



## HardiePlank Lap Siding Installation Manual

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## HardiePlank Lap Siding

IMPORTANT: FAILURE TO FOLLOW JAMES HARDIE WRITTEN INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS AND COMPLY WITH APPLICABLE BUILDING CODES MAY VIOLATE LOCAL LAWS, AFFECT BUILDING ENVELOPE PERFORMANCE AND MAY AFFECT WARRANTY COVERAGE. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ALL HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS WHEN CUTTING AND INSTALLING THIS PRODUCT MAY RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY. BEFORE INSTALLATION, CONFIRM YOU ARE USING THE CORRECT HARDIEZONE® PRODUCT INSTRUCTIONS BY VISITING [HARDIEZONE.COM](http://HARDIEZONE.COM) OR CALL 1-866-942-7343 (866-9-HARDIE)

### STORAGE & HANDLING:

Store flat and keep dry and covered prior to installation. Installing siding wet or saturated may result in shrinkage at butt joints. Carry planks on edge. Protect edges and corners from breakage. James Hardie is not responsible for damage caused by improper storage and handling of the product.



### CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

#### OUTDOORS

1. Position cutting station so that airflow blows dust away from the user and others near the cutting area.
2. Cut using one of the following methods:

- a. Best: Circular saw equipped with a HardieBlade® saw blade and attached vacuum dust collection system. Shears (manual, pneumatic or electric) may also be used, not recommended for products thicker than 7/16 in.
- b. Better: Circular saw equipped with a dust collection feature (e.g. Roan® saw) and a HardieBlade saw blade.
- c. Good: Circular saw equipped with a HardieBlade saw blade.

## **INDOORS**

DO NOT grind or cut with a power saw indoors. Cut using shears (manual, pneumatic or electric) or the score and snap method, not recommended for products thicker than 7/16 in.

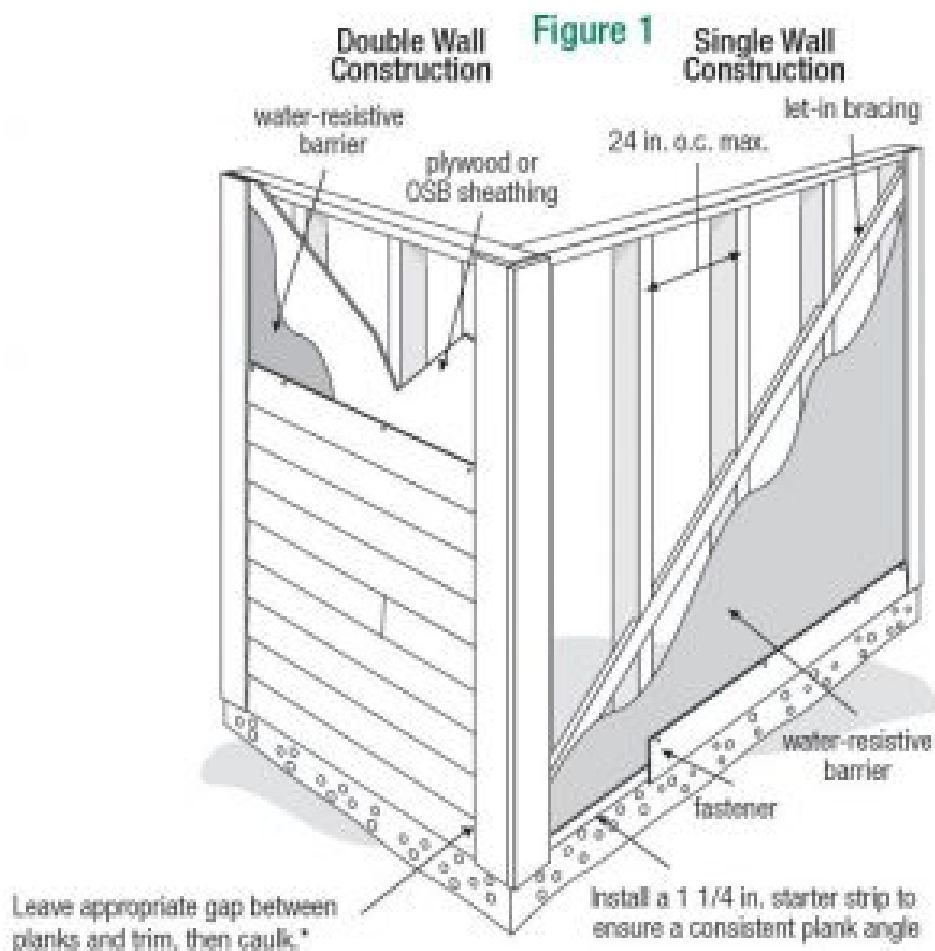
- DO NOT dry sweep dust; use wet dust suppression or vacuum to collect dust.
- For maximum dust reduction, James Hardie recommends using the “Best” cutting practices. Always follow the equipment manufacturer’s instructions for proper operation.
- For best performance when cutting with a circular saw, James Hardie recommends using HardieBlade® saw blades.
- Go to [jameshardiepros.com](http://jameshardiepros.com) for additional cutting and dust control recommendations.

