AZEK® Trim with PaintPro® Technology

AZEK Exteriors

AZEK's lightweight and durable trim made from engineered polymer and enhanced with PaintPro® Technology lasts longer than wood but can be cut, drilled and fastened with standard woodworking tools. **See inside to learn key installation differences and best practices.**

Installs Just Like Wood

Normal wood working tools may be used to install AZEK Trim and Moulding.

Multiple Fastening Options

AZEK TRIM won't split near edges. Fasten within 2" from edge.

Create a Strong Bond

Use AZEK adhesive at trim joints to minimize gaps from expansion and contraction.

Superior Paint Adhesion

When painting AZEK PaintPro® Trim, select the right paint to ensure the best long-term performance.

AZEK Trim and AZEK Mouldings should be installed using the same good building principles used to install wood trim and mouldings and in accordance with the local building codes and AZEK's complete installation guidelines that can be found at www.azekexteriors.com.

AZEK Building Products accepts no liability or responsibility for the improper installation of this product. AZEK Trim and AZEK Moulding may not be suitable for every application, and it is the sole responsibility of the installer to be sure that AZEK Trim and Mouldings are fit for the intended use. Since all installations are unique, it is also the installer's responsibility to determine specific requirements in regard to each trim and moulding application.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please call AZEK Customer Service at 877-ASK-AZEK (877-275-2935) or visit our website at www.AZEKexteriors.com.

USES STANDARD WOODWORKING TOOLS

• No special tools or respirators required.
• AZEK Trim and Moulding products can be installed using the same tools used to cut and install wood.
• Carbide blade tips designed to cut wood trim work well.
• If using pneumatic tools, the air pressure should be regulated so fasteners are flush to the surface.

FASTENER OPTIONS

For best results, use fasteners designed for wood trim and wood siding. These fasteners have a thinner shank, blunt point, and full round head.

Recommended Fastener Options
• Cortex® Fastening System
• #8 Trim Screw
• Coil Siding Nail

**Scan to view
Cortex video
installation**

(Image below references use of #8 trim screw)

Incorrect
Screw head sits above trim board

Correct
Drive screw flush to slightly below trim board

(Image below references use of Coil Siding Nail)

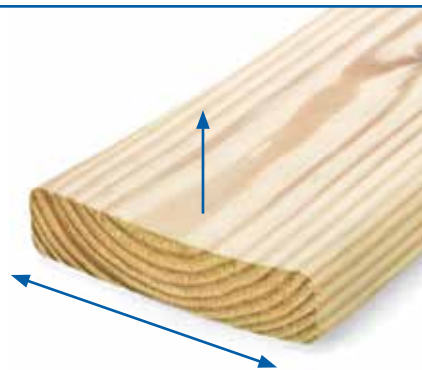**Incorrect**
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FASTENER PLACEMENT & SPACING

Following the proper fastening, gluing, and painting recommendations as they have been laid out in this document will help to limit excessive movement that could lead to damage.

Wood/Fiber Cement

Wood, fiber cement, and other porous substrates absorb water and expand outward.

Moisture-Resistant AZEK Trim

AZEK trim can experience minimal movement across its length as a result of temperature.

These guidelines cover only some of the key installation recommendations for AZEK Trim and AZEK Moulding and is not intended to be a complete install guide. Before installing AZEK Trim and moulding, be sure to read and review the full AZEK trim and moulding installation guides at **www.AZEKexteriors.com**.

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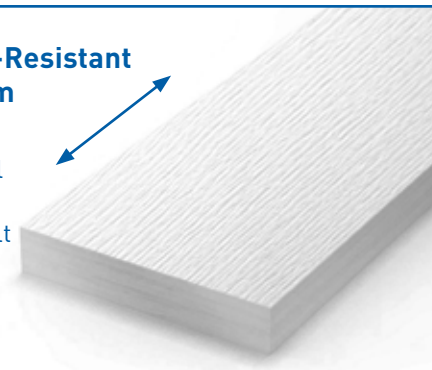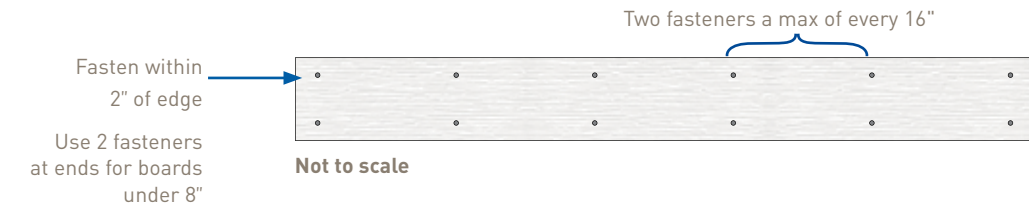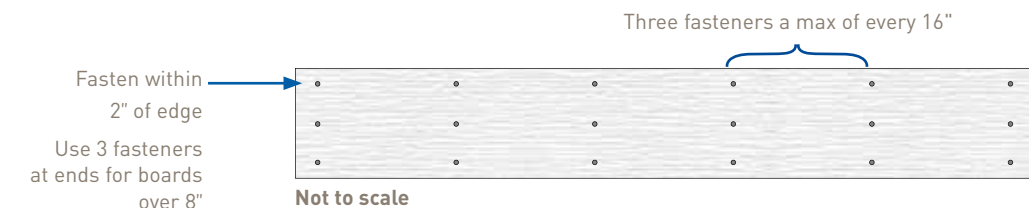
TRIM BOARDS UP TO 8" WIDE

