



Installation Guide

Primeline™ Newport Weatherboard

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SCOPE

This guide covers the use of Primeline™ Newport Weatherboard in a residential wall application over a seasoned timber wall frame or a light-gauge steel frame.

CODEMARK CERTIFICATION

The CodeMark Certification Scheme is a voluntary third-party building product certification scheme that authorises the use of new and innovative products in specified circumstances in order to facilitate compliance with Volume 1 and 2 of the NCC.

Primeline™ Newport Weatherboard has been certified under the CodeMark scheme (Certificate Number CM40300) and available at www.jameshardie.com.au. This certificate can be provided to building certifiers and other regulatory authorities to facilitate the assessment of the product compliance or used to verify the suitability of the product for certain applications.



Primeline™ Newport Weatherboard

Smooth clean lines to create a shadow effect.

1 Introduction

Primeline™ Weatherboard Newport is a pre-primed, site painted weatherboard. Primeline Newport profile features narrow boards with a rebate to deepen the overlap shadow line, and is compatible with the HardieLock system for fast lap alignment.



Primeline™ Newport Weatherboard is suitable for use as external cladding in residential single and medium-density homes, including renovations and extensions, where a traditional or contemporary weatherboard look is required. Ideal for full or composite construction designs on either timber or light gauge steel framed homes.

IMPORTANT NOTES

1. Failure to install, finish or maintain this product in accordance with applicable building codes, regulations, standards and James Hardie's written application instructions may lead to personal injury, affect system performance, violate local building codes, and void Hardie™ product warranty.
2. All warranties, conditions, liabilities (direct, indirect or consequential) and obligations whether arising in contract, tort or otherwise other than those specified in James Hardie's product warranty are excluded to the fullest extent allowed by law. For Hardie™ product warranty information and disclaimers about the information in this guide, visit www.jameshardie.com.au.
3. The builder must ensure the product meets aesthetic requirements before installation. James Hardie will not be responsible for rectifying aesthetic surface variations following installation.

2 Safe Working Practices

WARNING - DO NOT BREATHE DUST AND CUT ONLY IN WELL VENTILATED AREA

Fibre cement products manufactured by James Hardie contain sand, a source of respirable crystalline silica. **May cause cancer if dust from product is inhaled. Causes damage to lungs and respiratory system through prolonged or repeated inhalation of dust from product.** Intact fibre cement products are not expected to result in any adverse toxic effects. The hazard associated with fibre cement arises from the respirable crystalline silica present in dust generated by activities such as cutting, rebating, drilling, routing, sawing, crushing, or otherwise abrading fibre cement, and when cleaning up, disposing of or moving dust. When doing any of these activities in a manner that generates dust, follow Hardie™ instructions and best practices to reduce or limit the release of dust, warn others in the area and consider rotating personnel across the cutting task to further limit respirable silica exposure. If using a dust mask or respirator, use an AS/NZS1716 P2 filter and refer to Australian/New Zealand Standard 1715:2009 Selection, Use and Maintenance of Respiratory Protective Equipment for more extensive guidance and more options for selecting respirators for workplaces. For further information, refer to our installation instructions and Safety Data Sheets available at www.jameshardie.com.au. FAILURE TO ADHERE TO OUR WARNINGS, SAFETY DATA SHEETS, AND INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS MAY LEAD TO SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH.

James Hardie Recommended Safe Working Practices

CUTTING OUTDOORS

1. Position cutting station so wind will blow dust away from the user or others in working area.
2. Warn others in the area to avoid dust.
3. Consider rotating personnel across cutting tasks to further limit respirable silica exposures.
4. Use one of the following methods based on the required cutting rate:
Best ■ Villaboard™ knife ■ Hand guillotine ■ Fibreshear
Better ■ Position the cutting station in a well-ventilated area. Use a dust reducing circular saw equipped with Hardie™ Blade Saw Blade or comparable fibre cement blade and well maintained M-class vacuum or higher with appropriate filter for capturing fine (respirable) dust. Wear a properly-fitted, approved dust mask or respirator (minimum P2).

CUTTING INDOORS

- Cut only using Villaboard™ knife, hand guillotine or fibreshears (manual, electric or pneumatic).
- Position cutting station in a well-ventilated area.

DRILLING/OTHER MACHINING

When drilling or machining you should always wear a P2 dust mask and warn others in the immediate area.

IMPORTANT NOTES

1. For maximum protection (lowest respirable dust production) James Hardie recommends always using best practice cutting methods where feasible.
2. NEVER use a power saw indoors or in a poorly ventilated area.
3. ALWAYS use a dust reducing circular saw equipped with a sawblade specifically designed to minimise dust creation when cutting fibrecement - preferably a sawblade that carries the Hardie™ Blade logo or one with at least equivalent performance - connected to a M class or higher vacuum.
4. NEVER dry sweep - Use wet suppression, or an M class vacuum or higher with appropriate filter.
5. NEVER use grinders.
6. ALWAYS follow tool manufacturers' safety recommendations.
7. ALWAYS wear a properly fitted, approved dusk mask, P2 or higher

DUST MASKS AND RESPIRATORS

As a minimum, an AS/NZS1716 P2 respirator must be used when doing any activity that may create dust. For more extensive guidance and options for selecting respirators for workplaces please refer to Australian/New Zealand Standard 1715:2009 "Selection, Use and Maintenance of Respiratory Protective Equipment". P2 respirators should be used in conjunction with the above cutting practices to minimise dust exposure. For further information, refer to Safety Data Sheet (SDS) available at www.jameshardie.com.au. If concern still exists about exposure levels or you do not comply with the above practices, you should always consult a qualified industrial hygienist or contact James Hardie for further information.

STORAGE AND HANDLING

To avoid damage, all Hardie™ building products should be stored with edges and corners of the product protected from chipping. Hardie™ building products must be installed in a dry state and protected from weather during transport and storage. The product must be laid flat under cover on a smooth level surface clear of the ground to avoid exposure to water, moisture, etc.

3 Design Considerations

All design and construction must comply with the appropriate requirements of the current National Construction Code (NCC) and other applicable regulations and standards.

Slab and Footings

The slab and footings on which the building is situated must comply with AS 2870 'Residential slabs and footings – Construction' and the requirements of the NCC.

Ground Clearances

Install Primeline™ Newport Weatherboard with a minimum 150mm clearance to the earth on the exterior of the building or in accordance with local building codes if greater than 150mm is required. Maintain a minimum 50mm clearance between the external cladding and roofs, decks, paths, steps and driveways.

Adjacent finished grade must slope away from the building in accordance with local building codes, typically a minimum slope of 50mm over the first metre.

Do not install external cladding such that it may remain in contact with standing water.

NOTE

Greater clearance may be required in order to comply with termite protection provisions, see below for more information.

Termite Protection

The NCC specifies the requirements for termite barriers. Where the exposed slab edge is used as part of the termite barrier system, a minimum of 75mm of the exposed slab edge must be visible to permit ready detection of termite entry.

Structural Bracing

Primeline™ Newport Weatherboards cannot be used for bracing applications.

Fire Rated Walls

Primeline™ Newport Weatherboard can be used as part of a fire rated wall when constructed with additional fire rated linings as specified in Hardie™ Fire and Acoustically Rated Walls Application Guide and Technical Specification or the Hardie™ Smart Boundary Wall System Design Guide. The length of fasteners must be increased for the additional linings.

Moisture Management

It is the responsibility of designer or specifier to identify moisture related risks associated with any particular building design. Wall construction design must effectively manage moisture, accounting for both the interior and exterior environments of the building, particularly in buildings that have a higher risk of wind driven rain penetration or that are artificially heated or cooled.

In addition, all wall openings, penetrations, junctions, connections, window sills, heads and jambs must incorporate appropriate flashing and waterproofing. Materials, components and their installation that are used to manage moisture in framed wall construction must, at a minimum, comply with the requirements of relevant standards and the NCC.

Joint Location

Before starting the installation of Primeline™ Newport Weatherboard, plan the location of vertical and horizontal joints to follow the house design. To achieve this, consider aligning the joints with key building features such as windows or other opening, or work from the centerline out to the wall edge to achieve symmetry.

Weather Barrier

A suitable water control membrane must be installed under Hardie™ cladding in accordance with the AS/NZS 4200.2 'Pliable building membranes and underlays – Installation' and NCC requirements.

James Hardie has tested and certified the use of Hardie™ Wrap™ Weather Barrier or RAB™ Board for Climate Zones 2-8 within Australia. Hardie™ Wrap™ Weather Barrier is a Class 4 vapour permeable membrane that delivers a triple-shield of protection to help against external weather penetration, internal condensation management and external heat penetration through its safe-glare reflective layer.

If using an alternate product in lieu of Hardie™ Wrap™ Weather Barrier or RAB™ Board or the project is located in a hot, humid area (Climate Zone 1), the designer must ensure that the product is fit for purpose and it has the following classification in accordance with AS/NZS 4200.1:2017 'Pliable building membranes and underlays – Materials':

TABLE 1

Weather Barrier Classification		
Climate Zone	Water Control Classification	Vapour Control Category
2-8	Water Barrier	Vapour Permeable (Class 3 or 4)
1		Vapour Barrier (Class 1 or 2)

Soft compressible insulation installed between the front of the wall studs and directly behind the external cladding can cause installation issues and is thus not recommended.

