**HardieTrim® Boards Products Description**

HardieTrim® boards come finished with either the PrimePlus® factory primer and sealer or with ColorPlus® Technology. The ColorPlus® coating is a factory-applied, oven-baked finish available on a variety of James Hardie® siding and trim products. See your local dealer for details and availability of products, colors, and accessories.

**5/4, 4/4 HARDIETRIM® BOARDS**

5/4, 4/4 HardieTrim® board is a decorative non-load bearing trim product. 5/4 HardieTrim board is 25mm (1 in) thick, 4/4 HardieTrim board is 19mm (¾ in) thick, and both can be purchased in 3,038mm (10 ft) and 3,658mm (12 ft) lengths, based on local availability. In addition to frieze, rake, window, door, and corner details, 5/4, 4/4 HardieTrim boards may be used to construct light blocks, column wraps and decorative scroll work. Available in commonly-used nominal widths from 101mm (4 in) to 304mm (12 in).

**HARDIETRIM® BATTEN BOARDS**

HardieTrim® Batten Boards are a decorative non-load bearing trim product. HardieTrim® Batten Boards are 19mm (¾ in) thick, 64mm (2½ in) wide, and come on 3,658mm (12 ft) lengths. See your local dealer for details and availability of product colors and accessories.

**WARNING**

**DO NOT** caulk nail heads when using ColorPlus products. 
Refer to the ColorPlus touch-up section

A Complete James Hardie Exterior – Close-up on trim products.

ColorPlus TIP: 5/4, 4/4 HardieTrim boards with ColorPlus Technology is shipped with a protective laminate slip sheet. James Hardie recommends keeping the protective sheet in place during cutting and fastening to reduce damage to the boards. Remove the protective sheet only after installing the boards and filling the nail holes with a colored touch-up pen.
Installation of 5/4 & 4/4 HardieTrim® Boards

CONCEALED FASTENING TABS

For Corners, Band Boards, Windows, and Door Applications: HardieTrim® boards can be installed with Flat Tabs (JH sku no. 280154) and Corner Tabs (JH sku no. 280155) which provide concealed fastening. Only Flat and Corner Tabs can be used with HardieTrim® boards to create a concealed fastening. Additional framing may be required to ensure the Flat and Corner Tabs are fastened properly to the structure. Special attention should be paid to the framing when using a sheathing that does not have fastener holding equivalent to OSB or Plywood sheathing.

**Step 1:** Attach Flat Tabs to the back side of the trim with 4 18 ga. ½ in L x ¼ in W narrow crown corrosion resistant staples, equally spaced in one row, positioned no closer than ½ in from trim edges, using a pneumatic staple gun. (Figure 7.1)

**Step 2:** For wood frame construction, attach the trim to the building using 2, 6d siding nails fastened through the Flat Tabs. ET&F or equivalent fasteners may be used to attach the Flat Tabs to steel frame construction. (Figures 7.2)

Fastener spacing will vary based on application. Refer to specific sections in these instructions for required fastener spacing by application (window, band board, etc.). (Figures 7.17)

Installation of HardieTrim tabs in Coastal Regions:
James Hardie requires that stainless steel staples & fasteners be used when installing HardieTrim™ Tabs in coastal regions.

Installation of HardieTrim Tabs over Pressure Treated Lumber:
HardieTrim™ tabs shall not come in direct contact with ACQ or CA preservative-treated wood. Refer to the General Fastening section of this document for further information.

HardieTrim® NT3™ boards with ColorPlus® Technology:
Remove the laminate sheet as soon as possible after attaching the trim to the building.

TRIMMING CORNERS

HardieTrim® boards are installed around corners by pre-building the corner off the wall with the Corner Tabs (JH sku no. 280155).

- Attach Corner Tabs to the back side of the trim with 8 18 ga. 1/2 in L x 1/4 in W narrow crown corrosion resistant staples using a pneumatic staple gun. Ensure the Corner Tabs are fastened tight and straight to the trim boards. (Figures 7.3)

- For wood frame construction, attach the trim to the building with 2, 6d siding nails fastened through the Corner Tabs. ET&F or equivalent fasteners may be used to attach the Corner Tabs to steel frame construction. (Figures 7.4)

- Attach a Corner Tab 1 in from each edge and every 20 in O.C.

