

EasyShield™

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

BEFORE YOU INSTALL

A Smart™ speed square is included so you can gap the full runs of siding according to LP's Smartside™ installation instructions. The edge of the T-square is the correct spacing. Use this space when putting 2 full pieces next to each other. (Refer to LP's installation instructions for details.)

Before installing EasyShield™, make sure the color you received is the color you ordered. Also, confirm that all siding and trim is under wrap, clean and dry.

Installation of the siding and trim denotes acceptance.

Any unacceptable product must be set aside or immediately returned for replacement.

EasyShield™ has no direct liability for Smartside's™ warranty or guarantees. EasyShield's™ finish warranty is maintained by Michigan Prestain. Client must retain invoice to verify date of purchase. See EasyShield's™ warranty for details.

Proper handling and installation techniques require that EasyShield™ is installed promptly after delivery.

Protect the product at all times on the job site. Before and during installation, keep all prefinished products in dry storage or covered with a tarp. Store siding and trim on pallets. Do not store directly on the ground. Lumber wrap is not considered a suitable job-site cover. The units must be tarped to keep moisture from the substrate. Failure to do so may void the finish warranty.

Make sure you have the color matched EasyShield™ system to ensure a finished-look. This includes the EasyShield™ touchup kit and the EasyShield™ color matched seam flashing. Seam flashing is required by LP. One touchup kit is typically needed for 25-30 squares. One pad of EasyShield™ seam flashing will protect approximately 4 square of siding. Color matched caulk is also available. Typically, figure 1 tube of caulk per square of siding. These are readily available from your dealer.

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EasyShield™ installs per LP's Smartside™ instructions. Please refer to their installation instructions before you install for nailing pattern, flashing, gapping, caulking, etc. Failure to do so will void the finish warranty.

This guide instructs how to handle prefinished EasyShield™ in order to minimize touchup and ensure a beautiful installation.

VERY IMPORTANT: DO NOT CAULK WHERE TWO PIECES OF LAP BUTT. CAULK ONLY WHERE THE SIDING TOUCHES ANYTHING BUT ANOTHER PIECE OF SIDING. BUTT JOINT FLASHING IS REQUIRED. EASYSHIELD™ PROVIDES, AND RECOMMENDS, COLOR-MATCHED JOINT FLASHING.

1. EasyShield™ is packaged to protect the finish until it gets to the saw or wall. The bundles must keep the protective slip sheeting on/between the siding until it is ready to be cut and nailed. Carry the siding on its edge. EasyShield™ has a durable finish, but can be damaged if handled incorrectly. Prefinished sidings must be handled with care. If the finish is damaged, the EasyShield™ touchup kit(s) might be able to correct the issue. EasyShield™ is not responsible for handling damage.

2. Touchup is always required for a finished look. Two tools are included to facilitate touchup. The "pen" is used for small blemishes, scratches and nicks **on the face** of the siding and trim. It is also for touching up exposed nails. The "dauber" is used for the **ripped edges of siding and trim only**. Do not use the "dauber" on the face. All cut edges and nail heads require touchup. Failure to do this will void the finish warranty. Specific instructions for the touchup tools follow.

EasyShield™ touchup kits must be used for touchup. Using any other paint besides EasyShield™ for touchup will create an issue that the installer is solely responsible for. For areas, other than the siding, that need to be painted, the color can be matched at your local store.

4. Prefinished butt joint flashing is available and highly recommended for a finished look. Your dealer has these readily available.

5. Do not power wash. To remove foreign matter, use a garden hose.

USING THE TOUCHUP TOOLS

Important: use coating right out of touchup tools. Do not thin. Store in a warm area. Do not allow coating to freeze. ALWAYS DO ONE TOUCHUP TEST AREA, AND LET FULLY DRY, TO VERIFY THE TOUCHUP APPEARANCE IS ACCEPTABLE.

4oz Bottle: (for edge seal only)

- Shake Well
- Depress sponge while squeezing bottle to release coating
- Swipe or dab exposed cut until completely covered
- If applicator dries out, rinse with water and continue use
- Replace cover when not in use

Touchup Pens: (for touching up the face)

- Shake well before using
- Pump tip of pen to activate the paint (it is not uncommon to pump 25-30 times on initial use)
- If cap is left off and tip dries out, pump 10-15 times to saturate tip

