**Application Instructions**

**General**
- At the time of manufacture, siding meets or exceeds the performance standards set forth in Composite Panel Association ANSI 135.6-2006 and has achieved code recognition under Legacy National Evaluation Report NER-626 and CCMC-12353L. For copies of these reports, call LP Customer Support at 1-800-577-4836.

- Minimum 6 in. clearance must be maintained between siding and finish grade.

- Siding applied adjacent to porches, patios, walks, etc. must have a clearance of at least 1 in. above any surface.

- Minimum 1" clearance at intersection with roof line.

- Apply siding in a manner that prevents moisture intrusion and water buildup.

- All exposed wood substrate must be sealed in a manner that prevents moisture intrusion and water buildup.

- In non-traditional ICF and SIP assemblies, the ICF or SIP manufacturer must prescribe the fastening specifications. Note: LP does not recommend LP SmartSide for use in these non-traditional assemblies. If used, LP will not warrant for Buckling and Shrinkage. However, balance of warranty does remain intact.

- When using wet blown cellulose insulation, the insulation must not be in direct contact with the siding and it must be allowed to dry a minimum of 24 hours or longer if specified by the insulation manufacturer.

- DO NOT USE STAPLES

- Siding must not contact masonry.

**Storage**
- Store off the ground well supported, on a flat surface, under a roof or separate waterproof covering.

- Keep siding clean and dry. Inspect prior to application.

- Allow siding to adjust to atmospheric conditions before application.

**Stud Spacing**
- Foundations 76 Series lap siding may be applied over sheathed walls or, where building codes permit, directly to studs spaced no greater than 16 in. O.C. that have adequate corner bracing.

- In all installations over masonry walls, the wall must be furred out with framing spaced 16 in. O.C. and with adequate thickness to accept the full length of the recommended nail.

- Foundations 76 Series and Architectural Collection 76 series primed colonial lap siding is not warranted against buckling in Alaska, Hawaii, Northern California or west of the Cascades in Washington, Oregon and California.

**Moisture**
- Moisture control and moisture vapor control are critical elements of proper housing design. Check your local building codes for application procedures for handling moisture and moisture vapor in your area.

- As with all wood products, do not apply engineered wood siding to a structure having excessive moisture conditions such as drying concrete or plaster. If such conditions exist, the building should be well ventilated to allow it to dry prior to the application of the siding.

- Siding must not be applied to green or crooked structural framing members. Do not apply siding over rain-soaked or buckled sheathing materials.

- Gutters are recommended for control of roof water run off.

**Secondary Weather Resistant Barrier**
- A properly installed breathable water-resistant barrier is required behind the siding.

- Consult your local building code for details.

- LP will assume no responsibility for water penetration.

**Gaps & Sealants**
- Seal all gaps with a high-quality, non-hardening, paintable sealant with a minimum stated service life of 30 years. Follow the sealant manufacturer’s instructions for application.

**Flashing, Windows, Doors & Openings**
- All openings must be properly sealed or flashed in a manner that prevents moisture intrusion or buildup. Several examples that accomplish this are shown on the following pages.
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a) Apply siding over a maximum stud spacing of 16 in. O.C. (See General Information)
b) Begin by establishing a straight reference line to guide positioning the bottom edge of the first course of siding.

The suggested procedure is to measure equal distance downward from the eaves and/or windows and snap a chalk line.

This first step ensures that the siding appears parallel with the eaves, soffit, and windows, regardless of any actual setting of the house from true level.

SIDING MUST BE APPLIED AT LEAST 6 in. ABOVE THE GROUND.
c) Snap parallel chalk lines on the walls as guides in positioning the top edge of each siding course. Space chalk lines so that (1) bottom edge of the first course of siding is applied at least 6 in. above the ground, and (2) that each subsequent siding course is overlapped a minimum of 1 in. (minimum 1-3/8 in. for Beaded Lap Siding).
d) Nail a starter strip (wood lath or siding approximately 3/8 in. x 1-1/2 in.) 1/4 in. above bottom chalk line and install first course of siding.
e) Nail at all stud locations; position nails 3/4 in. from the bottom edge of siding (1 in. for Beaded Lap Siding) in order to penetrate both siding courses. Nail 3/8 in. from butt ends.

Kick-Out Flashing

- Install kick-out flashing to direct the water into the gutter
- Install step flashing with minimum 4-inch upper leg
- Properly integrate flashing with the secondary water-resistant barrier. Use housewrap, flashing tape, z-flashing, or other items as needed to maintain the counterflashing principle.
- DO NOT extend the siding or trim into the kick-out flashing or gutter
- Maintain a clearance between the end of the gutter and the adjoining wall to allow for proper maintenance of the siding
- Paint ALL exposed cut edges

Finishings Instructions

DO
- Prime and paint all exposed surfaces including all drip edges or where water will hang.
- Apply finish coat as soon as possible or within 180 days of application.
- High-quality acrylic latex paint, specially formulated for use on wood and engineered wood substrates, is highly recommended. Semi-gloss or satin finish oil or alkyd paints are acceptable. For flat alkyd paint, please check with the coating manufacturer for their recommendations for use on composite wood siding.
- Follow the coating manufacturer’s application and maintenance instructions.

