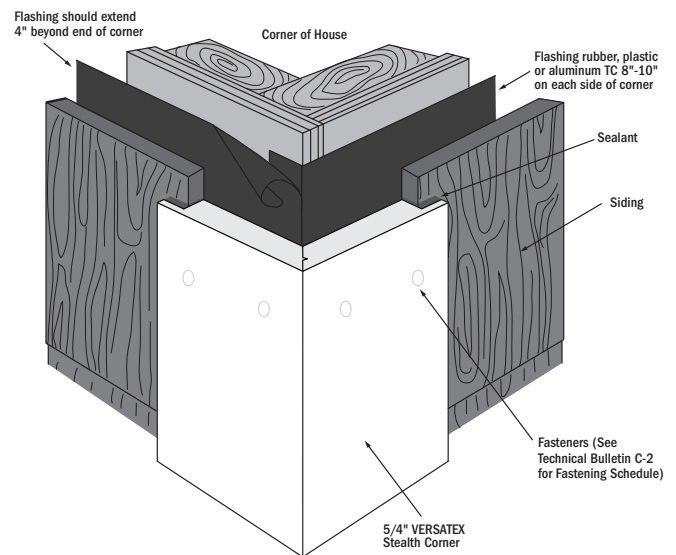# VERSATEX Stealth Installation Guidelines

Stealth Corners

The Stealth Corner can accept MOST siding products and works especially well with fiber cement and vinyl siding, including foamed-back or insulated, as well as composite sidings and cedar shakes.

Installation Steps

- Before installing your Stealth Corner, be sure the corner of the house is properly prepared to accept it. The corner of the building should be square, true and plumb and covered with some form of house wrap. Aesthetically, there may be a need to flash in the pocket of the "J" to cover the printing of the house wrap that may be exposed if the siding is held back. This can be accomplished by taking some left over trim coil and bending a simple $5/8$" x 1 $1/2$" "L" the length of the corner and inserting it into the "J" pocket. In those rare cases where the house wrap is not used, flash the corner with aluminum trim coil or asphalt felt. Cover the entire corner lapping the top piece over the bottom piece. The flashing should extend 4" minimum beyond the outside edges of the corner.

- Before installing the corner, strike a line on the wall where your siding should terminate.

- If using fiber cement or a wood composite, caulk the ends of the siding after it has been installed.

- For other sidings, run a bead of sealant down the back side of both corner edges just outside the pocket.

- Fasten the corner the same way you would VERSATEX trim, making sure not to nail through the overhang that conceals your siding. Although this overhang piece is $1/4$" thick, it may break if struck with a hammer. Place the top of the Stealth Corner $1/8$" from the underside of the eave. Use stainless steel 8d annular or spiral fasteners designed for wood trim and siding. Fasteners with thin shanks, blunt points, and full round heads are preferred. The fastener must be long enough to penetrate the substrate a minimum of $1\frac{1}{4}$".

- Place nails a maximum of 16" on center. (12" preferred)

- Install siding in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

Flashing should extend 4" beyond end of corner

Corner of House

Flashing rubber, plastic or aluminum TC 8"-10" on each side of corner

Sealant

Siding

Fasteners (See Technical Bulletin C-2 for Fastening Schedule)

5/4" VERSATEX Stealth Corner

Stealth Window Surrounds

Like the Stealth Corner, the Stealth Window Surround features either a $3/4$" by $3/4$" pocket or a 1" by 1" pocket to accept most siding products. Available in nominal 4" and 6" boards, the Stealth Window Surrounds can be purchased either with or without a $1\frac{7}{8}$" long x $3/16$" deep nailing slot cut into the bottom of the trim piece to accept the flange on a new construction window. The Standard Stealth Window Surrounds do not have this nail flange cut out and is used primarily for remodeling jobs where the perimeter trim is being replaced. A third option for your window surround trim is our trim with nail flange slot. This is typically used as the header piece of a window surround or in applications where the builder prefers to butt the siding up against the VERSATEX Window Trim.

Installation Steps

- Before installing the Stealth Window Trim, be sure the window area is properly prepared to accept it. The window should be installed square, true and plumb. It should be weather proofed as per manufacturers specifications. VERSATEX window surrounds are not intended to be part of the window weather proofing.

- Flash window opening in accordance with AAMA Method A1.

- Having measured the window, cut the Stealth Trim to create a picture frame. Pocket screw and glue the Stealth Window Trim pieces to create a Stealth Window Surround. We recommend using the VERSATEX Historic Sill, at the base of the window surround, the Stealth Trim with Flange Slot for the jambs and the Trim with Flange Slot at the window header. Before installing the Stealth Window Surround, run a bead of sealant down the backside edge just outside the pocket.

- Nail the window surround the same way as VERSATEX Trim, being sure not to nail through the overhang that conceals your siding. Although this overhang piece is $1/4$" thick, it may break if struck with a hammer. Use stainless steel 8d annular or spiral fasteners designed for wood trim and siding. Fasteners with thin shanks, blunt points, and full round heads are preferred. The fastener must be long enough to penetrate the substrate a minimum of $1 \ 1/4$".

- Place nails a maximum of 16" on center.

- At the window header, bend a piece of light gauge copper or aluminum into a "J" or drip edge and place it on the trim before installing the siding.

- Install the siding around the perimeter of the windows in accordance with the manufacturer's installation guidelines.

Figure A

Cut Stealth Pocket in header trim to accept siding

Trim with Flange Slot

Stealth Trim with Flange Slot

Figure B

Field-bent aluminum or copper drip edge

Picture frame, glue, and pocket screw corners

Stealth pocket receives siding

Typical fiber cement or composite wood siding

VERSATEX Historic Sill

Figure C

Use pocket on back of Historic Sill to fasten Stealth trim using stainless steel trim screws.

Continue dimensions of factory Stealth Pocket by removing segment of sill to receive siding, This step is not required when using Trim with Flange Slot.

Bond trim to Moulding with TrimWelder