

VERSATEX®

TRIM BOARD

TRIM SMARTER.

Versatex Stealth Installation Guidelines

General Information

Versatex Stealth Trim System was designed and developed with a grooved pocket much like a "J" channel to accept all siding products. Like all Versatex PVC products the Stealth Trim System installs very similar to wood. The composition of the product allows it to be cut, routed, nailed and screwed just as any lumber product utilizing the same tools. The Stealth Trim System carries with it a transferable 30-year warranty and does not need to be painted to prevent moisture damage that causes rot and decay. For more information on painting or other installation questions, please visit our website www.versatex.com and go to the section titled Resources/Technical Information. Refer to Versatex standard installation guidelines for more information on the storage, handling and working with Versatex (cutting, drilling, routing, bonding, filling, etc.).

Stealth Corners

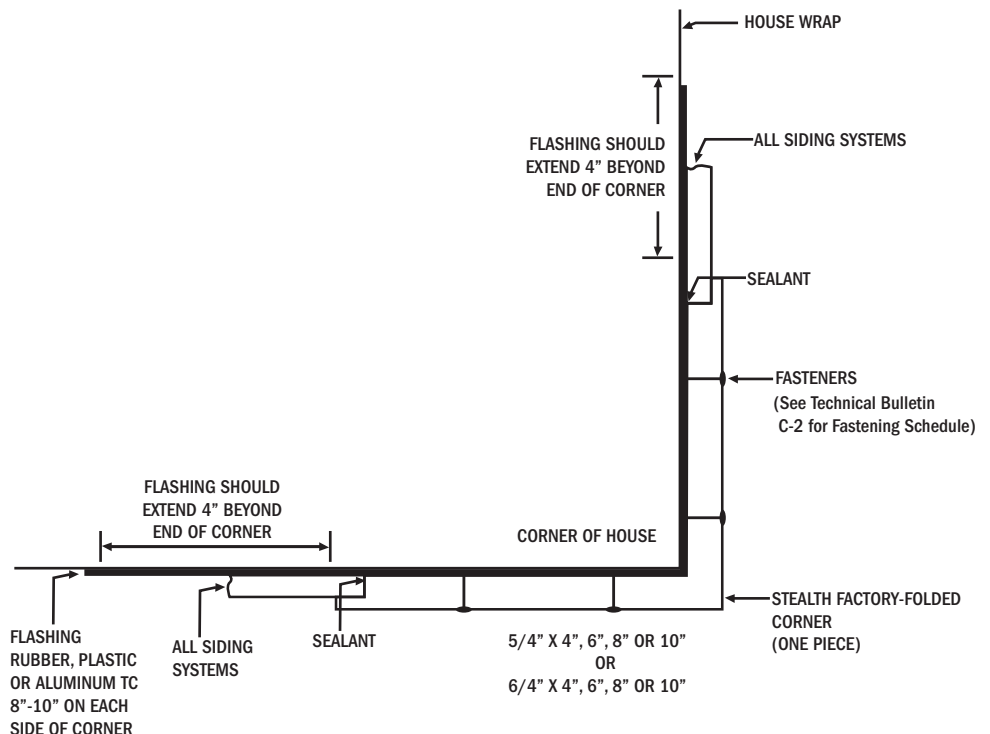
Because of its unique design with either a built in $\frac{3}{4}$ " deep by $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide or 1" deep by 1" wide pocket the Stealth Corner can accept all siding products and works especially well with fiber cement and vinyl siding. Including foamed back or insulated.

Installation Steps

- Before installing your Stealth Corner, be sure the corner of the house is properly prepared to accept it. The corner of the building should be square, true and plumb and covered with some form of house wrap. Covering the corner with house wrap eliminates the need for any flashing or sealing to divert wind driven water. The house wrap will shed the water down the "J" pocket of the corner allowing it to drain out at grade. Aesthetically, there may be a need to flash in the pocket of the "J" to cover the printing of the house wrap that may be exposed if the siding is held back. This can be accomplished by taking some left over trim coil and bending a simple $\frac{5}{8}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " "L" the length of the corner and inserting it into the "J" pocket. Another simpler technique is to use just a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " or 2" flat strip of trim coil the length of the corner and wedge or secure it against the pocket of the corner. Just about any

type of flashing can be used to cover the print on the house wrap. In those rare cases where house wrap is not used, flash the corner with aluminum trim coil or asphalt felt. The flashing should have two, 10" legs and be bent at a 90° angle. Cover the entire corner lapping the top piece over the bottom piece. The flashing should extend 4" to 6" beyond the outside edges of the corner.

- Before installing the corner, run a bead of sealant down the backside of both edges just outside the pocket. The purpose of this sealant bead is to provide a positive seal as well as a dam which will prevent water or wind driven moisture from getting behind the corner.
- Fasten the corner the same way you would a standard Versatex corner being sure not to nail through the overhang that conceals your siding. Although this overhang piece is $\frac{1}{4}$ " thick, it may break if struck with a hammer. Place the top of the Stealth Corner $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the underside of the eave. Use stainless steel fasteners designed for wood trim and siding. Fasteners with thin shanks, blunt points, and full round heads are preferred. The fastener must be long enough to penetrate the substrate a minimum of $1\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- Place nails a maximum of 16" on center.
- Install siding in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.