- TIP: Creating a jig for the work station is recommended to ensure the corners are fastened securely and straight. (Figures 7.6)
TRIM APPLICATION FOR WINDOWS, DOORS & OTHER OPENINGS

Trim the opening prior to the installation of the siding (Figure 7.7). Place a Flat Tab at the end of each trim board and one tab every 16 in. O.C. Attach the trim boards and Flat Tabs around the opening as shown in Figures 7.7 and 7.8.

NOTE: Follow your window/door manufacturers installation instructions.

BAND BOARD

A flashing is required over the trim and Flat Tabs. (Figure 7.10) Terminate ends of the Band Board into Trim or Siding or miter cut the edges of the trim at the corners of the building. Place a Flat Tab at the end of each trim board and one tab every stud at a maximum of 16 in. O.C. The Flat Tabs should be attached to the trim in an alternating pattern to the top and bottom of the band board (Figures 7.11 and 7.12).
### FASTENER TABLE

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Application</th>
<th>Framing Material Tab is nailed into</th>
<th>Fastener (tab to HardieTrim)</th>
<th>Max Tab Spacing (inches on center)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Flat Tab</td>
<td>Wood Stud (minimum G=0.42)</td>
<td>One 6d corrosion resistant siding nail installed through center of flange into framing</td>
<td>16</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Minimum APA rated 7/16&quot; OSB</td>
<td>Two 4d ring shank corrosion resistant siding nails equally spaced installed through flange into framing</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>Minimum 20 gauge steel</td>
<td>One No. 8 X 1&quot; long X 0.323&quot; head diameter screw (corrosion resistant) installed through flange into framing</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Corner Tab</td>
<td>Wood Stud (minimum G=0.42)</td>
<td>On each flange, Install one 6d corrosion resistant siding nail through flange into framing</td>
<td>20</td>
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<td>Minimum APA rated 7/16&quot; OSB</td>
<td>On each flange, Install two 4d ring shank corrosion resistant siding nails through flange into framing</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Minimum 20 gauge steel</td>
<td>On each flange, Install one No. 8 X 1&quot; long X 0.323&quot; head diameter screw (corrosion resistant) through flange into framing</td>
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Wind-Borne Debris Region: “Supplemental fasteners may be necessary when installing tabs in a Wind-Borne Debris Region, please call Technical Services 800-942-7343 with any questions.”

**RECOGNITION:** HardieTrim boards may be installed as an equal alternative to conventional trim permitted for use in: the 1997 Uniform Building Code, Section 601.5.5; the 1997 Standard Building Code, Section 1404.1; the 1999 BOCA National Building Code, Section 1407.2.2; 2003 International Building Code, Section 1402.1, the 2003 International Residence Code for One - and Two - Family - Dwellings, Section R703.1; the 2003 International Residence Code for One - and Two - Family - Dwellings, Section R703.1. and the 1998 International One-and-Two-Family Dwelling Code, Section 601.1.
OUTSIDE CORNERS

Corners made from 5/4, 4/4 HardieTrim® boards can be pre-assembled before they're installed. Pre-assembled corners look better and generally make the installation go more quickly. To join two pieces of 5/4, 4/4 HardieTrim® boards for a corner, drive 50mm (2 in) 16 ga. corrosion-resistant finish nails 13mm (½ in) from the edge and spaced 406mm (16 in) apart along the edge.

To fasten 101mm (4 in) corners to the wall, drive a pair of finish nails or siding nails, (one nail into each face of the corner) with the nails spaced 406mm (16 in) apart. For 152mm (6 in) corners, drive a pair of finish nails or siding nails into each face spaced 406mm (16 in) apart. Nails should be kept 19mm (¾ in) from the edges of the board and 25mm (1 in) from the ends.

When walls are more than 3,038mm (10 ft) high, splice corner boards together using weather cuts of at least a 22.5° angle. The angle of the weather cut must slope downward and away from the building. Then nail both boards to the building with the same attachment schedule as for pre-assembled corners, except that 101mm (4 in) 5/4, 4/4 HardieTrim boards that should get two nails per side every 406mm (16 in). Only install trim by butting to it with the siding. Do not install any trim product over James Hardie® siding.

INSIDE CORNERS

Inside corners can be made with either a single 5/4, 4/4 HardieTrim board in the corner, or with one board on each wall depending on the desired look.
A Band board is a decorative horizontal trim used to break up the field of siding on a building. Any width of 5/4, 4/4 HardieTrim® boards can be used for band board depending on the type of detail desired. If installing a band board, pay special attention to flashing details and allow for potential shrinkage of solid rim joists in the walls that the band board may be attached to.