Flashing

All wall openings, penetrations, intersections, connections, window sills, heads and jambs must be flashed prior to cladding installation.

TABLE 2

General Framing Requirements				
Type	Timber		Steel	
Design	Use of timber framing must be in accordance with AS 1684 and the framing manufacturer's specifications		Use of steel framing must be in accordance with NASH standard for Residential and Low-Rise Steel Framing Part 1: Design Criteria and the framing manufacturer's specifications.	
Durability	Timber used for house construction must have the level of durability appropriate for the relevant climate and expected service life. Reference AS 1684.2 'Residential timber-framed construction'.		The steel framing must have the appropriate level of durability required to prevent corrosion, particularly in coastal areas.	
Tolerances	Ensure frame is square and work from a central datum line. A suggested maximum tolerance of 4mm in any 3000mm length of frame will give best results.			
Thermal Break Requirement	Not required.		For steel frames, the NCC Sections J3D6 and 13.2.5 Volumes 1 and 2 respectively, state for both residential and commercial buildings a thermal break with an R 0.2m2 K/W must be installed behind external cladding where the cladding and internal lining make direct contact with the same steel frame. For information relating to the suitability of Hardie™ Break Thermal Strip, refer to the Hardie™ Break Installation Guide at www.jameshardie.com.au . Alternatively, vented cavity installation using minimum 70x35mm timber battens or off-stud Hardie™ Cavity Battens can be used in these applications.	
Framing specifications				
	Direct Fix	Cavity Fix	Direct Fix	Cavity Fix
BMT	NA		From 0.55 to 1.6mm.	From 0.55 to 1.6mm.
Min. Stud Width	35mm	35mm	Min. 32mm	Min. 32mm
Min. Stud Depth	70mm	70mm	64mm	64mm
Max. Nogging spacing	1350mm	1350mm for on stud batten fixing. 800mm for off stud batten fixing.	1350mm	1350mm when battens are fixed on stud or 800mm when fixed off stud
Battens	N/A	Hardie™ Cavity Battens or minimum MGP10 70 x 35mm timber battens	N/A	Hardie™ Cavity Battens or minimum MGP10 70 x 35mm timber battens

TABLE 3

Maximum Stud & Fastener spacing for Primeline™ Newport Weatherboard in AS4055 Wind Classification			
Wind Classification	Suitable for Cavity Fixing	Stud Spacing (mm)	
		General Areas of Building	Within 1200mm of Building Edges
N1, N2, N3/C1	YES	600	600
N4/C2	YES*	600	450
N5/C3	NO	600	300
N6/C4	NO	450	300

NOTES:
*Battens must be fixed on-stud with a fastener spacing of 300mm maximum.

FRAMING

General

Primeline™ Newport Weatherboard may be specified for timber-framed or steel-framed structures. The general framing requirements for installation are given in Table 2. Please ensure the frame design considers correct load transfer between the different wall components.

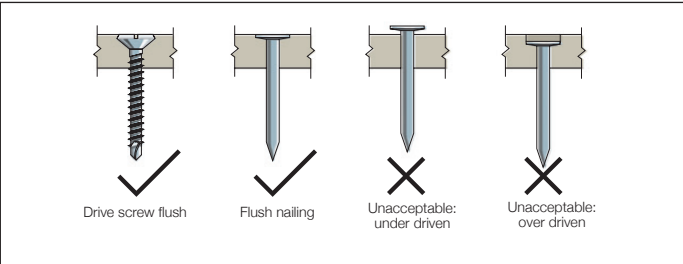
FASTENERS

General

All nails must be driven flush. For more information and advice, Ask James Hardie™ on 13 11 03.

Fastener Durability (Including Coastal Areas)

Fasteners must have the appropriate level of durability and be fully compatible with all other materials required for the intended project. In areas within 1km of a coastal area, areas subject to salt spray and other corrosive environments, class 4 fasteners must be used.



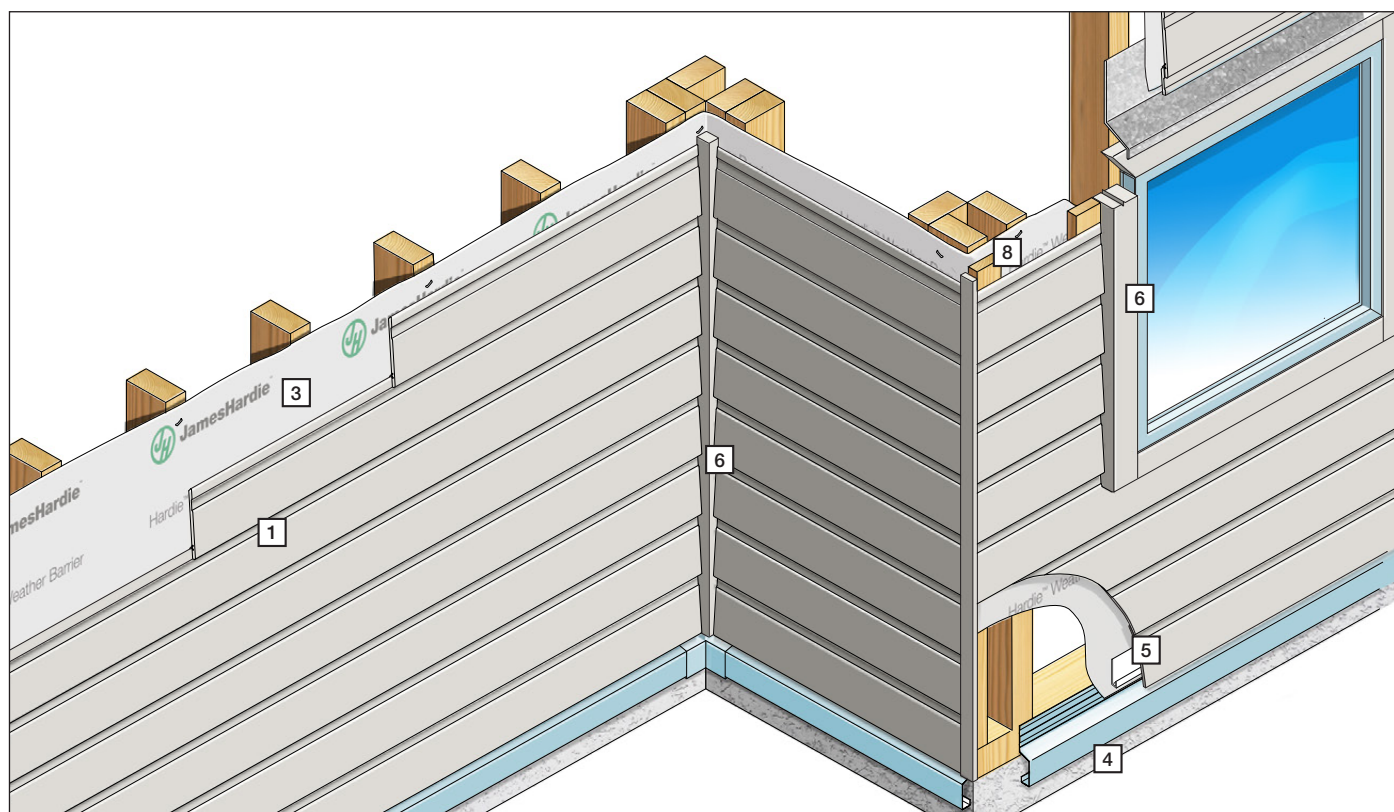
FASTENER DEPTH

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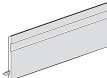
Maximum Span and Fastener specifications for Hardie™ Cavity Trim or Timber Batten for horizontal cladding installation.					
Batten Type	Dimensions (mm)	Timber Frame		Steel Frame	
		Max. Span (mm)	Fasteners	Max. Span (mm)	Fasteners
Hardie™ Cavity Battens	70 x 19	800* (900**)	2.87 x 65mm Long Galvanised Ring Shank Nail.	900**	Hardie™ Drive Screws - Class 3 Self-Tapping Wing-Tipped Screw for fastening to 0.5mm to 1.6mm BMT light gauge steel frames. 1000 per box. Product Codes: 305984 (loose) 305982 (collated).
Timber Battens	70 x 35	1350***	2.87 x 65mm Long Galvanised Ring Shank Nail.	1350^	Two 14 x 75mm Metal Bugle Batten Screws per fixing point.

NOTES:
* Denotes x1 fastener per intersection of batten with nogging and top/bottom plates;
** and *** denote two and three of the same fasteners.
^ Limited to BMT 0.75, the fixings shall be x2 No 14 x 75mm Metal Bugle Batten Screw per fixing point.
A continous bead of Hardie™ Joint Sealant is required between the vertical battens and the back of the cladding in all cases.

