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Important Information

Warranties

This information contained in this Installation Guide describes and illustrates the steps required to properly install CertainTeed siding, trim, and accessories. The Installation Guide provides detailed information and how-to tips that will support a successful installation. These requirements are provided throughout this Guide. Also, consult local building codes for additional requirements. Should you have questions about installation techniques, you may contact CertainTeed for further information. Any deviations from these requirements described in this Guide must be addressed and approved in writing by CertainTeed. Please be aware that CertainTeed does not accept any liability or responsibility under its written limited warranty for failure caused by an application that does not meet the requirements for proper installation. Improper installation may void coverage under the limited warranty.

In rare instances, intense sunlight reflected from glass or other reflective surfaces may create heat buildup and cause vinyl siding to distort or melt. To help minimize the effects of heat buildup from reflected sunlight, the homeowner may take one or more of the following measures:

- Install a screen in the window causing the reflection.
- Install an awning over the window to break the line of light reflection.
- Use shrubbery to protect the area of siding from reflections.

Distorted or melted siding caused by the reflection of sunlight is not covered under the limited warranty. For more information on the potential damaging effects of concentrated solar reflection, visit the Polymeric Exterior Products Association (PEPA) website at polymericexteriors.org/vsi-resources/color-reflection/

Building codes and regulations vary throughout the country. Be sure to check with your local code official or governing body for the building requirements in your area.

Lead Renovations

Many houses and apartments built before 1978 have paint that contains high levels of lead (called lead-based paint). Lead from paint, chips, and dust can pose serious health hazards if not taken care of properly. You can find out about safety measures for lead-based paint by calling 1-800-424-LEAD (5323).

Important Fire Safety Information

Exterior vinyl building materials require little maintenance for many years. Nevertheless, common sense dictates that builders and suppliers of vinyl products store, handle and install vinyl materials in a manner that avoids damage to the product and/or the structure. Owners and installers should take a few simple steps to protect vinyl building materials from fire:

- To Home and Building Owners: Rigid vinyl siding is made from organic materials and will melt or burn when exposed to a significant source of flame or heat. Building owners, occupants and outside maintenance personnel should always take normal precautions to keep sources of fire, such as barbecues, and combustible materials, such as dry leaves, mulch and trash, away from vinyl siding.
- To the Building Trades, Specifiers, Professionals and Do-It-Yourself Installers: When rigid vinyl siding is exposed to significant heat or flame, the vinyl will soften, sag, melt or burn, and may thereby expose material underneath. Care must be exercised when selecting underlayment materials because many underlayment materials are made from organic materials that are combustible. You should ascertain the fire properties of underlayment materials prior to installation. All building materials should be installed in accordance with local, state and federal building codes and fire regulations.

This manual shows the basic guidelines for installation. It is based on ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials) D4756, the standard practice for installation of vinyl siding and soffit. Additionally, we recommend that local building codes be reviewed.