**IMPORTANT:** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulates workplace exposure to silica dust. For construction sites, OSHA has deemed that cutting fiber cement with a circular saw having a blade diameter less than 8 inches and connected to a commercially available dust collection system per manufacturer’s instructions results in exposures below the OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL) for respirable crystalline silica, without the need for additional respiratory protection.

If you are unsure about how to comply with OSHA silica dust regulations, consult a qualified industrial hygienist or safety professional, or contact your James Hardie technical sales representative for assistance. James Hardie makes no representation or warranty that adopting a particular cutting practice will assure your compliance with OSHA rules or other applicable laws and safety requirements.

**IMPORTANT:** To prevent damage to the drip edge, extra care should be taken when removing planks from the pallet, while handling, and when installing with a lap gauge. Please see additional handling requirements on page 4.

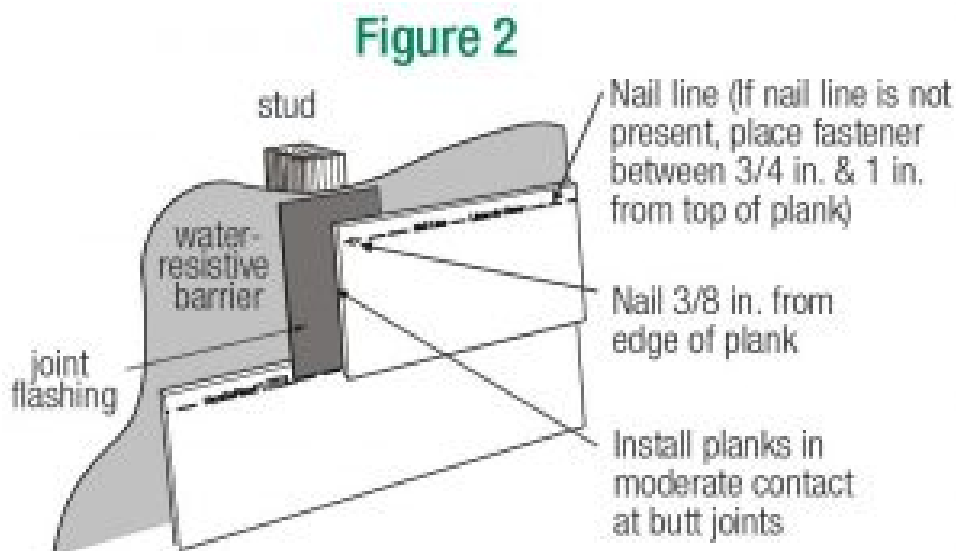
## **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:**



- HardiePlank® lap siding can be installed over braced wood or steel studs, 20 gauge (33 mils) minimum to 16 gauge (54 mils) maximum, spaced a maximum of 24 in o.c. or directly to minimum 7/16 in thick OSB sheathing. See General Fastening Requirements. Irregularities in framing and sheathing can mirror through the finished application. Correct irregularities before installing siding.
- Information on installing James Hardie products over non-nailable substrates (ex: gypsum, foam, etc.) can be located in JH Tech Bulletin 19 at [www.jamehardie.com](http://www.jamehardie.com)
- A water-resistive barrier is required in accordance with local building code requirements. The water-resistive barrier must be appropriately installed with penetration and junction flashing in accordance with local building code requirements. James Hardie will assume no responsibility for water infiltration. James Hardie does manufacture HardieWrap® Weather Barrier, a non-woven non-perforated housewrap<sup>1</sup>, which complies with building code requirements.
- Adjacent finished grade must slope away from the building in accordance with local building codes – typically a minimum of 6 in. in the first 10 ft..
- Do not use HardiePlank lap siding in Fascia or Trim applications.
- Do not install James Hardie products, such that they may remain in contact with standing water.
- HardiePlank lap siding may be installed on flat vertical wall applications only.
- For larger projects, including commercial and multi-family projects, where the span of the wall is significant in length, the designer and/or architect should take into consideration the coefficient of thermal expansion and moisture movement of the product in their design. These values can be found in the Technical Bulletin "Expansion Characteristics of James Hardie® Siding Products" at [www.jameshardie.com](http://www.jameshardie.com).
- James Hardie Building Products provides installation /wind load information for buildings with a maximum

mean roof height of 85 feet. For information on installations above 60 feet, please contact JH technical support.

