	Clean affected areas with a solution of water and bleach or white vinegar as described in the Maintenance section. Ensure proper drainage and ventilation around the home.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Detailed technical specifications for the CertainTeed Cedar Impressions Double 7 Inch Straight Edge Perfection Shingle Siding (Model: 636130).

Model Number: 636130

Material: Injection molded polymer (Vinyl)

Siding Style: Double 7 Inch Straight Edge Perfection Shingle

Panel Dimensions (L x W x H): 47 x 14 x 0.75 inches

Siding Length: 47 Inches

Width: 14 inches (D/7 Inch)

Siding Thickness: 0.090 Inches

Panel Projection: 3/4 Inch (Accepts 3/4 Inch J Channel only)

Item Weight (per carton): 42 Pounds

Quantity per Carton: 11 pieces

Color (as per current product): Charcoal Gray

Finish: Vinyl (TrueTexture technology)

Usage: Commercial/Residential

Compliance: In compliance with IBS, IRC, Florida Building code, and National Building Code of Canada.

UPC: 730463862791

Manufacturer: CertainTeed

8. WARRANTY INFORMATION

CertainTeed Cedar Impressions Double 7 Inch Straight Edge Perfection Shingle Siding comes with a **Limited Lifetime Warranty**. This warranty covers manufacturing defects and ensures the product will not peel, rot, chip, or crack under normal use and exposure. For complete details regarding coverage, limitations, and how to file a claim, please refer to the official CertainTeed warranty document available on their website or contact customer support.

Note: Warranty terms may vary and are subject to the conditions outlined in the official CertainTeed warranty statement. Keep your purchase receipt and installation records for warranty purposes.

9. CUSTOMER SUPPORT

For technical assistance, installation questions, or warranty inquiries, please contact CertainTeed customer support:

Website: www.certainteed.com

Phone: Refer to the "Contact Us" section on the CertainTeed website for the most current phone numbers.

Mail: CertainTeed Corporation, 20 Moores Road, Malvern, PA 19355, USA

When contacting support, please have your product model number (636130) and date of purchase readily available.