HardiePanel® Vertical Siding Product Description

HardiePanel siding is factory-primed fiber-cement vertical siding available in a variety of sizes and textures. Examples of these are shown below. Textures include smooth, stucco, Cedarmill© and Sierra 8. HardiePanel vertical siding is 5/16-in. thick and is available in 4x8, 4x9 and 4x10 sizes. Please see your local James Hardie dealer for texture and size availability.

HardiePanel vertical siding is available as a prefinished James Hardie® product with ColorPlus® Technology. The ColorPlus coating is a factory applied, oven baked finish available on a variety of James Hardie siding and trim products. See your local dealer for availability of products, color and accessories.

Stucco
Cedarmill©
Sierra 8
Smooth
Installation of HardiePanel® Vertical Siding

Note: James Hardie requires a minimum 3/8” capillary break (Rainscreens, Furring, Etc.), when installing HardiePanel on a Multi-Family/Commercial project.

**GETTING STARTED**

First locate the lowest point of the sheathing or sill plate, and begin installation on that wall.

1) Measure up from the sill plate the height of the panels at either end of the wall and snap a straight, level chalk line between the marks as a reference line. That line is for guidance in positioning the top edge of the panels. Check the reference line with a 4-ft. level.

2) Starting on one end and working across the wall, measure and trim the first panel making sure that the edge falls in the middle of a stud.

3) Using the chalk line as a guide along the panel's top edge, carefully position the panel and secure it with suitable fasteners and fastener spacing for the particular application as noted in the ESR-1844.

4) As installation continues, check the vertical edge of each panel with a 4-ft. level.

**TIP:** It is common practice to mark panels for cutting with a chalk line. Blue chalk is recommended because it washes off. Red chalk is considered permanent and may bleed through lighter colored paints.

**TIP:** Install flashing over the footing/foundation and extend the panel over the flashing just below the sill plate. Do not extend siding beyond the required grade clearances.

**TIP:** For Sierra 8 panels, double studs at each panel joint allows fasteners to be placed outside of panel grooves.
VERTICAL JOINT TREATMENT

Treat vertical joints in HardiePanel® vertical siding by using one of the following four methods:

1) Install the panels in moderate contact.

2) Leave an appropriate gap between panels (1/8 in. is the most common), and caulk using a high-quality paintable caulk, that meets ASTM C-834 or C-920 requirements. (Not recommended for ColorPlus)

Panels may be installed first with caulk applied in the joints after installation; or as an option, after the first panel is installed, apply a bead of caulk along the panel edge. When the next panel is installed against the first, the edge embeds in the applied caulk creating a thorough seal between the edges of the panels.

3) Vertical joints may be covered with wood or fiber-cement batten strips. If James Hardie® siding or trim products are ripped and used as batten strips, paint or prime the cut edges. Batten strips should span the vertical joint by at least \( \frac{3}{4} \) in. on each side.

4) Metal or PVC “H” moldings can be used to join two sections of HardiePanel siding.

WARNING

The caulk joint method is not recommended for the ColorPlus® products

3 Battened joint 4 H-Channel joint
Panels are butted together lightly.
A manufactured H-channel captures the vertical edges of the panels.

Note: The following outlines the recommended applications for ColorPlus and Primed panels. Not all designs will be suitable for every application:

- Exposed fasteners or battens is the recommended application for ColorPlus products
- Do not use touch-up over fastener heads for smooth ColorPlus products - primed panel recommended
- For ColorPlus panel applications that require fasteners in the field, it is acceptable to use touch-up over fasteners for Cedarmill and Stucco panel only, but correct touch-up application is important. Some colors may show touch-up when applied over fasteners. Trim is recommended to cover joints when appropriate.

3.5 HardieTrim® batten board covers the joint between panels.
3.6 A manufactured H-channel captures the vertical edges of the panels.

HARDEXPANEL SIDING FASTENER SPECIFICATIONS

The Fastener Specifications table shows fastener options for a variety of different nailing substrates. Please refer to the applicable ESR report online (see back page) to determine which fastener meets your wind load requirements.

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TIP: Stainless steel fasteners are recommended when installing James Hardie products.
**HORIZONTAL JOINT TREATMENT**

In some applications such as multi-story structures or at gable ends, it may be necessary to stack HardiePanel® siding. The horizontal joints created between panels must be flashed properly to minimize water penetration. Treat horizontal panel joints by using one of the following methods:

1) After installing the lower course of panel siding, install vinyl or coated aluminum "Z" flashing at the top edge of the panel. Make sure that the flashing is sloped away from the wall and does not rest flat on the top edge of the panel. Install the second level or gable panels leaving a 1/4-in. minimum gap between the bottom of the panel and the Z flashing. This gap should never be caulked.

2) As an alternative, if a horizontal band board is used at the horizontal joint, flashing must extend over the panel edge and trim attachment. Flashing for both treatments must slip behind the water-resistive barrier.

