TrexTrim™
Installation Instructions

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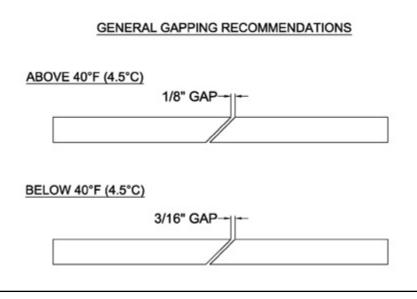## GENERAL INFORMATION:

Storage and Handling:
- Store TrexTrim flat on a clean, dry and level surface. TrexTrim may conform to an uneven surface, especially in hot conditions.
- Store indoors or covered to ensure clean product and easy removal of release film.
- Handle TrexTrim with the care appropriate for any other fine finish construction product to avoid damage.
- If film is difficult to pull up, apply a piece of tape to a corner. This creates a tab to pull up the film.

Cutting, Drilling, and Routing:
- Standard woodworking tools work well with TrexTrim. Use carbide-tipped tools designed for use with wood for best results.
- Avoid using fine-tooth metal cutting blades.
- Rough edges are caused by heat buildup due to dull, dirty tools or poor support at the cut.
- When drilling, remove bit periodically and remove shavings to reduce heat buildup.

Expansion and Contraction:
- TrexTrim will expand and contract with changes in temperature.
- Fastening TrexTrim at recommended intervals (2 recommended fasteners at each framing member) along with the use of secondary gluing will reduce the effects of expansion and contraction.
- Bonding running joints and corners will reduce the opportunity for joint separation.
- Leave a gap of at least 1/8" per 18' length at the end of long runs to allow for expansion and contraction.
- Allow product to acclimate to outside temperature prior to installation.
- Note that any deviation from not using recommended fastener methods may result in additional movement of the TrexTrim.
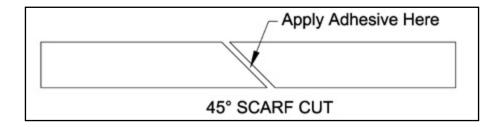
GENERAL GAPPING RECOMMENDATIONS

ABOVE 40°F (4.5°C)

1/8" GAP

BELOW 40°F (4.5°C)

3/16" GAP

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Bonding and Gluing:
- For best results, only bond clean, smooth, dry surfaces that are in full contact with each other.
- All joints, such as long runs of fascia or corners of window trim, should be glued to reduce joint separation.
- Use a PVC cement or two part construction adhesive product designed for PVC.
- Fasten on either side of joint to hold in place while curing.
- To bond TrexTrim to another material, consult adhesives manufacturer to determine correct product for application.
- Scarf joints are recommended when bonding long runs.

Recommended Adhesive Manufacturers	Product	Working Time	Cure Time
Bond & Fill, Inc 877-822-4615 bondfill.com	FastCure™ SlowCure™	5-8 mins 45-60 mins	24 hrs 24 hrs
Gorilla PVC Cement LLC 888-367-4615 GorillaPVC.com	Gorilla PVC™	5 mins	24 hrs
ITW Devcon 800-933-8266 trimbonder.com	TrimBonder™	10-15 mins	16 hrs
Extreme Adhesives 800-888-4583 extremeadhesives.com	Extreme PVC TrimWelder™ Fast Cure	4-6 mins	15-20 mins

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Painting:
- TrexTrim does not require painting for protection.
- To achieve a custom color, acrylic latex paint with a light reflectance value (LRV) above 55 must be used. However, certain paint manufacturers have colors made specifically for Cellular PVC that can achieve darker colors. For more information contact paint manufacturers in table below. Note that warranty cannot cover failures of TrexTrim due to incorrect paint type or color.
- Paint applied to clean, dry TrexTrim will adhere well with good durability.
- Curing of paint on TrexTrim may take up to 60 days depending on humidity and temperature conditions.

Recommended Paint and Sealant Manufacturers	Product
Sherwin-Williams sherwin-williams.com/pro	Duration Exterior Coating or SuperPaint® Exterior Coating with VinylSafe™ Color Technology
Henkel osipro.com	QSI Quad & VOC Sealant

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Bending:
- TrexTrim profiles can be bent using the Trex CustomCurve™. Refer to the Trex website, www.trex.com, for more detailed information on this.

Cleaning:
- Clean TrexTrim with a mild detergent and water.
- For more stubborn stains, use Mr. Clean® Magic Eraser® or Denatured Alcohol.
- Methyl Ethyl Ketone (MEK) wiped onto edges will minimize pore size and help to clean the edges.

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INSTALLATION METHODS:

Spanning:
- TrexTrim must not be used in any load-bearing applications.
- Spanned applications such as soffits and ceilings are not load bearing. TrexTrim may be used for these applications with appropriate spanning.