## INSTALLATION: JOINT TREATMENT



One or more of the following joint treatment options are required by code (as referenced 2009 IRC R703.10.2)

- A. Joint Flashing (James Hardie recommended)
- B. Caulking\* (Caulking is not recommended for ColorPlus for aesthetic reasons as the Caulking and ColorPlus will weather differently.  
For the same reason, do not caulk nail heads on ColorPlus products.)
- C. "H" jointer cover

**Note:** Field painting over caulking may produce a sheen difference when compared to the field painted PrimePlus. \*Refer to Caulking section in these instructions.

<sup>1</sup>For additional information on HardieWrap® Weather Barrier, consult James Hardie at 1-866-4Hardie or [www.hardiewrap.com](http://www.hardiewrap.com)

## CLEARANCE AND FLASHING REQUIREMENTS

Figure 3  
Roof to Wall



Figure 4  
Horizontal Flashing

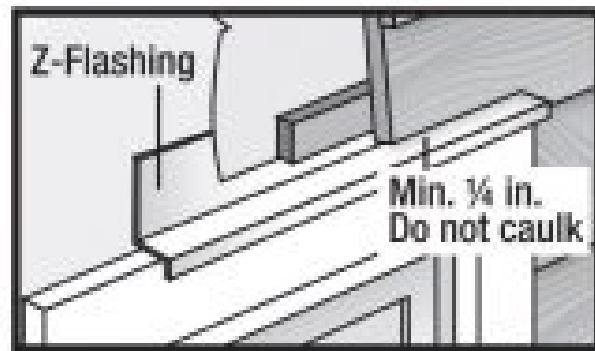


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Kickout Flashing

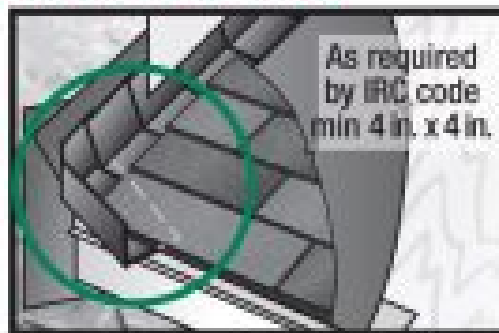


Figure 6  
Slabs, Path, Steps to Siding

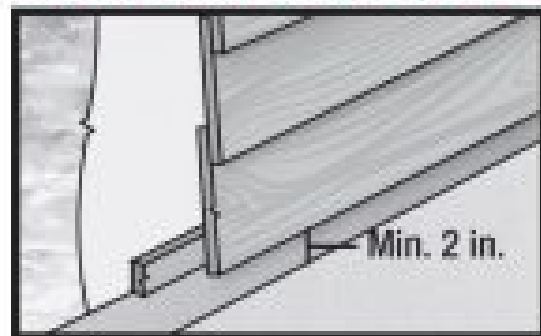


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Deck to Wall

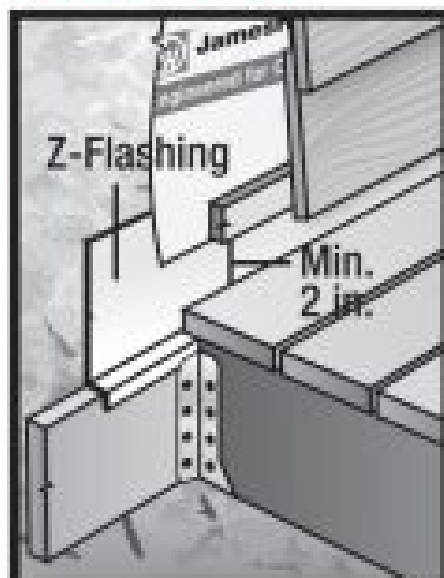
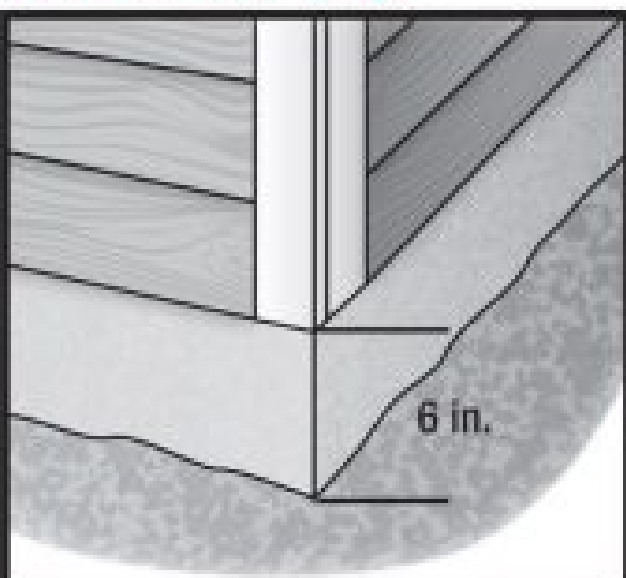