4 Products and Accessory Details

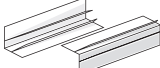


COMPONENTS

1	Primeline™ Newport Weatherboard (9mm thick)	Product Code	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Mass kg/lin m	No. of planks/metre height	Pallet Size	Effective Coverage (mm)
	Primeline™ Newport Weatherboards are a pre-primed smooth narrow weatherboard with clean shadow lines.	400319	4200	170	15.4	7	120	0.6

2 Hardie™ Joint Sealant  General purpose polyurethane exterior grade joint sealant. Pack Size: 20/Box. Product Code: 305534 300ml Cartridge Product Code: 305672 600ml Sausage Coverage: 2.67m/100ml (5mm dia bead)	3 Hardie™ Wrap Weather Barrier  Water barrier and vapour permeable membrane. Unit size: 2.75 x 30m. Pack Size: 1 Each. Product Code: 305664 Coverage: 82.5m² per roll	3 RAB™ Board  Airtight, weatherproof, vapour permeable and non-combustible rigid 6mm fibre-cement sheathing. 40 per pack 1200 x 2450mm Prod Code: 402980 1200 x 2750mm Prod Code: 405131 1200 x 3000mm Prod Code: 402981	4 Hardie™ Edge Trim  Powder coated aluminium architectural slab edge solution. Product Codes: Hardie™ Edge Trim (4/pack) 305911 Base Trim Joinder (12/pack) 305912 Internal Corner (4/pack) 305913 External Corner (4/pack) 305914	5 Hardie™ 7.5mm PVC Starter Strip  A perforated PVC starter strip used to set out the bottom edge of Primeline™ Newport Weatherboard at the correct angle. Product Code: 305568 (25/pack) Coverage: Length of horizontal joints / 3000mm
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Alternative Corner Options

6 Hardie™ Corner Flashing  Manufactured using COLORBOND® steel, used behind cladding at internal and external corners. 75 x 75mm. 3000mm long. Pack Size: 5. Product Code: 305564 Coverage: Height of clad walls x no. of corners / 3000mm	6 Hardie™ Aluminium Snap on Corner  A ready to paint aluminium extrusion set for use with Primeline™ Newport Weatherboard, at internal and external corner junctions to conceal the board edge. 3000mm long. Pack Size: 25 (2 piece set) Product Code: 305513	6 Hardie™ Axent™ Trim  Material composite trim used for box corners and for trim around windows and doors. Pack Size: 1. For internal corners: 45 x 38mm. 3000mm long. Product Code: 405261 For external corners: 45 x 19mm. 3000mm long. Product Code: 405260	6 Hardie™ Aluminium Internal Corner Mould  A ready to paint extrusion to be used with Primeline™ Newport Weatherboard to create internal corners. 3600mm long. Product Code: 305511 Pack Size: 5 Coverage: Height of wall x no. of external corners / 3600mm
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Tools

Hardie™ Blade Saw Blade 185mm Diameter  Poly-diamond blade for Hardie™ fibre cement. Product Code: 300660 Pack Size: 1 each.	Dust-Reducing Saw with M class or higher vacuum Extraction  Dust reducing saw with a Hardie™ Blade saw blade. Makita® 5057KB / Hitachi® C7YA.	Drop Saw*  Drop saw with an aluminium blade. *Not to be used for cutting Primeline™ Newport Weatherboard.	3.0mm dia. Drill Bit  For pre-drilling where required.
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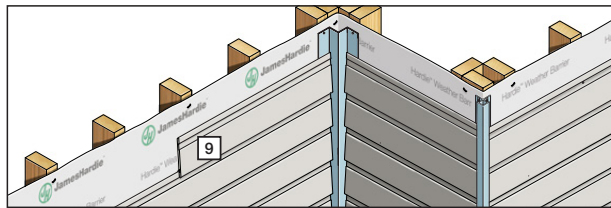
† All dimensions and masses are approximate and subject to manufacture tolerances. Masses are based on equilibrium moisture content of product.

4 Products and Accessory Details cont.

Primeline™ Newport Weatherboard can be fixed either to timber or steel frames.

Depending on the fixing method and substructure, there will be different components required, these are:

OPTION 1: DIRECT FIX TIMBER FRAME



7 Concealed Nailing Cladding to Frame



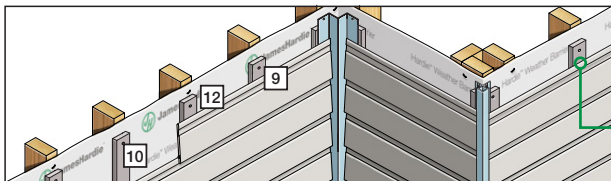
45 x 2.8mm fibre cement nail
Class 3* minimum finished flush with board surface.
Not supplied by James Hardie.

7 Face Nailing Cladding to Frame



60 x 3.15mm bullet head nail. Class 3* minimum nails may be driven through both thicknesses at board lap without re-drilling. Stainless steel nails will require pre-drilling. Use a 3.0mm drill bit.
Not supplied by James Hardie.

OPTION 2: CAVITY FIX - TIMBER FRAME



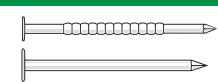
8 Battens



When using Hardie™ Cavity Battens

Fibre cement batten used to fix external cladding to steel or timber frame. Pack Size: 96. Size: 70 x 19 x 3000mm. Product Code: 405307

10 Nails to fix batten to frame*

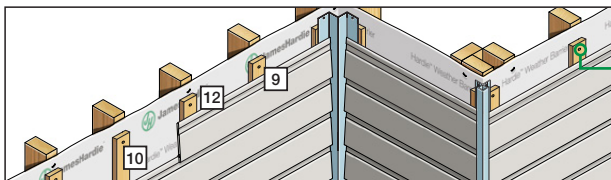


65 x 2.87 Galvanized Ring Shank Nail. Not supplied by James Hardie.

7 Fibre Cement Nails to fix cladding to battens



2.8 x 25mm corrosion resistant fibre cement clout nail or 2.5 x 45 mm ring-shank coil nail.
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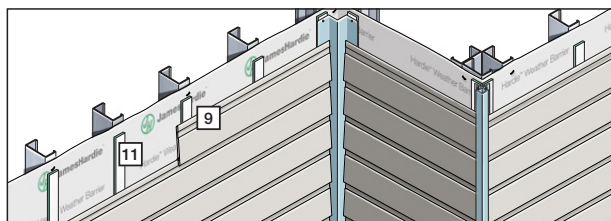
When using 70 x 35mm Timber Battens

Timber batten used to fix external cladding to steel or timber frame. Not supplied by James Hardie.

65 x 2.87 Galvanized Ring Shank Nail. Not supplied by James Hardie.

2.8 x 25mm corrosion resistant fibre cement clout nail or 2.5 x 45 mm ring-shank coil nail.
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OPTION 3: DIRECT FIX STEEL FRAME



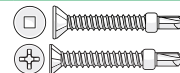
12 Hardie™ Break Thermal Strip

Refer to the Hardie™ Break Thermal Strip install guide.

NCC requirement used behind external cladding when fixed directly to steel frame. Size: 43 x 12 x 2750mm. 45 per pack. Product Code: 305612

FOR CONCEALED NAILING

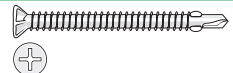
7 Hardie™ Drive Screw 41mm long*



A class 3 self-tapping wing-tipped screw for fastening to 0.5mm to 1.6mm BMT light gauge steel frames. 1000 per box. Product Codes: 305984 (loose) 305982 (collated)

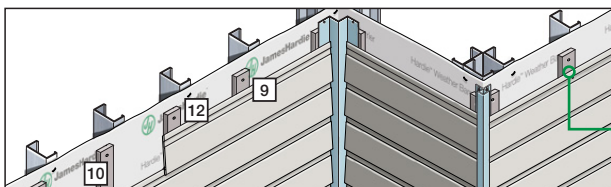
FOR FACE NAILING

7 52mm special wing screw by TRI-FIXX*



For 0.55 - 1.2mm BMT steel framing. Available in Class 3 (hot-dipped galvanised) and stainless steel.
Not supplied by James Hardie.

OPTION 4: CAVITY FIX - STEEL FRAME



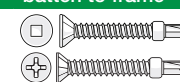
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10 Screws to fix batten to frame*

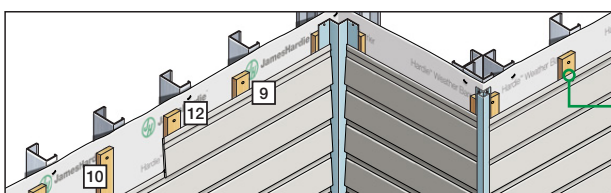


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7 Fibre Cement Nails to fix cladding to battens



2.8 x 30mm corrosion resistant fibre cement nail or 2.5 x 45 mm ring-shank coil nail.
Not supplied by James Hardie.



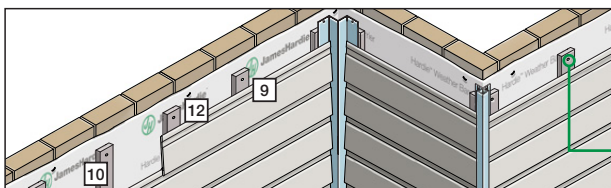
When using 70 x 35mm Timber Battens

Timber batten used to fix external cladding to steel or timber frame. Not supplied by James Hardie.