Warm Weather Installation (Outdoor temperatures above 40° F)		
TrexTrim Product	Joist Span	Notes
1/2" BeadBoard Builder Profiles Sheets < 1" thick	12"	Beadboard as well as thinner profiles (3/8" and 1/2") should be installed on a solid surface
1" Nominal TrimBoard 5/4" Nominal TrimBoard Sheets > 1" thick	16" - 24"	Ceiling and soffit installations should be at 16" OC
Cold Weather Installation (Outdoor temperatures below 40° F)		
Do not install any TrexTrim product with span less than 12" OC in cold weather		

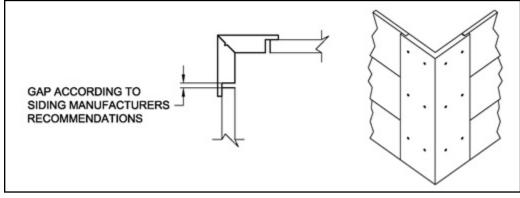Note: Do Not Install any TrexTrim products with a span greater than 24" OC.

Fastening:
- In all areas of actual attachment of TrexTrim, it should be attached to solid, stable and flat surface. Thus when attaching to joist members make sure all joists are flat and parallel. Do not install on hollow or uneven areas.
- For best results, use high quality exterior-grade fasteners designed for wood trim and siding. Stainless steel fasteners are recommended to be long enough to penetrate wood substrate at least 1-1/2". If wood substrate is ACQ lumber, fasteners must be double-dipped galvanized or stainless steel.
- Do not use staples, small brads, wire nails, or fine thread wood screws.
- Standard nail guns work well with TrexTrim. Set air pressure to drive nail even with surface, but not below. The typical pressure range will be 70–100psi.
- Pre-drilling is not typically necessary. Pre-drilling may be required with installations using large fasteners or in cold temperatures (below 40˚F).
- Use 2 fasteners per framing member on trim boards. For 12" or wider, use additional fasteners.
- Each board must be fastened within 2" of the end.
- 3⁄8" and 1/2" sheets must be glued and mechanically fastened to a solid substrate. These products are not intended to be ripped for use in trim applications.
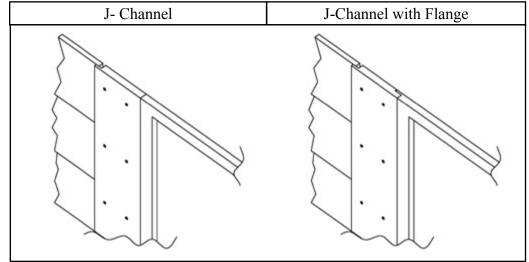
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TrexTrim Builder Profiles - Fastening Recommendations:

Corner J-Channel - Use two approved fasteners every 12"

GAP ACCORDING TO SIDING MANUFACTURERS RECOMMENDATIONS

J-Channel and J-Channel with Flange - Use two approved fasteners every 12"

J- Channel	J-Channel with Flange

Skirtboard - Use two approved fasteners every 12"

2.0"

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<u>TrexTrim Profiles - 1/2" Beadboard, & Sheets Less than 1" Thick - Fastening Recommendations:</u>
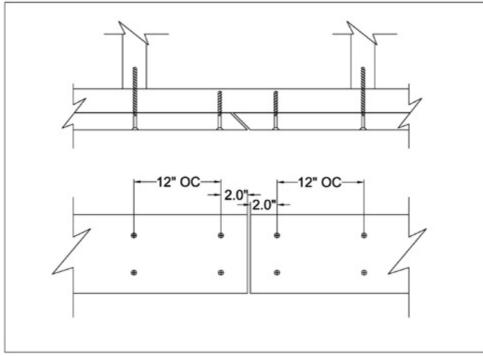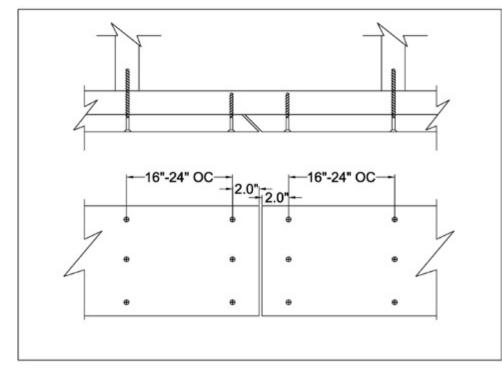
<u>Use two approved fasteners every 12"</u>

<u>TrexTrim Profiles - 1" & 5/4" Trimboards & Sheets More than 1" Thick - Fastening Recommendations:</u>

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