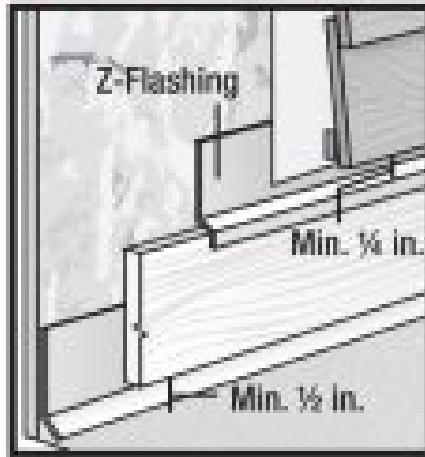
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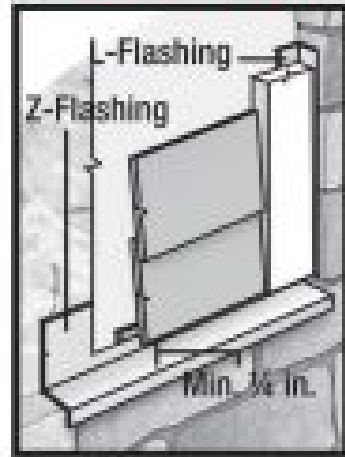
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**Gutter to Siding**



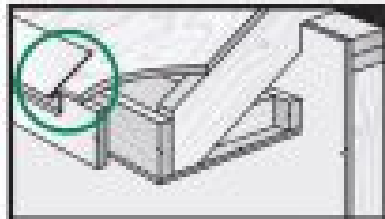
**Figure 10**  
**Sheltered Areas**



**Figure 11**  
**Mortar/Masonry**



**Figure 12**  
**Drip Edge**



**Figure 13**  
**Block Penetration**



**Figure 14**  
**Valley/Shingle Extension**



## FASTENER REQUIREMENTS\*

Refer to the applicable ESR report online to determine which fastener meets your wind load design criteria.

Blind Nailing is the preferred method of installation for HardiePlank® lap siding products. Face nailing should only be used where required by code for high wind areas and must not be used in conjunction with Blind nailing (Please see JH Tech bulletin 17 for exemption when doing a repair).

## BLIND NAILING

### Nails – Wood Framing

- Siding nail (0.09 in. shank x 0.221 in. HD x 2 in. long)
- 11ga. roofing nail (0.121 in. shank x 0.371 in. HD x 1.25 in. long)

### Screws – Steel Framing

- Ribbed Wafer-head or equivalent (No. 8 x 1 1/4 in. long x 0.375 in. HD) Screws must penetrate 3 threads into metal framing.

### Nails – Steel Framing

- ET & F Panelfast® nails or equivalent (0.10 in. shank x 0.313 in. HD x 1-1/2 in. long)

Nails must penetrate minimum 1/4 in. into metal framing.

**OSB minimum 7/16 in.**

- Siding nail (0.09 in. shank x 0.215 in. HD x 1-1/2 in. long)
- Ribbed Wafer-head or equivalent (No. 8 x 1 5/8 in. long x 0.375 in. HD).

**FACE NAILING**

**Nails – Wood Framing**

- 6d (0.113 in. shank x 0.267 in. HD x 2 in. long)
- Siding nail (0.09" shank x 0.221" HD x 2" long)

**Screws – Steel Framing**

- Ribbed Bugle-head or equivalent (No. 8-18 x 1-5/8 in. long x 0.323 in. HD) Screws must penetrate 3 threads into metal framing.