14 x 75mm Metal Bugle Batten Screw. Not supplied by James Hardie.

2.8 x 30mm corrosion resistant fibre cement nail or 2.5 x 45 mm ring-shank coil nail.
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OPTION 4: CAVITY FIX - BRICK WALL



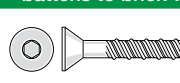
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When using Hardie™ Cavity Battens

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10 Screws to fix battens to brick wall

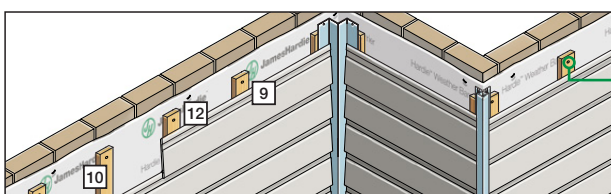


DeWalt 6mm Blue-Tip 2 Screw-Bolt™ with a minimum embedment of 40mm.†
Not supplied by James Hardie.

7 Fibre Cement Nails to fix cladding to battens



2.8 x 25mm corrosion resistant fibre cement clout nail or 2.5 x 45 mm ring-shank coil nail.
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When using 70 x 35mm Timber Battens

Timber batten used to fix external cladding to steel or timber frame. Not supplied by James Hardie.

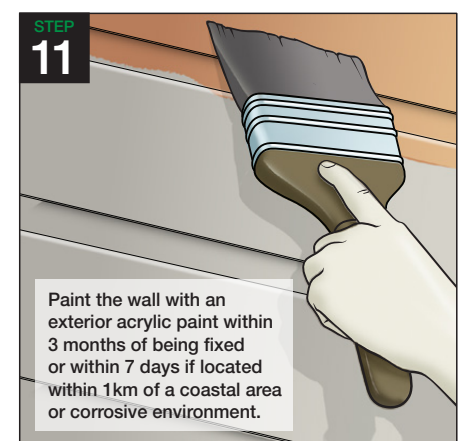
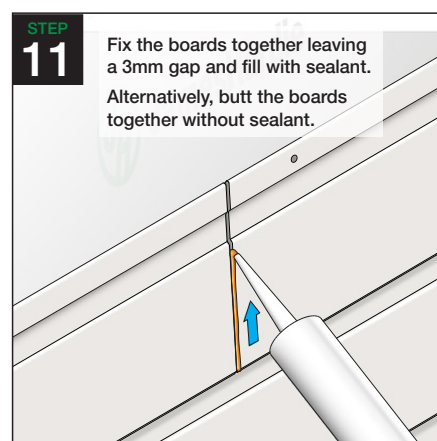
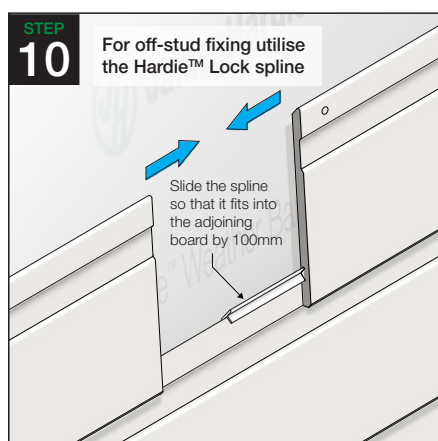
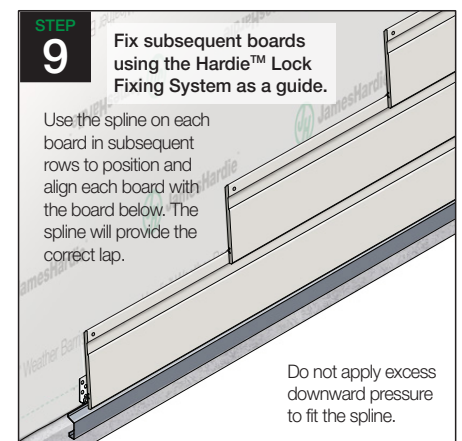
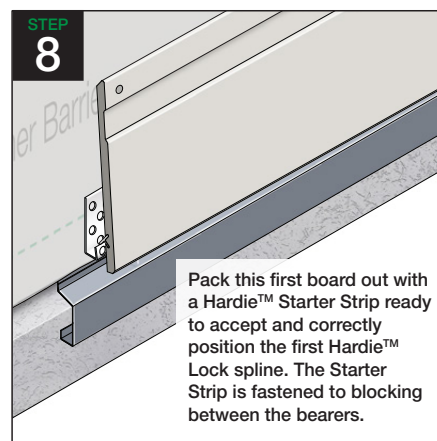
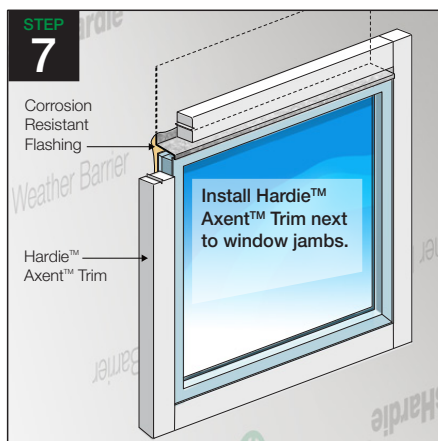
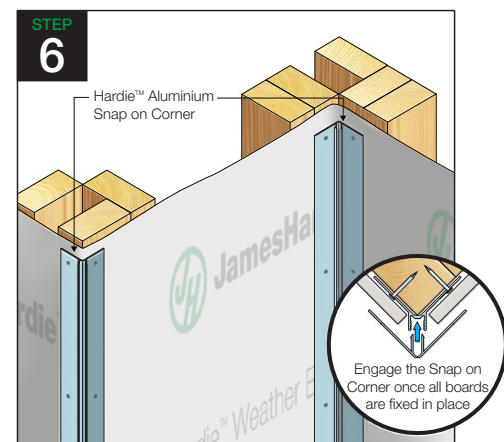
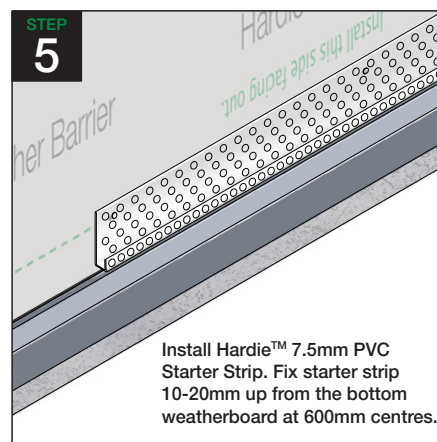
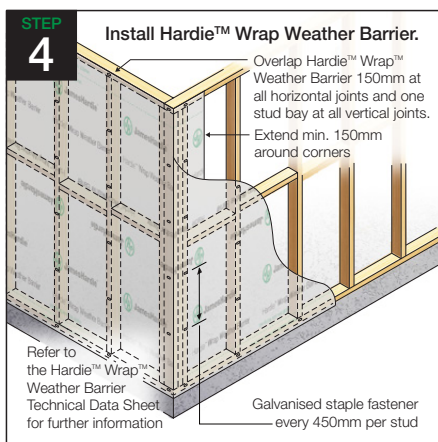
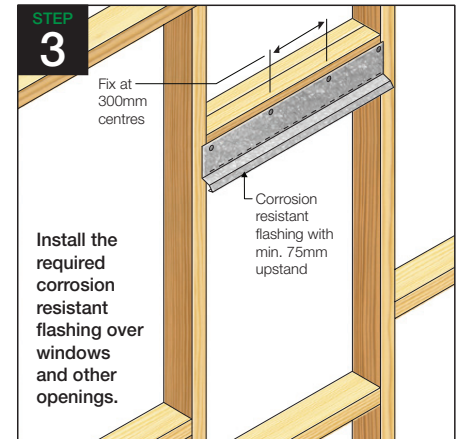
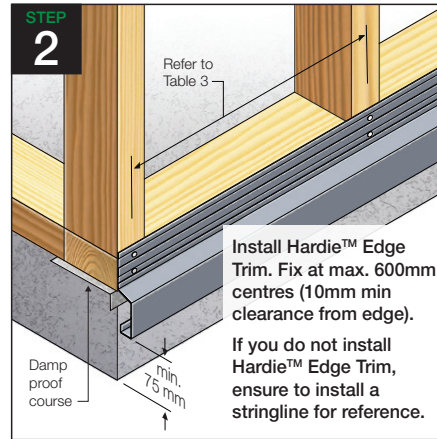
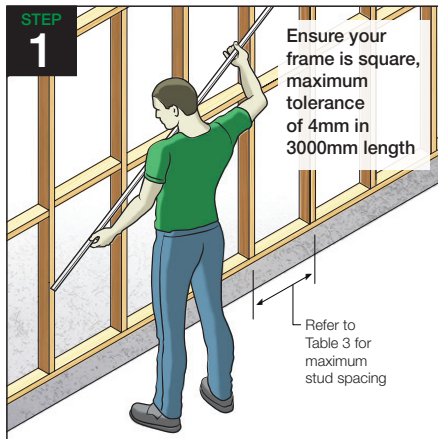
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Not supplied by James Hardie.

