

Siding, Trim & Mouldings

## HANDLING AND STORAGE

Prior to installation LIFESPAN SOLID SELECT should be protected from direct sunlight, rain, dirt and other elements. Store in a dry location NOT directly on the ground with a waterproof cover allowing air circulation so product can acclimate.

## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

## **Trim**

<u>Nailing-</u> Install in accordance with industry standards. Preferable nail type: stainless steel or hot dipped galvanized. Typical length nails depend on the thickness of the product and sheathing. General rule 1 1/2" penetration into substrate and fastened to study wherever possible.

**Spacing-** 2 nails approximately 1" in from each edge to secure the product. Wider boards may require 3 to 4 nails to secure (preference) Spacing between nails is also preference but should be approximately 2' between groupings. **Cuts and rips-** As best practice, we recommend priming all cuts with a primer - spray or brush to seal the ends. If LIFESPAN is ripped- the entire ripped surface needs to be re-primed.

<u>Joints</u>- Butt all joints tight- no gaps are needed. In long runs we recommend scarfing the joint with a miter to improve aesthetics.

<u>Orientation</u>- All LIFESPAN SOLID SELECT trim boards are back stamped "LIFESPAN SOLID SELECT". Product should be installed so the stamp IS NOT visible.

<u>Painting- LIFESPAN SOLID SELECT</u> comes with 2 factory oil prime coats. We recommend a good 100% acrylic topcoat to finish the product in the field.

## Siding

<u>Nailing</u>- A 6d ring shank stainless steel or hot dipped galvanized nail is recommended for installing LIFESPAN SOLID SELECT bevel siding. Length of nail should be approximately 2-2 1/2" giving 1 ½" penetration into studs.

**Spacing-** LIFESPAN SOLID SELECT clapboards must have a 1" minimum overlap and a larger overlap is acceptable for smaller exposure. Nails should be approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$ "-3/4" up from the butt and must be nailed to stude 16" on center. Nailing too high up can put stress on the clapboard and cause cracking.

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<u>Joints</u>- Butt all joints tight- no gaps are needed. In the field a flashing should be used for waterproofing at joints. 30lb felt cut into strips is typical.

<u>Painting</u>- LIFESPAN SOLID SELECT comes with 2 factory oil prime coats. We recommend a good 100% acrylic topcoat to finish the product in the field.