**Nails – Steel Framing**

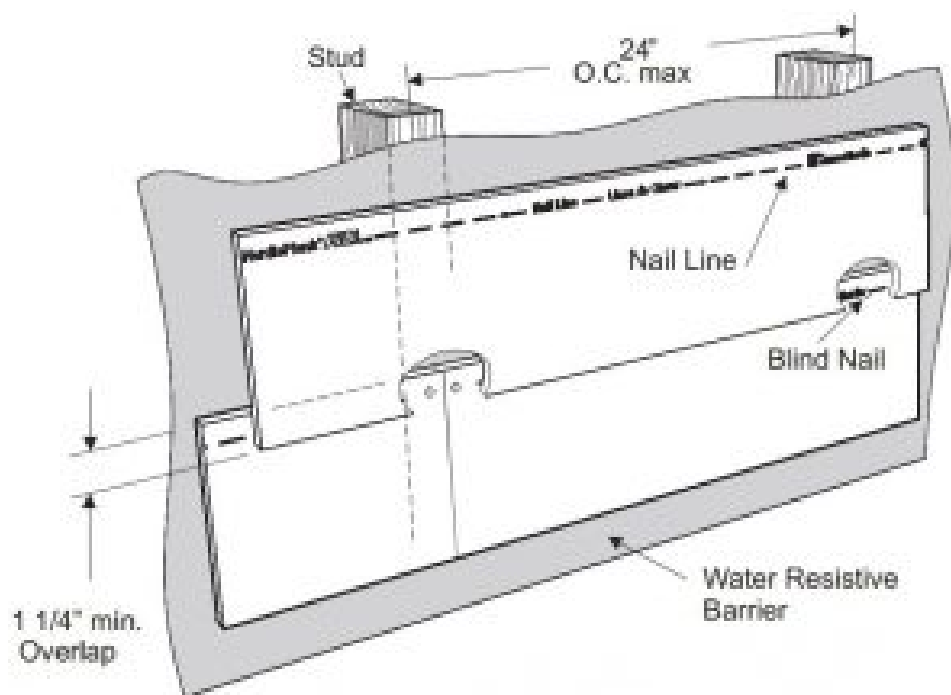
- ET & F pin or equivalent (0.10 in. shank x 0.25 in. HD x 1-1/2 in. long)
- Nails must penetrate minimum 1/4 in. into metal framing.

**OSB minimum 7/16 in.**

- Siding nail (0.09 in. shank x 0.221 in. HD x 1-1/2 in. long)

\*Also see General Fastening Requirements; and when considering alternative fastening options refer to James Hardie's Technical Bulletin USTB 5 – Fastening Tips for HardiePlank Lap Siding.