2.8 x 25mm corrosion resistant fibre cement clout nail or 2.5 x 45 mm ring-shank coil nail.
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* In coastal areas and other corrosive environments class 4 fasteners must be used. All other areas require minimum class 3.

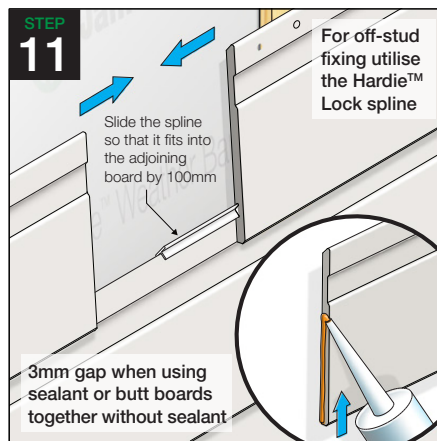
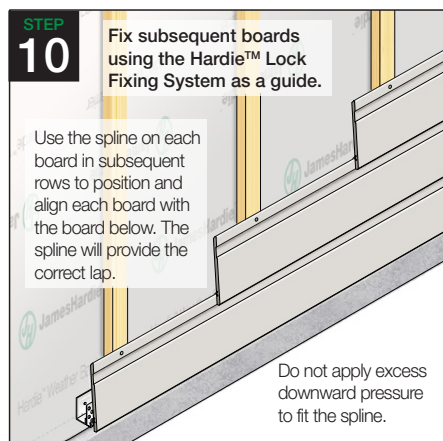
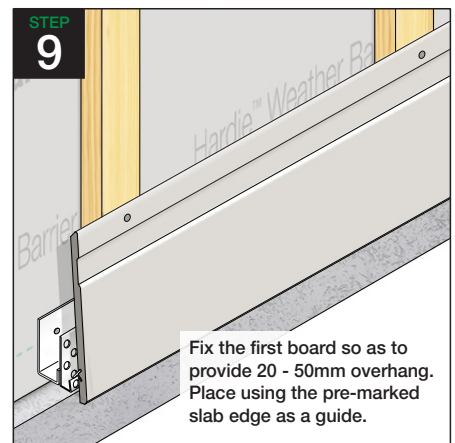
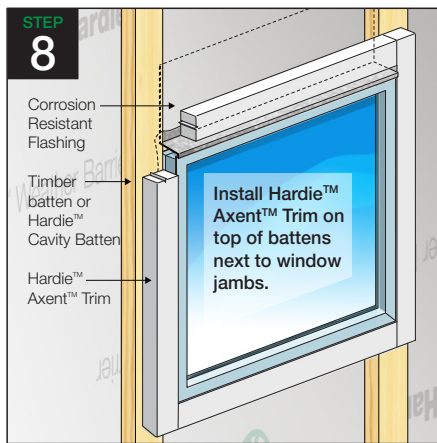
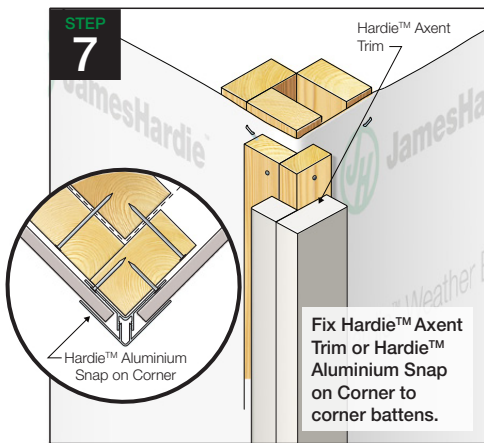
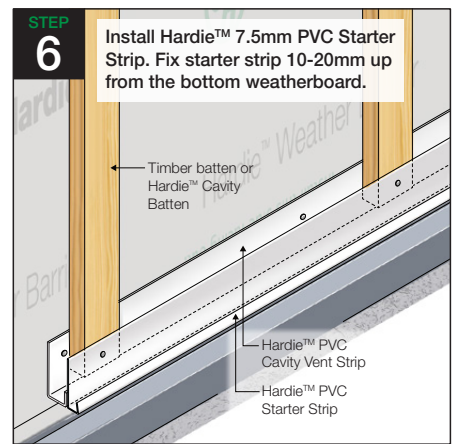
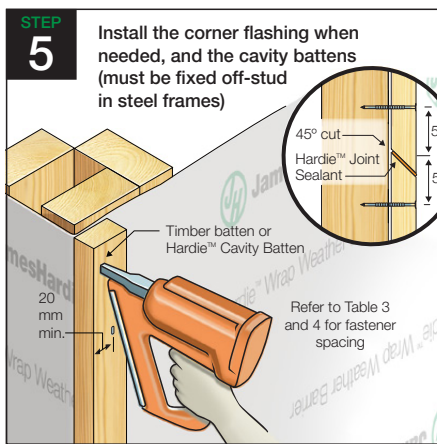
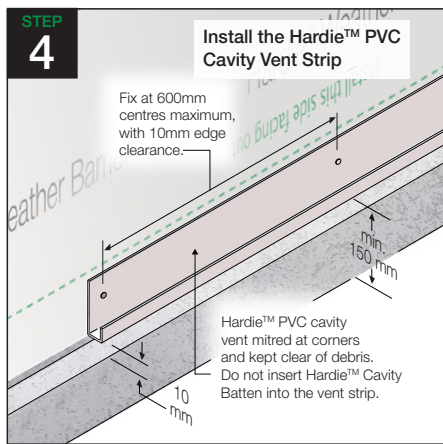
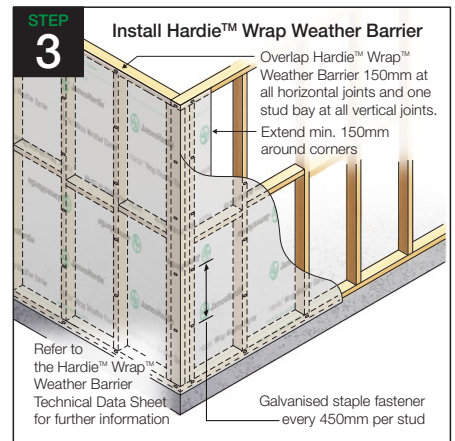
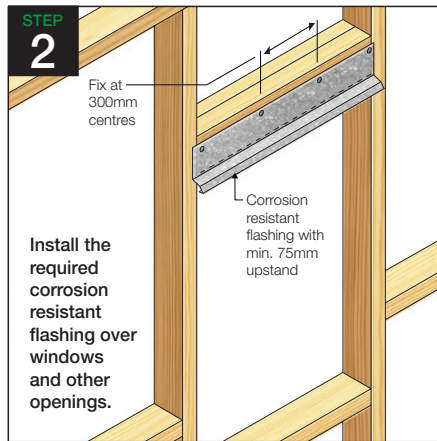
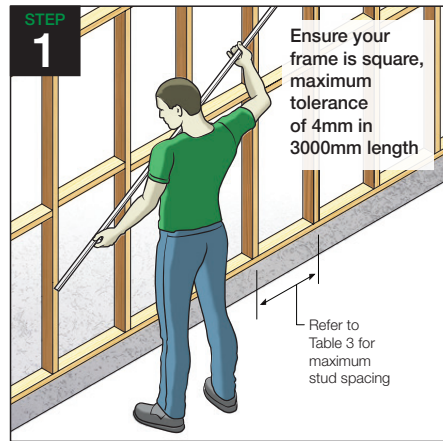
† A structural engineer must determine whether the substrate is adequate to hold the proposed anchors, Hardie™ Cavity Batten or Timber Batten and the Hardie™ Cladding Loads.
The anchor bolt connecting the battens to the concrete or masonry wall shall have a working load capacity of 0.7kN, equivalent to an Ultimate Limit State phi-R capacity of 1.05kN.