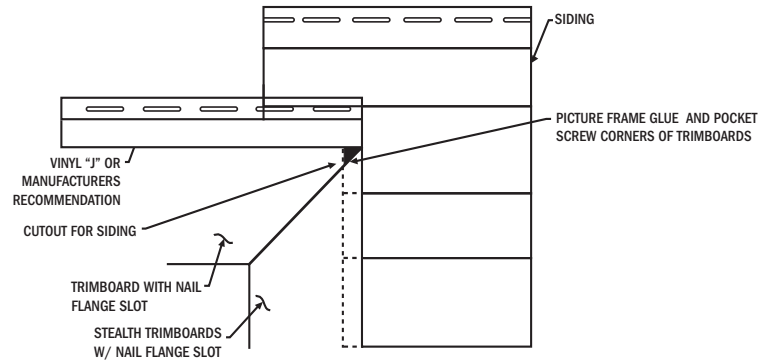
Stealth Window Surrounds

Like the Stealth Corner, the Stealth Window Surround features either a $\frac{3}{4}$ " by $\frac{3}{4}$ " pocket or a 1" by 1" pocket to accept any siding products. Available in both a nominal 4" and 6" boards, the Stealth Window Surrounds can be purchased either with or without a $1\frac{7}{8}$ " x $\frac{3}{16}$ " nailing slot cut into the bottom of the trim piece to accept the flange on a new construction window. The Standard Stealth Window Surrounds do not have this nail flange cut out and is used primarily for remodeling jobs where the perimeter trim is being replaced. A third option for your window surround trim is our trim with nail flange slot. This is typically used as the header piece of a window surround or in non-siding applications where the builder prefers to butt up against the Versatex Window Trim.

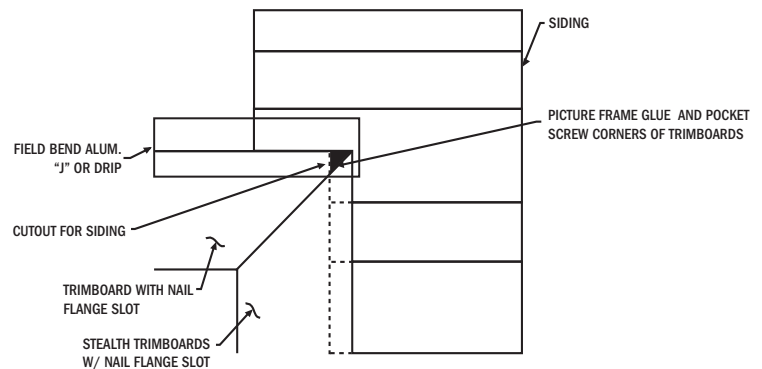
Installation Steps

- Before installing your Stealth Window Trim, be sure the window area is properly prepared to accept it. The window should be installed square, true and plumb with the area where the window is to be installed covered by the house wrap. Flash the window opening in accordance with AAMA Method A-1. Apply a large bead of sealant around the window rough opening. Insert the window into the opening pressing the flanges into the bead of sealant.
- Once in place, cover the entire nail flange of the window with a rubberized butyl flashing (i.e. Grace Vycor or equal). The flashing should extend out 4" to 6" from the frame of the window. Apply the flashing to the bottom of the window first, then to the jambs and finally across the head of the window overlapping the flashing at the four corners. At the window header, have the flashing fold over and onto the top of the window. This will keep stray rainwater from getting behind the window.
- Typical window nailing flanges are approximately $\frac{1}{8}$ " thick creating an irregular surface for the casing boards or window trim making Versatex Stealth Trim System with its $1\frac{7}{8}$ " x $\frac{3}{16}$ " nail flange reveal ideal for this condition.
- Having measured the window, miter cut the Stealth Trim to create a picture frame look with the trim pieces. Glue using a PVC cement or Versatex Fill n' Fasten and pocket screw the miters to create a Stealth Window Surround. We recommend using the Versatex Historic Sill at the base of the window surround, the Stealth Trim with Flange Slot for the jambs and the Versatex Trim with Flange Slot at the window header. Before installing the Stealth Window Surround, run a bead of sealant down the backside edge just outside the pocket. The purpose of this sealant bead is to provide a positive seal of the trim to the wall of the house as well as a dam which will prevent water or wind driven moisture from working its way behind the trim.
- Nail the window surround the same way you would standard Versatex Trim, being sure not to nail through the overhang that conceals your siding. Although this overhang piece is $\frac{1}{4}$ " thick, it may break if struck with a hammer. Use stainless steel fasteners designed for wood trim and siding. Fasteners with thin shanks, blunt points, and full round heads are preferred. The fastener must be long enough to penetrate the substrate a minimum of $1\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- Place nails a maximum of 16" on center.
- At the window header, bend a piece of light gage aluminum into a "J" or drip edge and place it on the trim before installing the siding.

VERSATEX Stealth Window Installation Using Vinyl Siding



VERSATEX Stealth Window Installation Using Fiber Cement Siding & Composites



- Install the siding around the perimeter of the window in accordance with the manufacturer's installation guidelines.

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