

The following information offers typical installation techniques when working with TruExterior® Trim. This product should never be used in structural or load bearing applications. These directions are guidelines. As with installing any building material, care should be taken to adhere to local code requirements and construction best practices to ensure installation is adequate for each specific application.

Storage and Handling

TruExterior® Trim should be stored on a flat, level surface. Pallets are shipped from the manufacturing facility in a protective covering and each board has a factory applied primer. For expected performance results, ensure the product is dry and clean when fastened to the wall. For proper paint adhesion, the product should be dry and clean before painting.

Working With TruExterior® Trim

This product is an excellent replacement for wood trim and can be installed using proven woodworking tools and methods. For ease of use, consider the following before working:

- **Cutting** – TruExterior® Trim can be cut using standard saw blades. However, for longer tool life carbide tipped blades are recommended.
- **Routing & Drilling** – TruExterior® Trim can be drilled and routed using standard woodworking tools, but a carbide tipped router and drill bits are recommended.
- **Fastening**
 - Ensure the product is dry and clean when fastened to the wall
 - Use fasteners designed for exterior trim and siding
 - Use 2 fasteners per every framing member and 3 fasteners for all 12" wide boards.
 - Fasteners should be installed every 24" OC or less. For best results, place fasteners within 2" of the edge of each board.

For 2x applications:

- Use a fastener that is long enough to penetrate a solid wood substrate a minimum of 1 1/2"
- Fasteners should penetrate a framing member. Sheathing alone may not provide adequate support or holding power.
- **Safety** – In working with any product that may cause airborne debris such as nuisance dust, be sure to take proper measures to protect against eye and inhalation hazards.

Standard nail guns and screws can be used to install TruExterior® Trim as it takes a variety of fasteners with ease and does not mushroom at the screw head nor require pre-drilling.

TruExterior® Trim is a non-structural building material and should never be used in load-bearing or structural applications. Fasteners should be installed every 24" OC or less. For best results, be sure to place fasteners within 2" of the end of every board. Proper care should be taken to understand the desired application and ensure that proper framing and fasteners are adequate for the installation.

Expansion and Contraction – TruExterior® Trim is very stable* during periods of temperature and moisture change; no special precautions are necessary to control or limit movement.

Use at Grade – Since TruExterior® Trim is virtually impervious to water absorption, termite attacks and won't rot*, it is approved for ground contact.

Nail Holes and Repair – Filling nail and screw holes or repairing any minor damage caused by handling may be done using high-grade acrylic caulk or wood fillers.

Painting TruExterior® Trim is a requirement, and failure to do so will void the warranty. As in preparing for any painting project, be sure the surface of the product is free of dirt, debris or other contaminants prior to paint application. TruExterior® Trim can be painted using any high grade exterior paint. Make sure to follow the paint manufacturer's application recommendations.

More information can be found in Boral's technical bulletin for paint or in the product warranty. Both documents can be found at BoralTruExterior.com.

TruExterior® Trim may be painted any color without special precaution as the product is not prone to excessive movement due to heat buildup*

TruExterior® Trim is virtually impervious to moisture*, so there is no need to prime or paint end-cuts or field-cut edges.

Moisture cycling is a primary cause for paint failure on wood products. Since TruExterior® Trim is resistant to this moisture cycling*; paint will perform better.