5 Weatherboard Installation Process - Direct Fix*



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5 Weatherboard Installation Process - Cavity Fix*



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6 Construction Details - Direct Fix

JUNCTION DETAILS

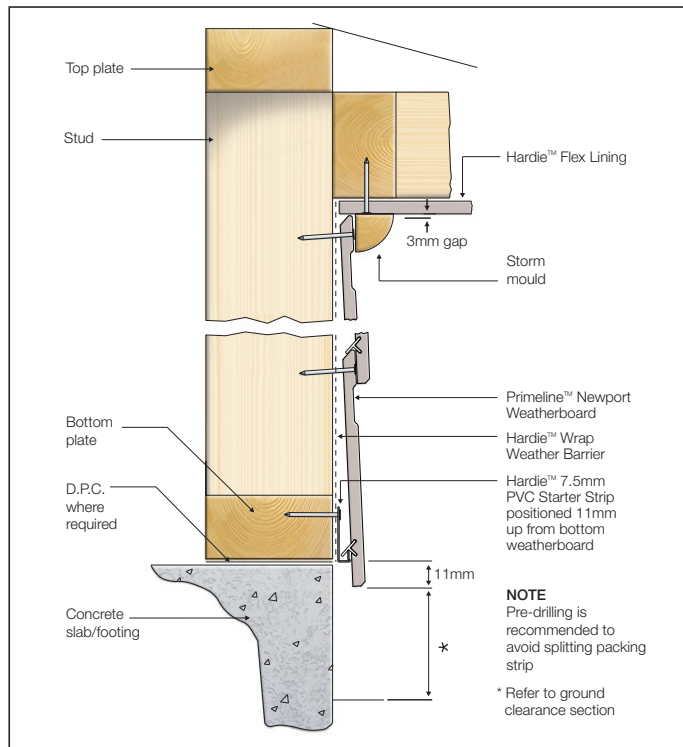


FIGURE 1 SLAB/EAVE JUNCTION DETAIL

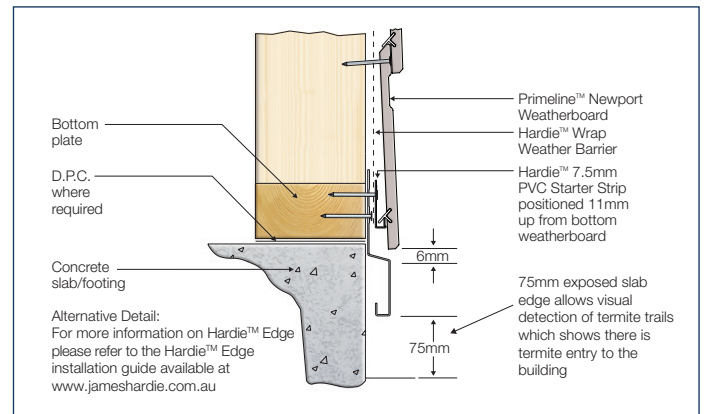


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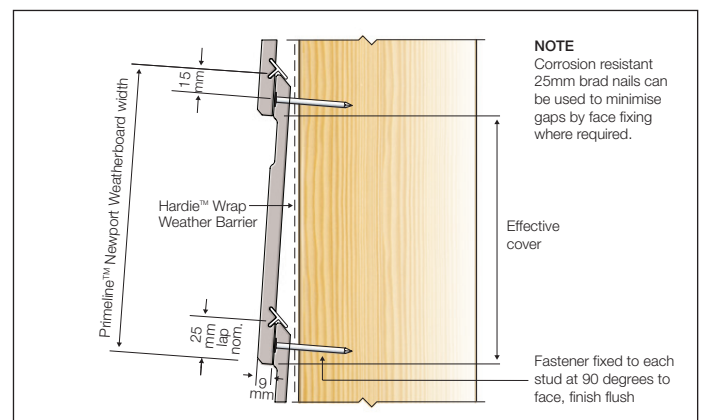


FIGURE 3 CONCEALED NAIL SPACING

EXTERNAL CORNER DETAILS

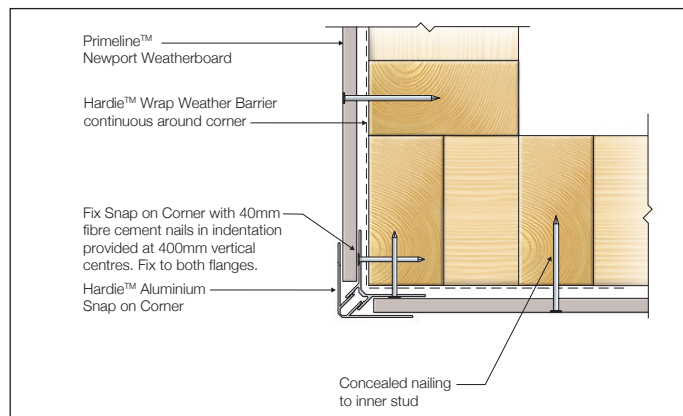


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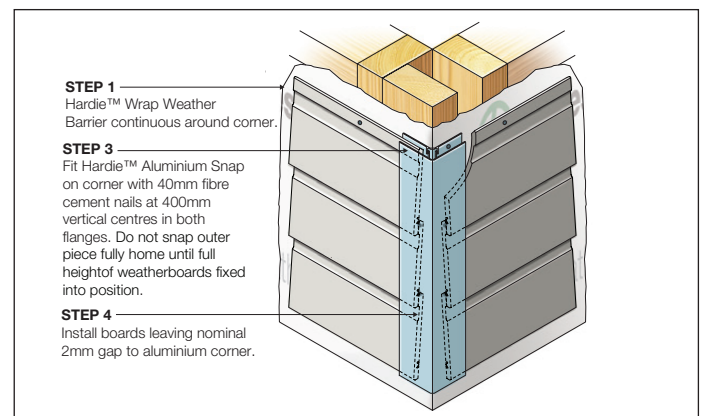


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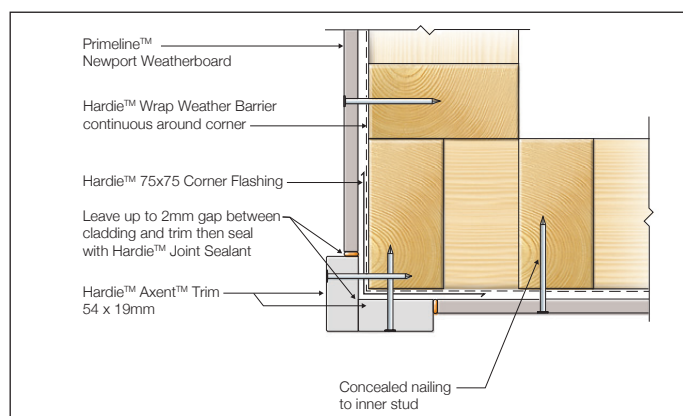


FIGURE 6 EXTERNAL AXENT™ TRIM CORNER OPTION

INTERNAL CORNER DETAILS

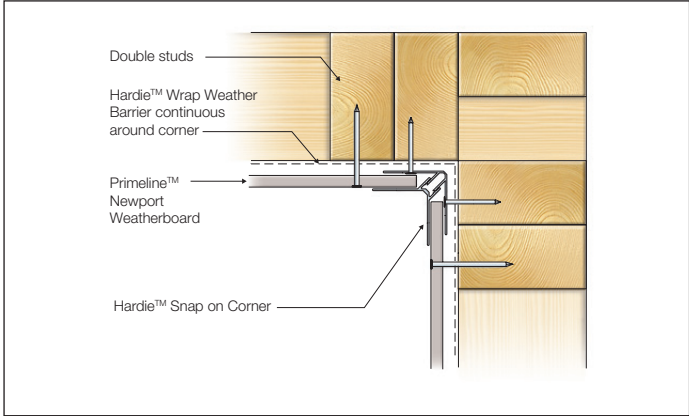


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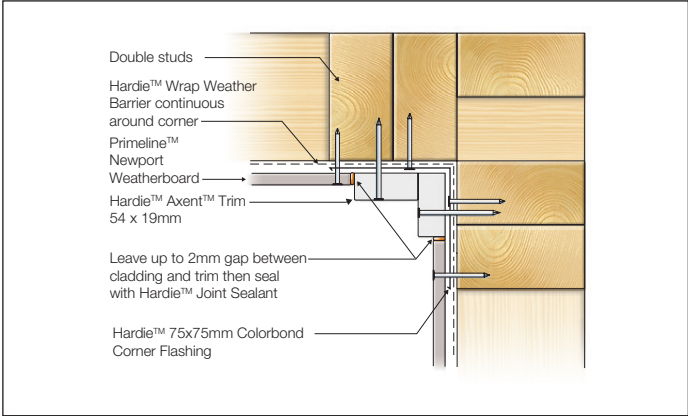