**WARNING**

Do not bridge floors with panel siding. A horizontal joint shall always be created between floors.

**TIP:** For best looking installation of HardiePanel Select Sierra 8 siding, carefully align vertical panel grooves at 1st to 2nd story or gable junctures.
In panel installations, trim is typically overlaid on top of the panel. Special attention needs to be paid to trim flashing at the tops of openings. Below is one method for properly flashing trim in a panel application:

1) After installing the window, cut and install a 1/4-in. thick shim above the window. The shim should be the same width as the trim, and it should be as long as the width of the window.

2) Over the shim, install flashing wide enough to cover thickness of the trim and long enough to cover the trim head piece.

3) Install the panel to the window and around the shim taking care not to damage the flashing and leaving a 1/4-in. gap between the panel and the horizontal part of the flashing.

4) Install the trim around the window, slipping the head piece under the installed flashing.
RAIN SCREENS

The Use of Rain Screen Systems:
James Hardie will support the use of its exterior siding products with rainscreen systems, but does not take sole responsibility for the entire wall assembly or system. James Hardie expects the designer or builder using our components as part of the rainscreen system to:
• Adhere to all the installation requirements listed in the relevant product installation instructions.
• Provide adequate details for water management.
• Make the decision about the use of rainscreen.
• James Hardie products does not recommend “drainage mats” or drainage boards” to provide the necessary capillary break behind our siding. These products can compress during the installation process, impairing the drainage channels and further causing a “wavy” appearance in the plank or panel products.
• Understand the interaction between system components and how each of the components in the system interacts.
• Design of the building envelope accounting for both interior and exterior moisture control.

Installation Over Furring:
When installing James Hardie Siding products over furring the question arises what thickness of furring can be used as an alternate to normal metal or wood studs specified in the ESR 1844 & 2290 Report. General rule of thumb is, the specific ESR 1844 & 2290 fastener must be installed into a material that has the same or better holding power than that specified in the ESR 1844 & 2290 and with the same penetration as the ESR 1844 & 2290 fastener. Note: The ESR 1844 & 2290 is the primary code compliance document James Hardie utilizes, but for other common applications and/or products, additional code compliance documentation and/or fastener specifications may exist. For special circumstances out side the scope of the ESR 1844 & 2290, please contact James Hardie’s Technical Services.

When reviewing the following details for attaching to wood furring or framing, an important consideration is that the fastener chosen must be fully encompassed by a wood substrate - the furring may count as all or part of the necessary penetration if it has been proven that the furring and/or wood substrate has the same or better holding power as a timber stud.

Design responsibility
In all cases it is the sole responsibility of the architect, envelope engineer or specifier to identify moisture related risks associated with any particular building design and to make any appropriate adjustments or modifications to the installation guidelines given by manufacturers. Wall construction and design must effectively manage moisture, considering both the interior and exterior environment of the building.

Attaching panel siding to wood furring:
When attaching panel siding products over wood furring, the typical fastener used is the 6d common 2” long nail. This fastener is going to be the shortest fastener approved for fastening panel siding products into wood, therefore the furring must be a minimum of 1-11/16” thick to achieve the same values as ESR 1844, Table 4, given stud spacing, building height, and exposure category.

It is deemed an acceptable practice to not fasten along the top and bottom plates for the 5/16” HardiePanel configurations listed in the ESR 1844, Table 4 using the following fastener type:
• 0.091” shank X 0.225” HD X 1.5” long ring shank nail
• Min. No. 8 X 0.311 HD X 1” ribbed bugle head screw
• 0.10 X 0.25” HD X 1.5” long ET&F pin or equivalent
• 6d common 2” long nail

Attaching panel siding to steel furring:
When attaching panel siding products to metal furring, the steel furring must be a minimum 20 gauge steel. A fastener should be chosen out of the ESR 1844, Table 4, which is approved for attaching to steel framing. Two general rules that should be considered when choosing a fastener is that a nail (pin) must penetrate steel furring ¼”, and screws must penetrate steel furring 3 full threads. Therefore, if the rules for steel fastening are followed – given stud spacing, building height, and exposure category – the values are the same as ESR 1844, Table 4 states for the chosen fastener.

Conditions of use:
• This practice is acceptable for transverse load only.
• This practice is not acceptable for racking shear values or in-plane forces other than perpendicular normal wind forces.
• All vertical joints shall occur over framing.
• All other James Hardie Installation Requirements shall be followed.
SMAO - CEDARMIL - SELECT SIERRA 8 - STUCCO

INSTALLATION:

Fastener Requirements

Position fasteners 3/8" from panel edges and no closer than 2" away from corners. Do not nail into corners.

HardiePanel Vertical Siding Installation

- Framing must be provided at horizontal and vertical edges for nailing.
- HardiePanel vertical siding must be joined on study.
- Double stud may be required to maintain minimum edge nailing distances.

