

Stealth Skirtboard Installation Guidelines

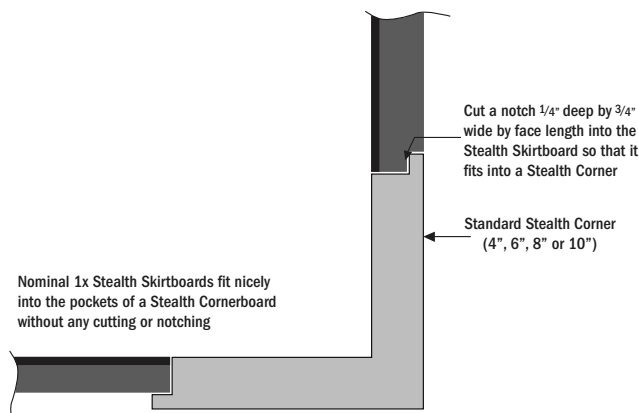
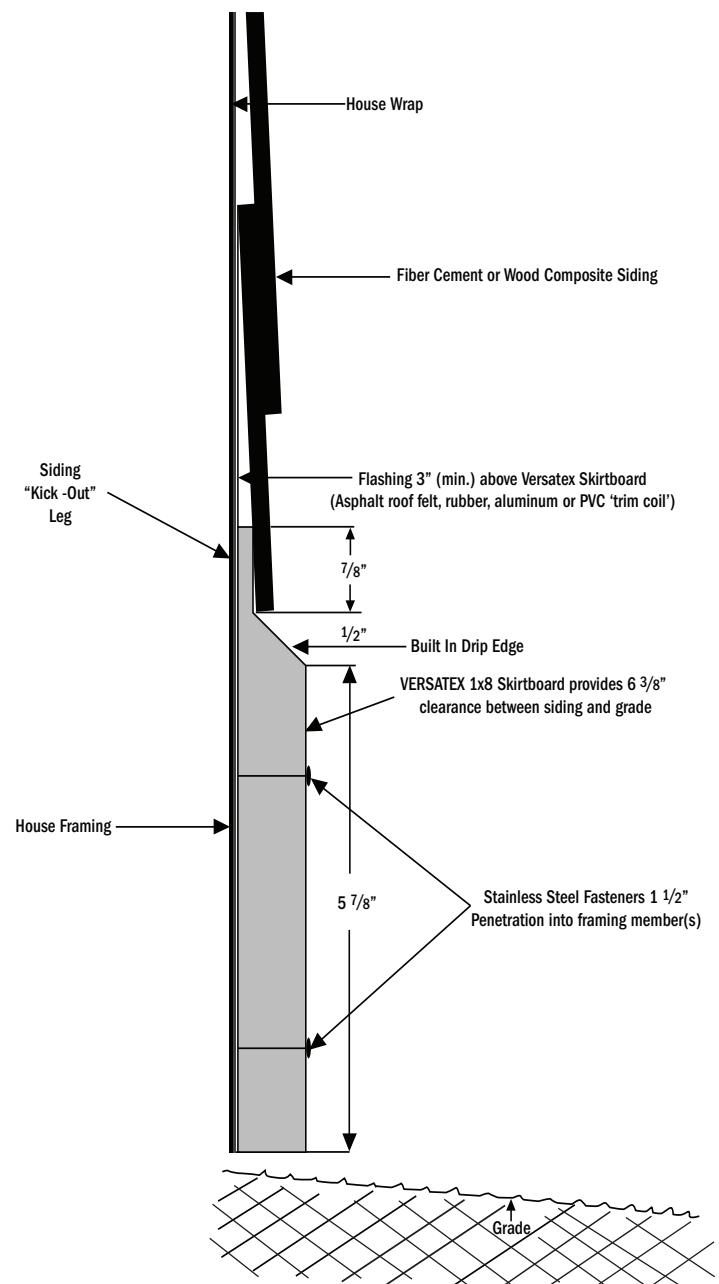
General Information

The VERSATEX 8" Stealth Skirtboard was designed and developed to provide the builder/contractor the minimum 6" clearance requirement to the finished grade on the exterior of the building when installing any fiber cement or wood composite siding. Since its development VERSATEX has introduced a 4", 6" and 10" Stealth Skirtboard for roof, masonry and anywhere space is required beneath the siding product. The VERSATEX Stealth Skirtboard is available in both a 5/4" and 4/4" thickness and has an integral "kick out" leg to force the siding out so it is on the same plane as the lapped siding above it and drip edge to allow water to run down and away from the siding thus preventing it from wicking any moisture. Just like VERSATEX Trimboards the Skirtboard can be cut, routed, and nailed using the same tools you would on wood. It also 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 please visit our website at www.versatex.com.

- Before installing your Stealth Skirtboard, be sure the walls of the house are properly prepared to accept it. They should be true and plumb and covered with some brand of house wrap. Flash around the base of the wall 10 1/2" up from the sill plate using roofing felt, rubber, or trim coil (aluminum/vinyl).
- Fasten the Stealth Skirtboard the same way you would a VERSATEX Trimboard. Since the Skirtboard is installed so close to grade and prone to exposure to moisture stainless steel fasteners designed for wood trim or siding are preferred. Fasteners with thin shanks, blunt points, an full round heads are recommended.