Two fasteners a max of every 16"

Fasten within 2" of edge

Use 2 fasteners at ends for boards under 8"

Not to scale

TRIM BOARDS OVER 8" WIDE

Three fasteners a max of every 16"

Fasten within 2" of edge

Use 3 fasteners at ends for boards over 8"

Not to scale

• Fasten with 2" from edge. AZEK trim will not split, splinter, or crack when fastening near edge.
• Use 2 fasteners at ends and a maximum of every 16" for boards up to 8" wide
• Use 3 fasteners at ends and a maximum of every 16" for boards over 8" wide.

When installing AZEK trim for longer runs such as fascia, frieze, or band boards use scarf joints to help minimize expansion and contraction from temperature changes.

• For boards under 8" wide, use 2 fasteners within 2" from edge and 2 fasteners a max of every 16" apart.
• If board is over 8" wide, use 3 fasteners within 2" from edge and 3 fasteners a max of every 16" apart.

• For best results, apply glue to all AZEK-to-AZEK joints. Use AZEK Cellular PVC Cement available in easy-to-use squeeze bottles.
• For longer runs of AZEK Trim, use scarf joints with adhesive and fasteners on both sides. See next image.

• Use fasteners on each side of a joint within 2" of ends.
• If board is **under 8" wide**, use 2 fasteners on each side of the joint.
• If board is **over 8" wide**, use 3 fasteners on each side of the joint.

PAINTING REQUIREMENTS

When painting AZEK Siding and Trim, choosing the right paint type and color will ensure a truly low maintenance, long-lasting painted finish. Using paints that do not meet AZEK's guidelines may cause the product to overheat, leading to undesirable product defects such as warping, oil canning, or buckling.

Color and Paint Selection Requirements

When selecting your desired color, you will need to determine the **Light Reflective Value (LRV)** of that color which should be provided by the paint manufacture.

If your desired colors has an **LRV value above 55** and is available in an exterior 100% acrylic latex paint it meets AZEK painting requirements.

If the desired color has an **LRV below 55**, it should only be used on AZEK products if it exists as a pre-set color from a paint designed for vinyl siding or is a specialty paint with solar reflective pigments. Paints formulated for vinyl and paints with heat-reflective pigments are designed to limit heat build and ensure the long-term performance of PaintPro® products.

Always make sure your paint is suitable for exterior application and is 100% acrylic latex.

You can often find the LRV of a paint color on the paint can label, paint manufacture's website, or via color swatches.

The Light Reflective Value (LRV) of a paint will be displayed as a number between 0-100.

Example From PPG(R)
Color Name: GRAY STONE
Color Number: PPG1009-4

LRV: 47.0

This color has an LRV below 55 and still meets AZEK paint selection criteria because it is a pre-set color from PPG paints Siding Safe® Color Technology color palette and an exterior 100% acrylic latex paint.

AZEK Paint Requirement Quick Reference Chart

	Color Range	Key Color Selection Criteria	Paint Type
	Lighter paint colors only	Must have a light reflective value (LRV) above 55	Exterior 100% Acrylic Latex
	Light, medium and some darker colors	Only use colors that are from a paint manufactures' approved color list for vinyl siding. No custom colors.	Exterior 100% Acrylic Latex made for Vinyl Siding
	All colors including dark and custom colors	Not available at most retail locations. Available online at: www.aqua-diy.com/azek/	Water-Based Solar Reflective Coatings

⚠️ **No Custom Colors: Unless made with solar reflective paint.**

AZEK Recommended Color Lists

AZEK's recommended color lists make it easy to find the right color and paint product for your next AZEK project. Each list showcases a diverse selection of colors available by paint manufacturer that meet AZEK's guidelines to help you achieve a painted finish that endures beautifully.

Scan to see recommended color lists

SHERWIN WILLIAMS.   PPG PAINTS   Benjamin Moore Paints   AquaSurTech OEM

Additional Painting Requirements

• AZEK Trim with PaintPro® Technology must be painted within 180 days.
• AZEK Classic Trim that comes in semi-matte white does not need to be painted.
• To maximize paint performance, ensure surface is clean and dry prior to painting.

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