Figure 1

OUTDOORS

1. Position cutting station so that wind will blow dust away from user and work area.
2. Use one of the following methods:
   a. Best: i. Score and snap
      ii. Shears (manual, electric or pneumatic)
   b. Better: i. Dust reducing circular saw equipped with a
      HardieBlade™ saw blade and HEPA vacuum extraction
   c. Good: i. Dust reducing circular saw with a HardieBlade saw blade
      (only used for low to moderate cutting)

INDOORS

1. Cut only using score and snap, or shears (manual, electric or pneumatic).
2. Position cutting station in well-ventilated area
   - NEVER use a power saw indoors
   - NEVER use a circular saw blade that does not carry the HardieBlade saw blade trademark
   - NEVER dry sweep – Use wet suppression or HEPA Vacuum

Important Note: For maximum protection (lowest respirable dust production), James Hardie recommends always using “Best”-level cutting methods where feasible.

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

WARNING: AVOID BREATHING SILICA DUST

James Hardie® products contain respirable crystalline silica, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer and is considered by IARC and NIOSH to be a cause of cancer from some occupational sources. Breathing excessive amounts of respirable silica dust can also cause a disabling and potentially fatal lung disease called silicosis, and has been linked to other diseases. Some studies suggest smoking may increase these risks. During installation or handling: (1) work in outdoor areas with ample ventilation; (2) use fiber cement shears for cutting or, where not feasible, use a HardieBlade™ saw blade and dust-reducing circular saw attached to a HEPA vacuum; (3) wear washers in the immediate area; (4) wear a properly-fitted, NIOSH-approved dust mask or respirator (e.g. N-95) in accordance with applicable government regulations and manufacturer instructions to further limit exposure to respirable silica dust. During clean-up, use HEPA vacuums or wet cleanup methods – never dry sweep. For further information, refer to our installation instructions and Material Safety Data Sheet available at www.jameshardie.com or by calling 1-800-9HARDIE (1-800-942-7343). FAILURE TO ADHERE TO OUR WARNINGS, MSDS, AND INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS MAY LEAD TO SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH.

For additional information on HardieWrap™ Weather Barrier, consult James Hardie at 1-866-4Hardie or www.hardiewrap.com

Figure 2

Vertically install with hard-to-soft interface

Figure 3

Batten Joint

(Not applicable to ColorPlus Finish)

Apply caulk in accordance with manufacturer’s written application instructions.

Figure 4

Recommendation: When installing Sierra 8, provide a double stud at panel joints to avoid nailing through grooves.

Any questions? Contact James Hardie at 1-800-9HARDIE (1-800-942-7343) or visit www.jameshardie.com for the most recent version.
CLEARANCES
Install siding and trim products in compliance with local building code requirements for clearance between the bottom edge of the siding and the adjacent finished grade.

Figure 5
Maintain a minimum 1" - 2" clearance between James Hardie® products and paths, steps, and driveways.

Figure 6
Maintain a minimum 1" - 2" clearance between James Hardie products and decking material.

Figure 7
Maintain a minimum 1" gap between gutter end caps and siding & trim.

Figure 8
At the juncture of the roof and vertical surfaces, flashing and counterflashing shall be installed per the roofing manufacturer’s instructions. Provide a minimum 1" - 2" clearance between the roofing and the bottom edge of the siding and trim.

Figure 9
Do not bridge floors with HardiePanel® siding. Horizontal joints should always be created between floors (fig. 10).

Figure 10
Do not caulk gap. Refer to fig. 3 on page 1.

Figure 11

KICKOUT FLASHING
Because of the volume of water that can pour down a sloped roof, one of the most critical flashing details occurs where a roof intersects a sidewall. The roof must be flashed with step flashing. Where the roof terminates, install a kickout to deflect water away from the siding. It is best to install a self-adhering membrane on the wall before the subfascia and trim boards are nailed in place, and then come back to install the kickout.

Figure 11, Kickout Flashing
To prevent water from dumping behind the siding and the end of the roof intersection, install a “kickout” as required by IRC code R905.2.8.3: “…flashing shall be a min. of 4" high and 4" wide.” James Hardie recommends the kickout be angled between 100° - 110° to maximize water deflection.

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.

- Consult applicable product evaluation or listing for correct fastener type and placement to achieve specific 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). (fig. A)
- Do not over-drive nail heads or drive nails at an angle.
- If nail is countersunk, fill nail hole and add a nail. (fig. B)
- For wood framing, under driven nails should be hit flush to the plank with a hammer (for steel framing, remove and replace nail).
- 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.
- Do not use aluminum fasteners, staples, or clipped head nails.

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).
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: OSI Quad as well as some other caulking manufacturers do not allow tooling.

DO NOT caulk nail heads when using ColorPlus products, refer to the ColorPlus touch-up section

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

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 HardiePanel® 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 coaters, 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.

PAINTING
DO NOT use stain, oil/alkyd base paint, or powder coating on James Hardie® Products. James Hardie products must be painted within 180 days for primed product and 90 days for unprimed. 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.

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