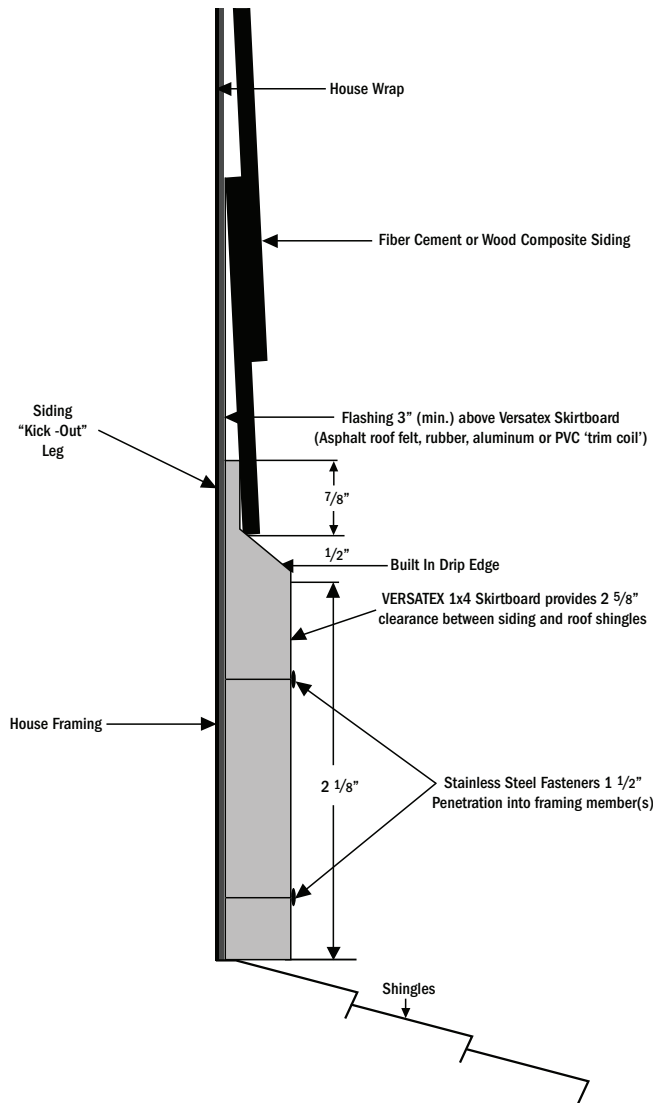
The fastener must be long enough to penetrate the substrate a minimum of 1 1/2".

- Place nails a maximum of 16" on center.
- Install the siding above the VERSATEX Stealth Skirtboard in accordance with the manufacturer's installation guidelines.



Stealth Cornerboard/ Skirtboard Detail
See Stealth Installation Guidelines for additional information

VERSATEX Stealth Skirtboard Installation at Grade
Fiber Cement or Composite Siding



**VERSATEX Stealth Skirtboard Installation At Roof Line
Fiber Cement or Composite Siding**

Painting

VERSATEX does not require painting for protection. If painting is preferred, follow the guidelines below. See Technical Bulletin Nos. B-1, B-2, B-4 and B-5 for more information on VERSATEX paint specifications and application.

- **IMPORTANT** - Use 100% acrylic latex or 100% acrylic latex with urethane additive paint with a **light reflective value (LRV) equal to or greater than 55 units**. Failure to follow this requirement will void our product warranty.
- Consult Sherwin Williams or Blue River Coating on heat reflective paints in applications where the paint color has an LRV value less than 55 units.
- Paint life is longer when applied to VERSATEX versus wood due to the absence of moisture in our trim.

- To obtain adequate paint adhesion be sure the surface of the VERSATEX Trimboard is clean, dry and free of dirt, loose or peeling paint, mildew, chalk, grease and any other surface contaminants before paint applications.
- Paint can take up to 30 days to fully cure depending on outside temperatures and humidity conditions.
- Follow the paint manufacturer's surface preparation and application recommendations.
- VERSATEX is not liable for paint used on VERSATEX and/or the results of its use.

Moisture

VERSATEX can be installed at or below grade, as it does not absorb moisture. VERSATEX is perfect for use in moisture-prone applications such as garage doorjamb, column wraps, ground contact, masonry contact, hot tub surrounds, and rooflines.

Cleaning

VERSATEX may be cleaned with a mild detergent and water. Products with pumice, such as Soft Scrub®, may be applied with a nylon brush. Use a mild household cleaner and degreaser like Clorox-Cleanup, Spic & Span or Fantastik. For more stubborn stains, use Clorox Outdoors, Denatured Alcohol, Bleach or Mr. Clean Magic Eraser. Test any cleaner on an inconspicuous area before full use.

Storage and Handling

- Store VERSATEX on a flat level surface as it has a tendency to conform to the surface on which it is stored.
- Handle VERSATEX as you would handle lumber to avoid damage.
- Keep VERSATEX free of dirt and debris. Clean VERSATEX after installation as described above.
- Do not store or place on asphalt or in areas prone to excessive heat build-up.

Safety

- All machining should be done in a well ventilated area.
- Safety glasses should be worn whenever you are working with VERSATEX.
- When cutting with a powersaw, a dust mask is recommended.

To access the VERSATEX technical bulletins go to versatex.com/tech_info.php or contact us at (724) 857.1111.