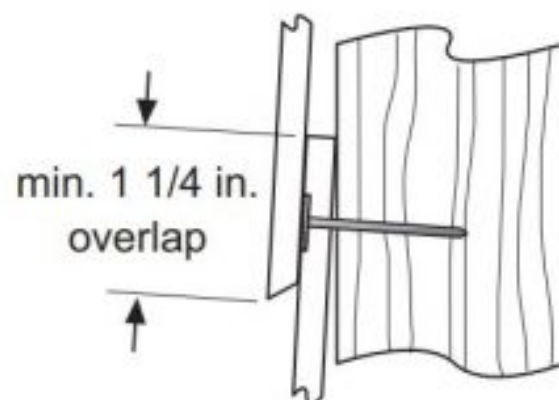


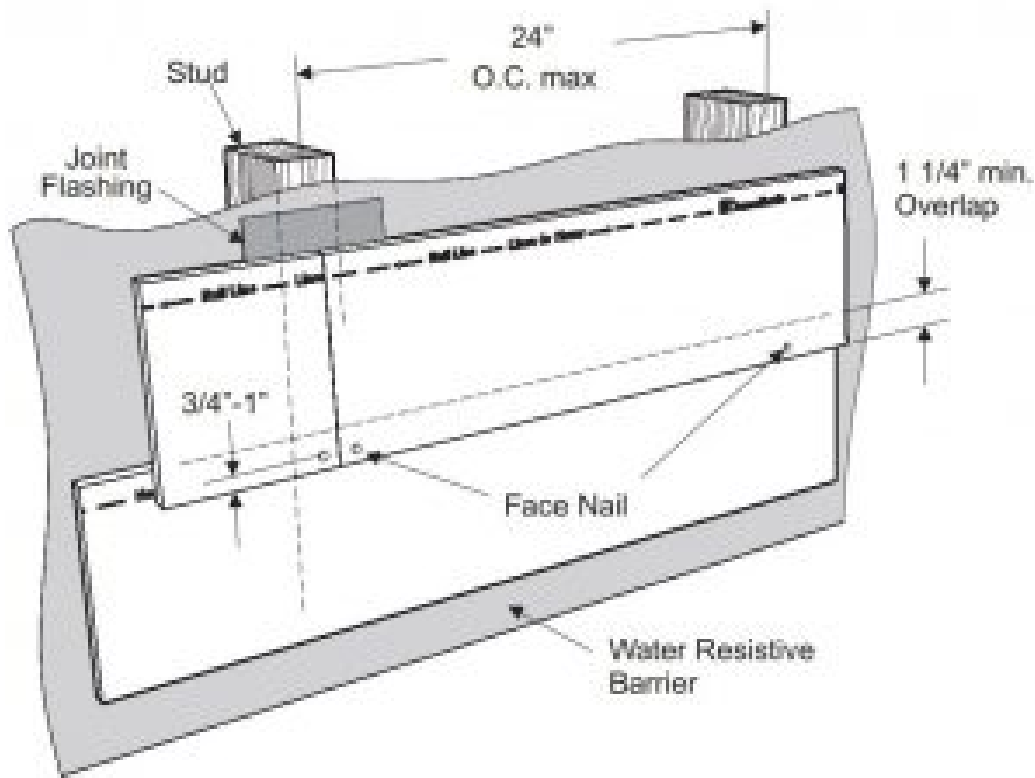


**Figure 14      Figure 15**

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**Minimum overlap  
for Both Face  
and Blind Nailing**





Laminate sheet to be removed immediately after installation of each course for ColorPlus® products.

Pin-backed corners may be done for aesthetic purposes only. Finish nails are recommended for pin-backs. Headed siding nails are allowed. Place pin-backs no closer than 1 in. from plank ends and 3/4 in. from plank edge into min. 3/8 in. wood structural panel. Pin-backs are not a substitute for blind or face nailing.

## GENERAL FASTENING REQUIREMENTS

Fasteners must be corrosion resistant, galvanized, or stainless steel. Electro-galvanized are acceptable but may exhibit premature corrosion. James Hardie recommends the use of quality, hot-dipped galvanized nails. James Hardie is not responsible for the corrosion resistance of fasteners. Stainless steel fasteners are recommended when installing James Hardie® products near the ocean, large bodies of water, or in very humid climates.

Manufacturers of ACQ and CA preservative-treated wood recommend spacer materials or other physical barriers to prevent direct contact of ACQ or CA preservative-treated wood and aluminum products. Fasteners used to attach HardieTrim Tabs to preservative-treated wood shall be of hot dipped zinc-coated galvanized steel or stainless steel and in accordance to 2009 IRC R317.3 or 2009 IBC 2304.9.5

- Consult applicable product evaluation or listing for correct fasteners type and placement to achieve specified design wind loads.
- NOTE: Published wind loads may not be applicable to all areas where Local Building Codes have specific jurisdiction. Consult James Hardie Technical Services if you are unsure of applicable compliance documentation.
- Drive fasteners perpendicular to siding and framing.
- Fastener heads should fit snug against siding (no air space).
- NOTE: Whenever a structural member is present, HardiePlank should be fastened with even spacing to the structural member. The tables allowing direct to OSB or plywood should only be used when traditional framing

is not available.

## CUT EDGE TREATMENT

Caulk, paint or prime all field cut edges. James Hardie touch-up kits are required to touch-up ColorPlus products.

