

## BEFORE YOU START

### Possible Tools Needed

- Tape Measure
- Power/Miter Saw
- Drill
- Nail Gun
- Hammer
- Level
- Caulk Gun
- Finishing Nails
- Screws
- Safety Goggles



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**EXTERIOR TRIM & MOULDINGS**

**INSTALLATION  
TIPS & TECHNIQUES**

## Exterior Trim & Mouldings

# INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

### Cutting

Gossen® Exterior Trim & Mouldings can be cut using standard wood working tools.

- 100 tooth carbide tipped blades work best
- Avoid using fine tooth blades

### Routing

Gossen® Exterior Trim & Mouldings can be routed with standard woodworking bits.

Carbide tipped bits with multiple flutes are recommended.

### Jointing or Fastening Gossen® Exterior Trim & Mouldings

Scarf or shiplap joints are recommended to cover butt joints:

<b>Scarf joints</b>	cut at 45° angles from front to back
<b>Shiplap joints</b>	make 1/2"–3/4" shiplap joints and glue the overlaps

For joining cellular PVC to cellular PVC or cellular PVC to wood, use adhesive, nails or screws. Fasten every 8"–12".

### Recommended adhesive:

Use adhesives identified for use with vinyl. PVC cement will bond cellular PVC joints.

### Recommended nails:

#### Hand nailing

Use 6–8 penny galvanized or stainless steel finishing nails designed for wood trim or siding for best results.

Space nails 8"–10" apart. Can be nailed as close as 3/8" to any edge.

**Please Note:** Holes can be filled with colored caulk, putty or spackling.

To raise dents or marks on the profiles, hold a heat gun 12" away from moulding surface using a back and forth motion until dent is raised. For larger dents or damaged mouldings we recommend Red Devil Onetime Lightweight Spackling.

If nailing at 32°F or below, pre-drilling is recommended. It can be nailed as close as 3/8" to any edge.

#### Power nailing

Use 1/8" nail or T-nail using 70-90 PSI.

To determine the length of the staple to use, double the thickness of material to be stapled.

Example — profile to be stapled is 1" thick, length of staple should be 2".

Fasteners designed specifically for exterior use should be used where applicable.

**CAUTION:** Wire stitching and/or headless nails should not be used.

### Drilling

Gossen® Exterior Trim & Mouldings can be drilled using the same tools as to drill lumber.

Be sure to avoid frictional heat build up when drilling Gossen® Trim & Mouldings.

Periodic removal of shavings from the drill hole may be necessary.

### Recommended screws:

Stainless steel drywall screws with large thread or flute.

### Painting

Painting Gossen® Exterior Mouldings is not required. Gossen's premium color technology is backed by a 20-year Warranty for Color Retention. However, if painting is desired, Gossen® Exterior Mouldings have excellent paint adhesion.

- Before painting, clean surface of Mouldings with denatured alcohol.
- For a one-step painting process, use acrylic exterior latex paint.
- For oil paint, use a latex or acrylic primer before applying the finish coat.

**Please Note:** For painting of dark colors, a high heat reflective paint is required.