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WINDOW DETAILS

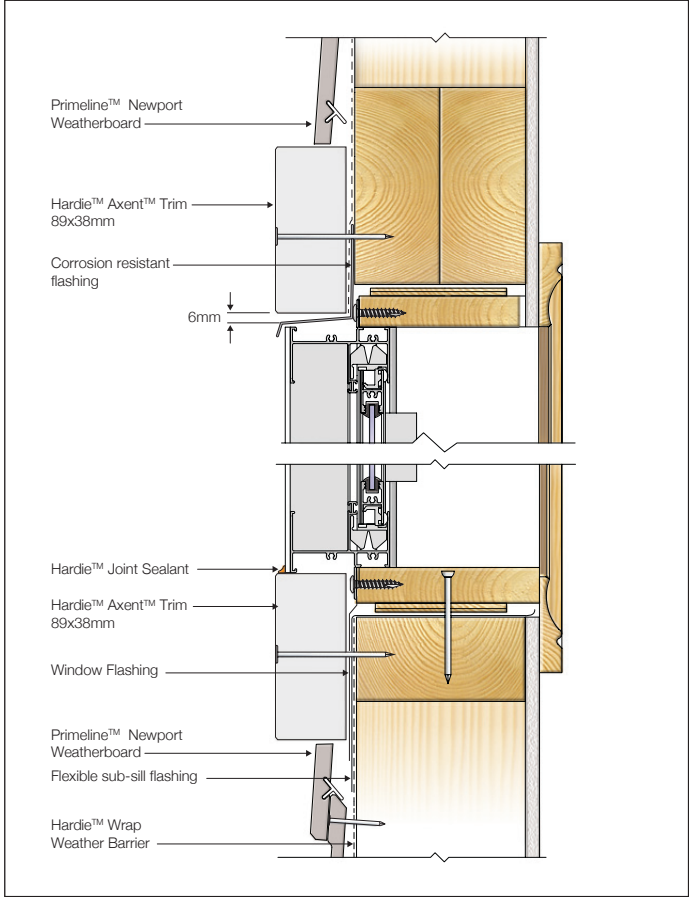


FIGURE 9 WINDOW HEAD AND SILL - TRIM OPTION

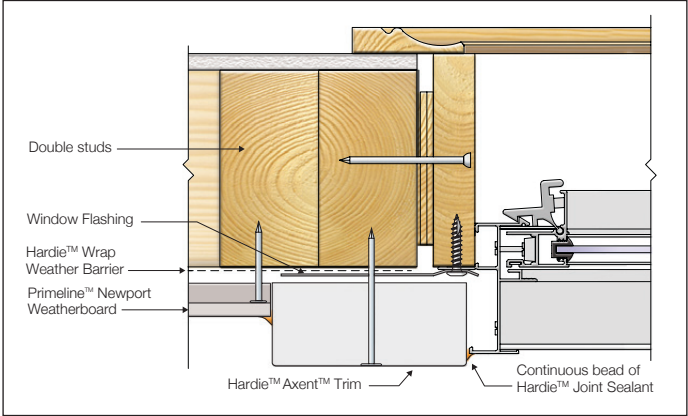


FIGURE 10 WINDOW JAMB - TRIM OPTION

6 Construction Details - Cavity Fix

JUNCTION DETAILS

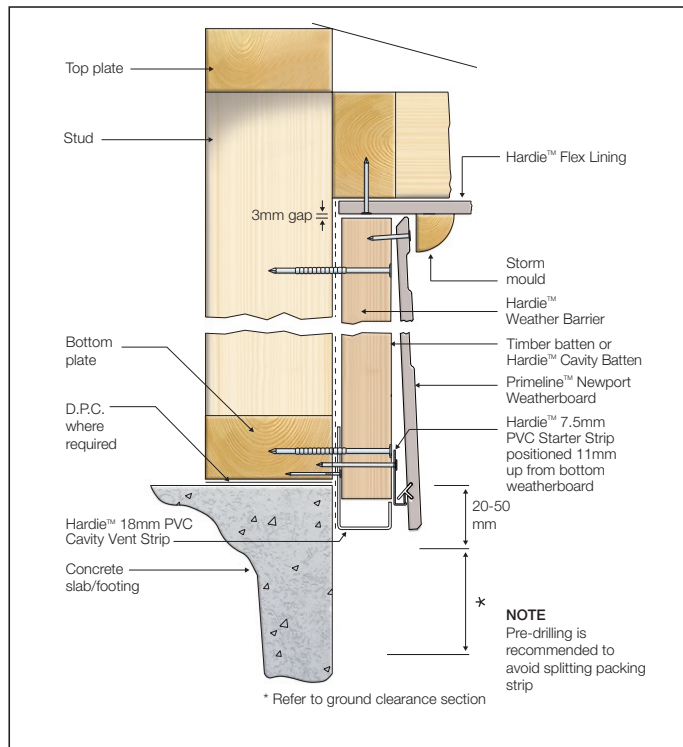


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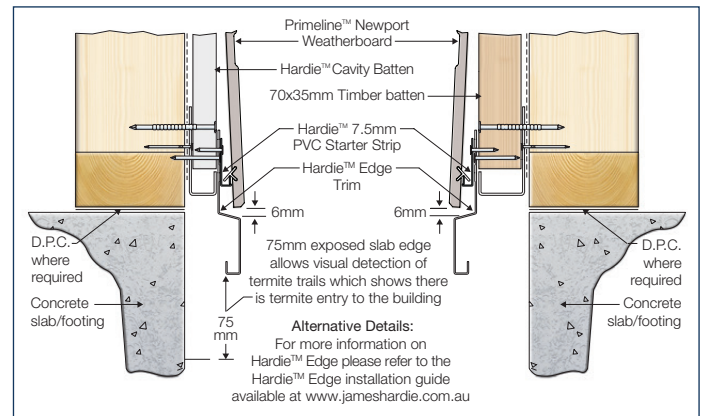


FIGURE 12 SLAB JUNCTION ALTERNATIVES

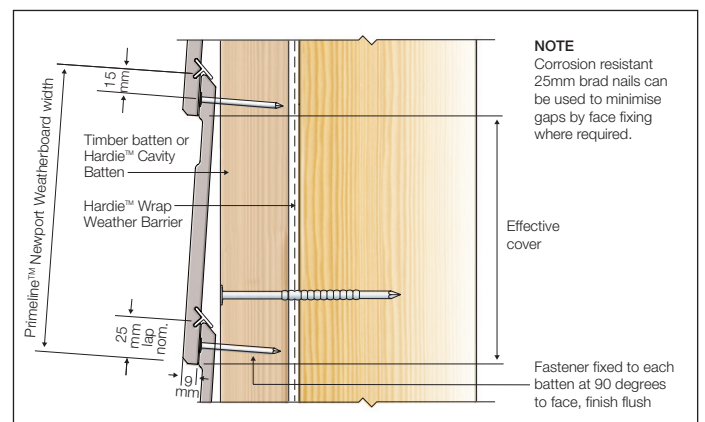


FIGURE 13 CONCEALED NAIL SPACING

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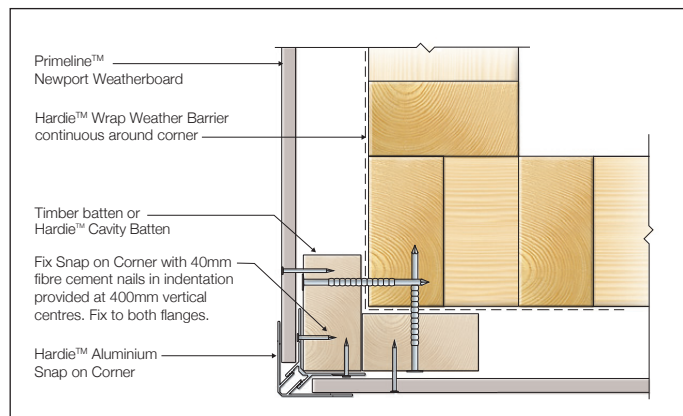


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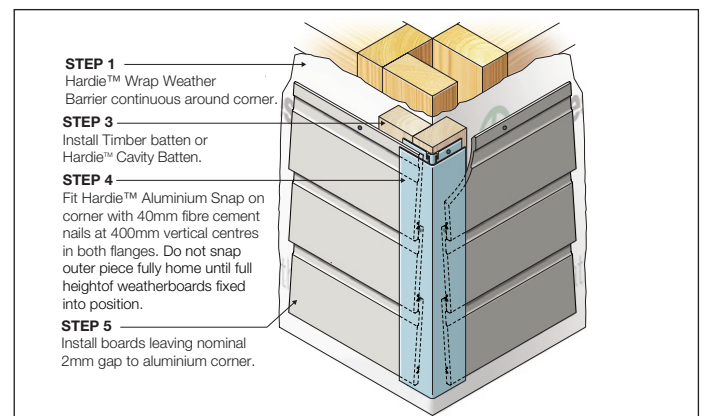


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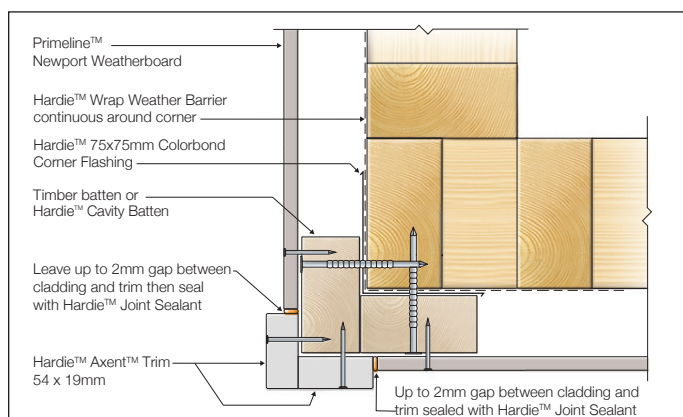


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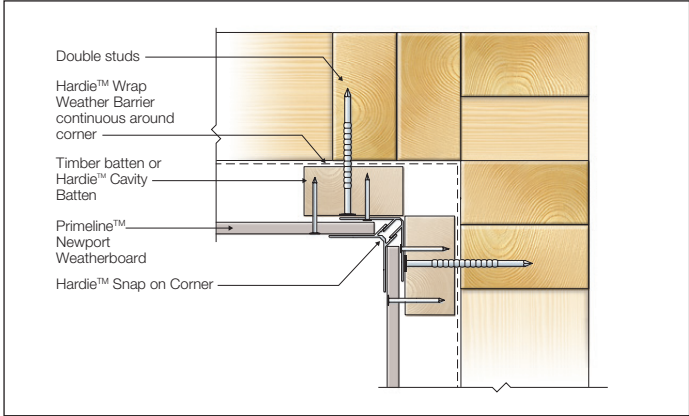


