



## **Installation of E-Prime products for exterior application.**

When using E-Prime products as an exterior trim or siding always be sure to follow generally accepted “best practices” for wood construction and moisture management and employ those practices during the design and installation phase. Always adhere to local building codes.

Always consider the following tips when designing for your application in order to maximize product performance and protect the product warranty

### **Avoid:**

- Any infiltration of moisture
- Standing water situations
- Ground contact
- Direct contact with, concrete, roofs, masonry, porch or any exterior floor surface, pressure treated lumber, asphalt or brick
- Allowing moisture to be trapped behind the exterior envelope of the structure
- Being less than 6” away from mulch, soil or sod
- Installing wet product ( with a moisture content above 19% )
- Leaving exposed, unfinished cuts

### **To insure proper installation:**

- Follow local building codes
- Follow “best practices” for wood construction and moisture management
- Create ways for moisture and condensation to escape from behind product such as rain screen construction
- Keep product dry on jobsite and prior to installation
- Use proper fasteners for your geographical location
- Utilize proper flashing techniques for all wall penetrations
- Utilize high grade exterior acrylic latex, silicone or urethane caulking and sealants and maintain regularly
- Do not caulk areas that will prevent moisture from escaping such as under windows
- Drive fasteners flush for best results, if countersinking fasteners, fill with exterior grade wood putty, allow to dry, sand smooth and spot prime prior to finishing



### **Finishing E-Prime Trim Board products.**

E-Prime trim boards feature a two coat high performance priming/painting system consisting of the highest quality oil based primer with Acrylic Latex primer topcoat.

E-Prime Trim Board products should be finish coated within one year of installation

### **Finishing E-Prime siding and pattern stock products.**

E-Prime siding and pattern stock products come with an ultra- high performance two coat oil based primer system to increase their performance in the field.

E-Prime Siding and Pattern Stock products should be field coated within 120 days of installation with a high quality finish paint. The paint manufacturer's instructions should be strictly adhered to and any finish coat applied to an E-Prime product would be subject to the paint manufacturer's warranty.