

# EVERLAST®

*Advanced Composite Siding*

## Everlast® Advanced Composite Siding Installation Instructions

### INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

- Check local building codes before installation
- Before proceeding, read all instructions for both Everlast® and appropriate trim products
- Everlast® Composite Siding is designed for horizontal application only. It may NOT be installed in vertical applications
- All accessories with j-pockets should be installed prior to installing siding
- Everlast® should NOT be installed in temperatures below 0°F
- Inspect material for breakage, foreign objects, surface defects, color consistency and correctness. Do NOT install questionable product

#### JOB SITE STORAGE

- Do NOT stack siding more than 3 skids high
- Do NOT store bundles in a vertical position

**BEST PRACTICE:** *It is best to store cladding in the shade on hot sunny days. Keep material from heat sources. If materials are to be stored outside, lay product on wood supports. Do not store bundles with direct contact to the ground.*

#### PREPARING THE EXTERIOR WALLS

- Everlast® must be installed over exterior walls with a flat, level surface

**BEST PRACTICE:** *If exterior walls are not level, a good quality underlayment should be applied to insure a flat, level surface.*

- Everlast® Siding can be fastened on 16" or 24" on-center framing
- Everlast® is designed as a rain screen and not intended to be a weather resistant barrier; therefore, it must be installed over a weather resistant barrier system
- Use proper flashing around all doors, windows, rake boards, chimneys, and other areas of transition between dissimilar materials

**BEST PRACTICE:** *Mark stud placement to facilitate ease of nailing directly into the studs. Use slots to verify your studs are in the right place.*

#### INSTALLING PANELS

- Install Everlast® steel starter strip—start at lowest point of structure and chalk a level line
- Install j-pocket accessories with a minimum 3/4" pocket at all inside and outside corners, and around all windows and doors.
- Lock bottom panel into starter strip, then slide it into the corner
- Leave ¼" gap from the end of the panel into the corner accessory pocket. Allow approximately 1/4" gap between the panel end and the accessory pocket wall
- Fasten with nails/screws every 16" or 24" into the center of the provided slot along the entire length of the panel, nailing directly into a stud whenever possible
- Nail through the slots punched into the nailing hem, hitting studs whenever possible. Leave a slight gap—approximately 1/32"—between the nail head and the nailing hem
- Install Everlast® Seam Brackets at all seams
- Proper use of this system will insure that each panel will be securely tied together at the seams and will be allowed to expand and contract unrestricted—or “float”—into the accessory pockets

#### BRACKET CALCULATOR:

- A Seam Bracket kit includes 25 brackets and 100 screws
- When installing 6 7/8" reveal panels plan 3 squares per kit
- When installing 4 ½" reveal panels plan 2 squares per kit

## NAILING EVERLAST®

- Everlast® must be nailed using aluminum, stainless steel, galvanized or other corrosion-resistant nails or screws that penetrate both siding and sheathing to a minimum ¼" into studs
- Nail/screw head should be a minimum of 3/8" to a maximum of 7/16" in diameter. Shanks must be a maximum of .160" in diameter
- Everlast® must "float" on the wall
- Do not nail the siding so that it conforms to dips and bumps in the wall; "float" siding on wavy walls and shim where necessary. Assure by line of sight that siding is straight on the wall

**BEST PRACTICE:** Nail slots are provided 8" on-center measurements to assist with locating studs.

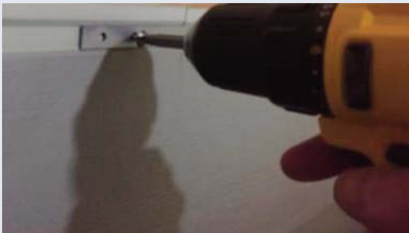
- Eliminate seams under windows whenever possible
- Before attaching each additional panel, make sure the panel is fully seated on the starter strip or the siding course below
- Over concrete block, poured concrete or brick, panels should be installed over 1" x 3" furring strip
- Over metal framing, use self-tapping corrosion resistant screws

## RECOMMENDATIONS AT THE SEAMS

- Butt panels tightly together at each seam

**BEST PRACTICE:** Factory end cuts should be used at the seams where 2 panels meet. Whenever using your own end cuts ensure that they are square.

- Install an Everlast® Seam Bracket with the 4 screws provided to hold the 2 panels firmly together at the seams. **PLEASE NOTE:** screws will hold panels together, but will NOT penetrate through the panels to the wall. **WARNING:** if screws penetrate wall, it will prevent panels from floating; resulting in a void of warranty



## CUTTING TIPS

- Use a power saw with fine tooth blade or plywood blade



- An option for horizontal cuts; use either a straight edge or metal brake with a utility knife or a scoring tool. Score a line down the face of the panel and then snap it on the score line

## EAVES AND GABLES

- Measure and mark your vertical cut area
- Cut panel horizontally using a circular saw or by scoring the panel with a utility knife and snapping it along the score line
- To maintain the proper pitch of the last course, use a furring strip behind the cut edge and at all seams. This furring strip also works as a compression strip holding the panels tight against the front of the top trim accessory piece

**BEST PRACTICE:** In applications where the siding is installed prior to the soffit it is recommended to use brackets at the seams.

## INSTALLING SHUTTERS

- Pre-drill a ½" hole through the siding where the shutter screw will penetrate the siding



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