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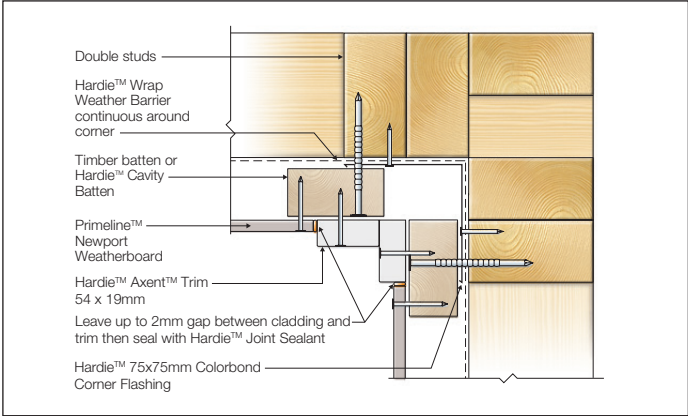


FIGURE 18 INTERNAL AXENT™ TRIM CORNER OPTION

WINDOW DETAILS

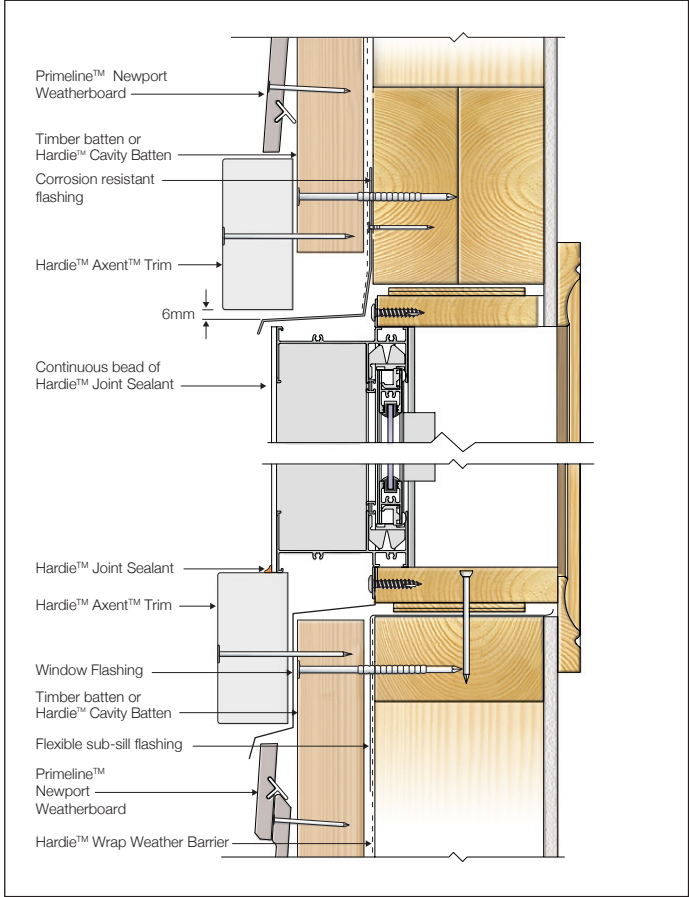


FIGURE 19 WINDOW HEAD AND SILL - TRIM OPTION

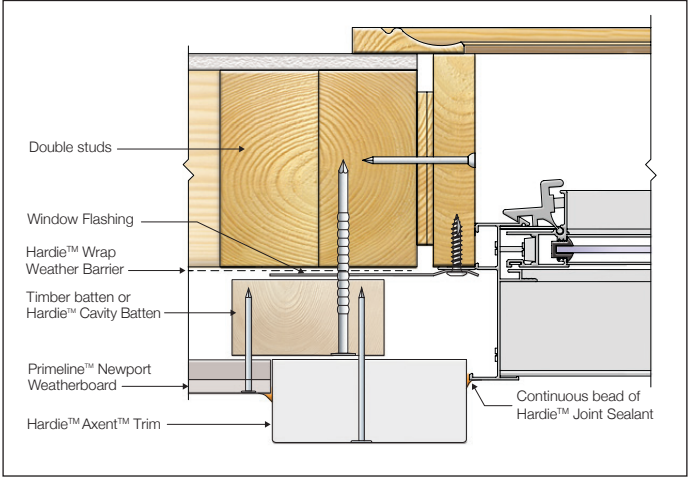


FIGURE 20 WINDOW JAMB - TRIM OPTION

7 Finishes and Maintenance

SURFACE PREPARATION

Primeline™ Newport Weatherboard is preprimed while the Hardie™ Axent™ Trim is factory presealed and would both need to be dry prior painting. Punch and fill all exposed nails a maximum of 2mm below the surface of the board.

For screws, ensure the head of the screw is nominally 2mm below the surface of the board. Fill the hole with a suitable exterior grade filler, allow to cure and sand smooth. Priming of filled and sanded patches may be required in accordance with paint manufacturer's specifications.

NOTE: Care must be taken not to over-sand as it can affect the finish.

Sealants

James Hardie recommends the use of Hardie™ Joint Sealant, which is a paintable polyurethane sealant. If using an alternative sealant, it must be a quality polyurethane sealant compatible with fibre cement and the specified paint system if coated. Please refer to the manufacturer's instructions for further information.

PAINTING

Refer to the project specification for paint requirements. Primeline™ Newport Weatherboard (pre primed) and Hardie™ Axent™ Trim (sealed) must be painted with 3 months of being installed.

James Hardie recommends the application of two coats minimum of a quality acrylic paint over the pre-primed boards in accordance with the paint manufacturer's specifications. Some environments require special coatings. Painting selection and specifications are dependent on the paint chosen. Refer to the paint manufacturer for information and details of their warranty.

STAINING

Stains containing linseed oil are specifically designed for wood and may not be suitable for Hardie™ cladding products, primed or unprimed. Semi-transparent stains can vary in uniformity of appearance depending on method of application and conditions and will require a high level of skill and craftsmanship to achieve a uniform appearance. Clear coats have not proven durable in exterior exposure and James Hardie considers them a maintenance item that may require application of a refurbishing sealer at regular intervals. James Hardie does not warrant the appearance or durability of semi-transparent stains and clear coats.

MAINTENANCE

The extent and nature of maintenance will depend on the geographical location and exposure of the building. As a guide, it is recommended that basic normal maintenance tasks shall include but not be limited to:

- Washing down exterior surfaces every 6-12 months*
- Periodic inspections should be made to ensure fasteners are adequately securing the sheets to framing.
- Re-applying of exterior protective finishes*
- Maintaining the exterior envelope and connections including joints, penetrations, flashings and sealants that may provide a means of moisture entry beyond the exterior cladding.
- Cleaning out gutters, blocked pipes and overflows as required.
- Pruning back vegetation that is close to or touching the building.
- Refer to your paint manufacturer for washing down and recoating requirements related to paint performance.

8 Product Information

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Material

The basic composition of Hardie™ fibre cement products is Portland cement, ground sand, cellulose fibre, water and proprietary additives.

Hardie™ fibre cement products are manufactured to AS/NZS 2908.2 'Cellulose-Cement Products-Flat Sheet'. These are also compliant with equivalent standard ISO 8336 'Fibre-cement flat sheets - Product specification and test methods'. For product classification refer to the relevant Physical Properties Data Sheet.

Durability

Resistance to Moisture/Rotting

Primeline™ Newport Weatherboard has demonstrated resistance to permanent moisture induced deterioration (rotting) by passing the following tests in accordance with AS/NZS 2908.2:

- Water permeability (Clause 8.2.2)
- Heat rain (Clause 6.5)
- Warm water (Clause 8.2.4)
- Soak dry (Clause 8.2.5)

Resistance to fire

Primeline™ Newport Weatherboard is suitable where non-combustible materials are required in accordance with C2D10 and H3D2 of the National Construction Code (NCC) Vol 1 and 2 respectively.

Fibre cement products manufactured by James Hardie have been tested by CSIRO in accordance with AS/NZS 3837 and are classified as conforming to Group 1 material (highest and best result possible), with an average specific extinction area far lower than the permissible 250m²/kg, as referenced in Specification C2D11(1) of the National Construction Code (NCC).

Resistance to Termite Attack

Based on testing completed by CSIRO Division of Forest Products and Ensis Australia, Hardie™ fibre cement products have demonstrated resistance to termite attack.

Alpine Regions

In regions subject to freeze/thaw conditions, all fibre cement external cladding must be installed and painted in the warmer months of the year where the temperature does not create freeze and thaw conditions or paint issues. The cladding must be painted immediately after installation. In addition, fibre cement cladding must not be in direct contact with snow and/or ice build up for extended periods, e.g. external walls in alpine regions subject to snow drifts over winter.

Furthermore, a reputable paint manufacturer must be consulted in regards to a suitable product, specifications and warranty. The paint application must not be carried out if the air temperature or the substrate temperature is outside the paint manufacturer's recommendation including the specified drying temperature range

Fibre cement products manufactured by James Hardie are tested for resistance to frost in accordance with AS/NZS 2908.2 Clause 8.2.3.



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