

Storage and Handling of CMF Preprimed/Prepainted/Prestained Siding & Trim

Precautions must be taken during the storage, handling, and installation of preprimed/prepainted/prestained siding & trim. CMF siding and/or trims have been finished in a factory controlled environment in accordance with the coating manufacturer's specifications. Proper storage and handling will insure that these precoated siding and trim materials look their best after installation. In order to assure satisfactory performance please make sure the installer is made aware of the following Mandatory Procedures.

1. All CMF coated materials have been precoated with the understanding that a final coat would be applied after installation. If one coat was applied in the factory then a full field coat is required after installation. If two coats were applied in the factory, then a light field coat is recommended in the field. The CMF coating process is not intended to be a "nail-it-up-and-walk-away" product due the rigors of job-site handling and installation.
2. Although these materials are NOT a prefinished product, they should be handled with care. Improper handling and poor installation practices may result in an inferior final appearance.
3. If field touch ups are required after #1 above, then the touch ups should be applied using a blotting type method over a minimal area in an attempt to blend the touch up with the base coat/s. This process will only be effective in gabled ends, dormers, and high areas that are not subject to close scrutiny. All high visibility areas should receive a final field application for aesthetic purposes.
4. NOTE: All White and Pale Yellow colors will have significant translucency in a one coat factory application. Two coats of factory applied coating are recommended for Whites and Pale Yellows.
5. Always verify the color prior to commencing the installation process. If there are questions concerning the color call your supplier prior to installation.
6. Keep the siding dry at all times. Make sure the siding is adequately covered and protected from the elements throughout the installation process.
7. Keep all siding and trim materials elevated off of the ground. Do not allow precoated materials to sit in mud or standing water.
8. Keep the plastic slip sheeting between layers at all times. If the product has to be restacked, it is MANDATORY that the plastic slip sheeting be reinstalled in the new location.
9. Do not stack any siding or trim materials together without the plastic slip sheeting for any period of time. Most CMF applied coatings are water based acrylic coatings which can "BLOCK" (or stick together) and cause damage to the precoated surface.
10. Do not allow the touch-up paint or caulking to freeze!
11. Only apply touch-up paint and caulking in appropriate weather conditions.
12. Always follow proper nailing instructions (see the siding manufacturer's installation instructions). Improper nailing can lead to the premature failure of the siding, the trim, and/or the coating.
13. It is highly recommended that all end cuts and butt joints be coated and/or caulked after installation. If caulking is used at the butt joints, make sure all excess caulk is removed. The coating of end cuts is MANDATORY on all wood products.