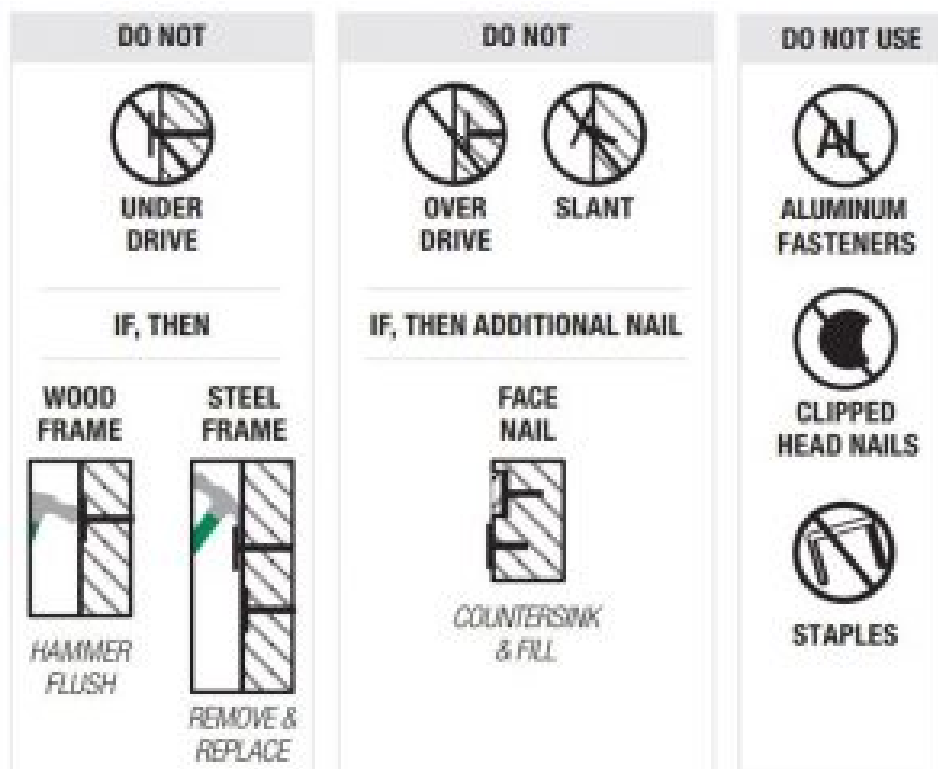
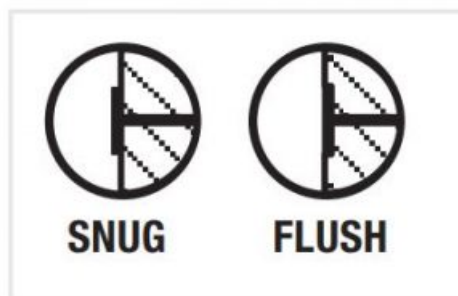
## CAULKING

For best results use an Elastomeric Joint Sealant complying with ASTM C920 Grade NS, Class 25 or higher or a Latex Joint Sealant complying with ASTM C834. Caulking/Sealant must be applied in accordance with the caulking/sealant manufacturer's written instructions.

**Note:** some caulking manufacturers do not allow "tooling".

## PNEUMATIC FASTENING

James Hardie products can be hand nailed or fastened with a pneumatic tool. Pneumatic fastening is highly recommended. Set air pressure so that the fastener is driven snug with the surface of the siding. A flush mount attachment on the pneumatic tool is recommended. This will help control the depth the nail is driven. If setting the nail depth proves difficult, choose a setting that under drives the nail. (Drive under driven nails snug with a smooth faced hammer – Does not apply for installation to steel framing).



## **PAINTING**

DO NOT use stain, oil/alkyd base paint, or powder coating on James Hardie® products. Factory-primed James Hardie products must be painted within 180 days of installation. 100% acrylic topcoats are recommended. Do not paint when wet. For application rates refer to paint manufacturers specifications. Back-rolling is recommended if the siding is sprayed.

## **COLORPLUS® TECHNOLOGY CAULKING, TOUCH-UP & LAMINATE**

- Care should be taken when handling and cutting James Hardie ColorPlus® products. During installation use a wet soft cloth or soft brush to gently wipe off any residue or construction dust left on the product, then rinse with a garden hose.
- Touch up nicks, scrapes and nail heads using the ColorPlus® Technology touch-up applicator. Touch-up should be used sparingly. If large areas require touch-up, replace the damaged area with new HardiePlank® lap siding with ColorPlus® Technology.
- Laminate sheet must be removed immediately after installation of each course.
- Terminate non-factory cut edges into trim where possible, and caulk. Color matched caulks are available from your ColorPlus® product dealer.
- Treat all other non-factory cut edges using the ColorPlus Technology edge coat, available from your ColorPlus product dealer.

**Note:** James Hardie does not warrant the usage of third party touch-up or paints used as touch-up on James Hardie ColorPlus products.

Problems with appearance or performance arising from use of third party touch-up paints or paints used as touch-up that are not James Hardie touch-up will not be covered under the James Hardie ColorPlus Limited Finish Warranty.

## **COVERAGE CHART/ESTIMATING GUIDE** does not include waste

Number of 12 ft. planks,

COVERAGE AREA LESS OPENINGS		HARDIEPLANK® LAP SIDING WIDTH									
50 (1 sq = 100 sq ft)	(exposure)	5 1/4 4	6 1/4 5	7 1/4 6	7 1/2 6 1/4	8 6 3/4	8 1/4 7	9 1/4 8	9 1/2 8 1/4	12 10 3/4	
1		25	20	17	16	15	14	13	13	9	
2		50	40	33	32	30	29	25	25	19	
3		75	60	50	48	44	43	38	38	28	
4		100	80	67	64	59	57	50	50	37	
5		125	100	83	80	74	71	63	63	47	
6		150	120	100	96	89	86	75	75	56	
7		175	140	117	112	104	100	88	88	65	
8		200	160	133	128	119	114	100	100	74	
9		225	180	150	144	133	129	113	113	84	
10		250	200	167	160	148	143	125	125	93	
11		275	220	183	176	163	157	138	138	102	
12		300	240	200	192	178	171	150	150	112	
13		325	260	217	208	193	186	163	163	121	
14		350	280	233	224	207	200	175	175	130	
15		375	300	250	240	222	214	188	188	140	
16		400	320	267	256	237	229	200	200	149	
17		425	340	283	272	252	243	213	213	158	
18		450	360	300	288	267	257	225	225	167	
19		475	380	317	304	281	271	238	238	177	
20		500	400	333	320	296	286	250	250	186	

