

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Read Carefully Before Starting

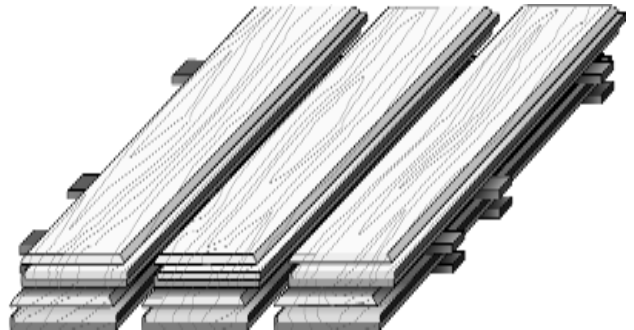
TOOLS NEEDED:

- * Saw (hand or power)
- * Square or level
- * Hammer
- * Tape Measure

INSTRUCTIONS:

CONDITIONING INSTRUCTIONS

Acclimate your paneling for 10-14 days prior to installation. To do this properly, strip piling is required to allow air to circulate throughout the bundle. (See diagram below) It is strongly recommended that the humidity is controlled in the area of installation. This can be achieved with an air exchanger or de-humidifier/humidifier. Moisture levels change depending on climate thus causing the paneling to expand and contract. This is not considered a defect and the manufacturer can not be held responsible for these inherent characteristics.



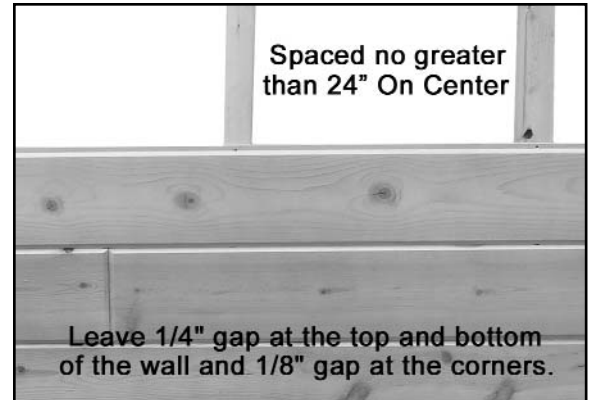
- If installing over a concrete or brick wall, make sure to use a moisture barrier, such as polyethylene sheeting, between the wall studs & the paneling.
- Make sure to stagger the panel board lengths to avoid horizontal lines on the finished wall.
- Start the first row with the grooved side of the paneling towards the adjoining wall. Make sure the paneling is perfectly straight. While applying additional rows, continue to check for straightness.
- Use the cut off end of a previous strip to start the next row.

HELPFUL HINTS:

- When nailing panels to the walls, put nails through the base of the tongue at an angle. Set nail and slip groove of the next row over the tongue.
- When using a power saw, cut with the rough side up. If using a hand saw, keep the smooth side up.
- When cutting out electrical box openings, drill the holes from the back side, and then finish with a saber or keyhole saw.

HORIZONTAL APPLICATION:

Place panel tongue side up, in relation to the studs or solid backing. Furring strips or studs should be no greater than 24" o.c.. Leave a 1/4" space both at the top and the bottom of the wall, with an 1/8" gap at the corner.



VERTICAL APPLICATION:

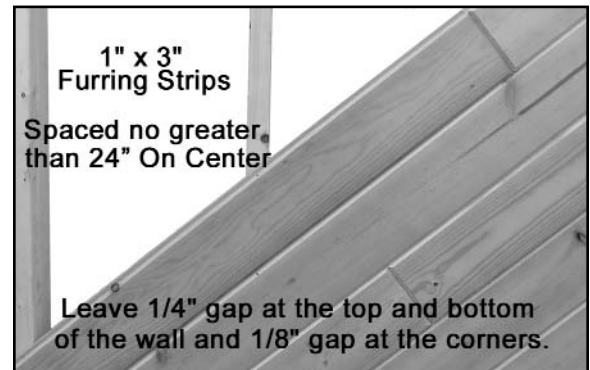
If applying over studs, nail furring strips horizontally, not exceeding 24" o.c. and around the edges of the wall. Begin at a corner with the grooved edge towards the wall. Leave 1/4" space at the corner & 1/8" space at the top & bottom of the wall. If applying over a flat wood surface, furring is not needed.

*** Make sure 1st row of paneling is plumb.***



DIAGONAL APPLICATION:

Apply panel to vertical or horizontal furring strips, with not more than 24" o.c spacing. Start at a floor corner, cut & fit a triangle piece, not exceeding 45 degrees. Install with the tongue side up, making sure to leave a 1/4" at the top & bottom of the wall & an 1/8" at the corners.



***Product is available prefinished with an applied clear UV finish,
no additional finishing necessary.***

(For touch-ups or coordinating trim a clear polyurethane finish also works well)