

CertainTeed
RESTORATION MILLWORK
Exterior Trim
TECHNICAL BULLETIN

FASTENING RECOMMENDATIONS

Restoration Millwork skirtboard is used as a starting course for fiber cement siding; when transitioning from lap siding to shingle siding; and anywhere space is required below fiber cement siding—at horizontal roof-to-wall intersections, decks, and patios, or at masonry/siding transitions.

Cutting

Cut Restoration Millwork skirtboard with a conventional carbide-tipped wood-working blade. Do not use fine-tooth metal-cutting blades.

Expansion and Contraction

- Allow 1/4" per 18' of product for expansion and contraction (1/8" at each end).
- Use 30° to 45° scarf joints to minimize seams and allow expansion and contraction.
- Glue scarf joints between the pieces to help control separation caused by expansion and contraction. Gluing the joints moves the expansion and contraction out to the ends.
- Be sure to fasten both sides of the joint. Fastening • Use stainless steel or hot-dipped galvanized fasteners designed for wood trim and cladding. For best results, use fasteners with thin shanks, blunt points, and full round heads.
- Standard pneumatic nailers work well, generally at a pressure between 70 psi and 100 psi, depending upon the type of gun, the type of nail, the air temperature, and the density of the substrate.

NOTE: Do not use brads, staples, wire nails, ring-shank nails, or fine threaded wood screws.

Skirtboard must be applied over a rigid sheathing that provides a smooth, flat surface or an underlayment that is no more than 1" thick. Do not apply skirtboard directly to studs. Do not install skirtboard over questionable wall construction. Irregularities in framing may become visible in the finished application. To minimize the effect of uneven walls, shim the wall as necessary.

Installing Skirtboard with WeatherBoards™ Lap Siding

Before installing WeatherBoards Lap siding, fasten the skirtboard the same way you would install a trimboard:

- Make sure the skirtboard is level.
- Fasteners must penetrate a minimum of 1-1/2" through a flat, solid wood substrate into a framing member.
- Apply skirtboard over framing no greater than 16" on center. If framing members are greater than 16" on center, provide additional bracing for fastening.
- Fastener heads should be flush with the surface of the skirtboard or slightly indented and no closer than 3/4" from the end or edge of the board.
- Use two fasteners per framing member for 6" skirtboard and three fasteners per framing member for 8" skirtboard.
- Position the first course of lap siding so that the bottom edge hangs a minimum of 1/4" over the top of the skirtboard.

Transitioning from Lap Siding to Shapes Siding

- Install the skirtboard so that it extends a minimum 1/4" over the top of the lap siding.
- Install a siding starter course.
- Align the bottom edges of the Shapes siding and the starter course. Position the first course of Shapes siding so that the bottom edge hangs