This coverage chart is meant as a guide. Actual usage is subject to variables such as building design. James Hardie does not assume responsibility for over or under ordering of product.

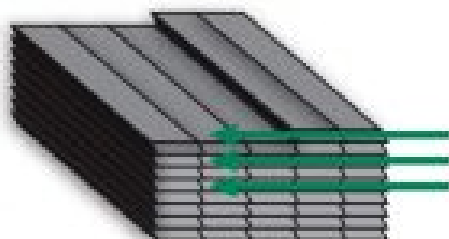
#### PAINTING JAMES HARDIE® SIDING AND TRIM PRODUCTS WITH COLORPLUS® TECHNOLOGY

When repainting ColorPlus products, James Hardie recommends the following regarding surface preparation and topcoat application:

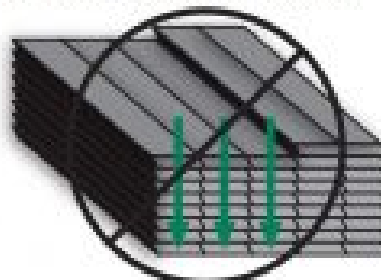
- Ensure the surface is clean, dry, and free of any dust, dirt, or mildew
- Repriming is normally not necessary
- 100% acrylic topcoats are recommended
- DO NOT use stain, oil/alkyd base paint, or powder coating on James Hardie® Products.
- Apply finish coat in accordance with paint manufacturers written instructions regarding coverage, application methods, and application temperature
- DO NOT caulk nail heads when using ColorPlus products, refer to the ColorPlus touch-up section

#### ADDITIONAL HANDLING REQUIREMENTS

Pull from across the stack



Do not go down the stack



**IMPORTANT:** To prevent damage to the drip edge, extra care should be taken when removing planks from the

pallet, while handling, and when installing with a lap gauge. Planks are interlocked together on the pallet, therefore they should be removed from the pallet horizontally (side to side) to allow planks to unlock themselves from one another.

## SILICA WARNING

**DANGER:** May cause cancer if dust from product is inhaled. Causes damage to lungs and respiratory system through prolonged or repeated inhalation of dust from product. Refer to the current product Safety Data Sheet before use. The hazard associated with fiber cement arises from crystalline silica present in the dust generated by activities such as cutting, machining, drilling, routing, sawing, crushing, or otherwise abrading fiber cement, and when cleaning up, disposing of or moving the dust. When doing any of these activities in a manner that generates dust you must (1) comply with the OSHA standard for silica dust and/or other applicable law, (2) follow James Hardie cutting instructions to reduce or limit the release of dust; (3) warn others in the area to avoid breathing the dust; (4) when using mechanical saw or high speed cutting tools, work outdoors and use dust collection equipment; and (5) if no other dust controls are available, wear a dust mask or respirator that meets NIOSH requirements (e.g. N-95 dust mask). During clean-up, use a well maintained vacuum and filter appropriate for capturing fine (respirable) dust or use wet clean-up methods – never dry sweep.



**WARNING:** This product can expose you to chemicals including respirable crystalline silica, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer. For more information go to [P65Warnings.ca.gov](https://www.p65warnings.ca.gov).

**RECOGNITION:** In accordance with ICC-ES Evaluation Report ESR-2290, HardiePlank® lap siding is recognized as a suitable alternate to that specified in the 2006, 2009, 2012 & 2015 International Residential Code for One and Two-Family Dwellings, and the 2006, 2009, 2012 & 2015 International Building Code. HardiePlank lap siding is also recognized for application in the following: City of Los Angeles Research Report No. 24862, State of Florida Product Approval FL#13192, Miami-Dade County Florida NOA No. 17-0406.06, U.S. Dept. of HUD Materials Release 1263f, Texas Department of Insurance Product Evaluation EC-23, City of New York MEA 223-93-M, and California DSA PA-019. These documents should also be consulted for additional information concerning the suitability of this product for specific applications.

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