DO NOT USE
- Semi-transparent and transparent stains.
- Shake and shingle paints.
- Vinyl-based resin formulas such as vinyl acetate, PVA, vinyl acetate/acrylic copolymer paints.

Trim

Trim should be thick enough so the siding does not extend beyond the face of the trim.

- Trim and fascia must be applied in a manner that will not allow moisture intrusion or water buildup.
- LP® SmartSide® siding are not designed and/or manufactured to be used as trim or fascia. LP SmartSide trim and fascia are available in a variety of dimensions.

Painting Instructions

DO
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- Semi-transparent and transparent stains.
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- Vinyl-based resin formulas such as vinyl acetate, PVA, vinyl acetate/acrylic copolymer paints.
b) For rigid foam sheathing up to 1" (25.4 mm) thick, siding may be nailed directly to the foam sheathing unless a drainage plane is required to cause cancer.

Exposure to wood dust, known to the state of California to cause cancer. 

Cal. Prop 65 Warning: Use of this product may result in exposure to wood dust, known to the State of California to cause cancer.

The Louisiana-Pacific Corporation (“LP”) LP SmartSide Siding (the “Products”) limited warranty (the “Warranty”) applies only to structures on which the Products have been applied, finished and maintained in accordance with the published application, finishing and maintenance instructions in effect at the time of application. The failure to follow such application, finishing or maintenance instructions will void the Warranty as to the portion of the Products affected by the variance (the “Affected Products”).

LP assumes no liability for any loss or damage sustained by the Affected Products and is expressly released by the purchaser or owner from any such loss or liability.

Any modification of the Warranty’s application, finishing or maintenance requirements is void and unenforceable unless approved in writing prior to application by the Siding General Manager or his designee and a member of the LP Legal Department.

For a copy of the warranty or for installation and technical support, visit the LP SmartSide product support Web site at:

www.lpcorp.com

or for additional support call 800.450.6106.

WARRANTY REMEDIES ARE NOT AVAILABLE IF REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT FOLLOWED.

f) NAILS MUST PENETRATE FRAMING MEMBERS AT LEAST 1-1/2 in.

For best performance use hot-dipped galvanized nails with a minimum 0.27 in. diameter head and 0.113 in. diameter shank.

Shim siding at studs, as needed, to avoid drawing siding against uneven walls. DO NOT OVERDRIVE NAILS. Nail head should seat firmly to face of siding but not be overdriven to distort the siding surface.

CONDITION  CORRECTION
Snug         OK
Flush        OK
Visible fiber Paint
Countersunk 1/16 in.-1/8 in. Seal with caulk and renerail
Countersunk more than 1/8 in. Seal with caulking

Vertical butt joints must fall on studs. Nails should be placed at all stud locations and positioned 3/8” from the vertical edges on each side of the butt joint. Stagger butt joints on subsequent courses.

Leave a 3/16 in. gap. All joints must be sealed. Optional joint covers may be used.

Sealant must be a high-quality, non-hardening, paintable sealant.

Nail at all special framing members around openings (maximum spacing 16 in. O.C.). Shim, if necessary, to provide solid backing for siding fitted around windows, doors, and at rake cuts on gable ends.

Where siding butts against window and door trim and at wood inside and outside corners, leave a 3/16 in. gap and seal.

Nail from the center of the plank toward the ends, or from one end to the other end. NEVER nail from the ends of the plank toward the middle.

Corner posts can be metal, wood, or vinyl. Trim should be thick enough so the siding does not extend beyond the face of the trim.

Use drip cap flashing above all openings to ensure a weather-tight installation.

SmartSide Siding may be sawn face-up with a fine-tooth handsaw or face down with a combination blade power saw.

Insulated Sheathing

LP SmartSide Siding may be installed over low-compression rigid foam or fiberglass sheathings. The following precautions must be followed:

a) Adequate bracing of the wall in accordance with the International Codes or other ruling building code is required.

b) For rigid foam sheathing up to 1” (25.4 mm) thick, siding may be nailed directly to the foam sheathing unless a drainage plane is required by the local building code. Nail length must be in-creased to ensure a minimum 1-1/2” (38.1 mm) fastener penetration into the structural framing.

c) For rigid foam sheathing greater than 1” (25.4 mm), a minimum 1-1/2” (38.1 mm) thick by 4” (101.6 mm) wide vertical strapping or furring strip must be installed over the sheathing to provide a solid, level nailing base for the siding. The strapping must be securely fastened to structural framing spaced no greater than 16” O.C. (406 mm) with a minimum nail penetration of 1-1/2 inches (38.1 mm) and a maximum nail spacing no greater than the width of the siding.

Louisiana-Pacific will assume no responsibility for any damage or condition arising from the use of foam sheathing.

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establish straight reference lines

Breathable weather resistant barrier

_min. 3/16 in. gap

Trim
Paint bottom edges

roof flashing detail
Breathable weather resistant barrier

if required by code

Figure 4

Vapor Retarder

over openings

flash and gap 3/8 in. ensure complete paint coverage of the drip edge

Figure 5A

joint mldg.

joint treatment

gap 3/16 in.

3/8 in. 3/8 in.

Figure 5B

Figure 5C

6 in. minimum

bottom course detail

inside corner detail

outside corner detail

Figure 5D

Figure 5E

Figure 5F