Caulk between the underside of the band board and the siding below. Do not caulk between the flashing and siding above the band board, and maintain a 6mm (¼ in) gap between the two. Also make sure that the water-resistant barrier laps over the flashing for a continuous drainage plane. If running lap siding or shingle siding above the band board, a starter strip should be installed first to maintain the correct siding angle. Small Periodic gaps should be left in the starter strip to provide an escape route for excess moisture that may drain down behind the siding.

Use bevel-cut splice joints of at least 22.5° to join long lengths of 5/4, 4/4 HardieTrim boards. To attach band board to the building, drive two recommended fasteners every 406mm (16 in) for 101mm (4 in) and 152mm (6 in) boards. For 203mm (8 in) boards, use three fasteners every 406mm (16 in), and use four fasteners every 406mm (16 in) for 305mm (12 in) boards.

### 5/4, 4/4 HARDIETRIM BOARDS FASTENER SPECIFICATIONS

The Fastener Specifications table shows fastener options for a variety of different nailing substrates. Please refer to the applicable wind load table to determine which fastener meets your wind load design criteria.

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<td>screw</td>
<td>101mm (4 in)</td>
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<tr>
<td>over minimum 11mm (7/16 in) OSB</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>16 gauge, 2 in</td>
<td>1 nail every 406mm (16 in) to attach boards together</td>
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<tr>
<td>steel studs</td>
<td>7, 12, 11</td>
<td>finish nail</td>
<td>152mm (6 in)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Pre-built corners</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>ET&amp;F</td>
<td>1 nail every 406mm (16 in) to attach boards together</td>
</tr>
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*TIP: James Hardie recommends using stainless steel finish nails when installing HardieTrim (Trim, Battens, Fascia, etc.) products.*
**WINDOW AND DOOR TRIM**

Windows and doors must be installed per the manufacturer’s instructions. Window flanges or flashings must be properly installed and lapped correctly under the water-resistive barrier prior to the installation of 5/4, 4/4 HardieTrim® boards. Once the 5/4, 4/4 HardieTrim® boards is put on, proper flashing must be installed above the trim and lapped under the water-resistive barrier correctly.

Install 5/4, 4/4 HardieTrim® boards around doors and windows using the “cap over” method, which means that the header or horizontal top piece of the trim extends and caps over the vertical jamb pieces on both sides. For windows, the bottom trim piece or sill trim fits in between the jambs.

For cap-over trim installation:

1) Start by measuring the length of the bottom edge of the window, not including the flange.

2) Cut a piece of trim to that length and install it.

3) Next measure from the bottom of the installed trim to the top of the window.

4) Cut two pieces of trim to that length and install them on either side of the window.

5) For the cap, measure the distance between the outside edges of the side trim pieces. Cut a piece of trim to length and install it.

For doors the process is the same except that it starts with the side pieces, step three.

_TIP:_ For trimming around windows and doors with attachment flanges, install a shim strip to build out the wall even with the flange. This strip lets the trim sit flat and parallel with the wall.
INSTALLING RAKE AND FASCIA BOARD

For fascia and rake board applications, James Hardie requires that all HardieTrim® products be nailed over a wood or steel subfascia. James Hardie recommends that the fascia be no more than 50mm (2 in) larger than the subfascia, e.g. over a nominal 2x6 subfascia, install a 203 mm (8 ft) (actual size 184 mm or 7 1/4 ft) fascia board. On longer fascia runs, join HardieTrim boards with weather/bevel cuts.

![Diagram](image)

WARNING

HardiePlank® boards should not be used in fascia or trim applications.

DRIP EDGE

After the fascia is installed, a vinyl, coated aluminum or galvanized drip-edge flashing must be installed to the roof sheathing overlapping the fascia board. The drip edge helps protect the top edge of the fascia board and it minimizes water ingress into the soffit and/or cornice cavity. Choose a drip edge design that effectively channels water away from the face of the fascia and into gutters if present.

![Diagram](image)

INSTALLING FRIEZE BOARDS

FRIEZE MADE FROM 5/4, 4/4 HARDIETRIM® BOARDS

When using lap and shingle sidings, install 5/4, 4/4 HardieTrim®boards as a frieze board before putting in the siding. Then run courses of siding up to the frieze board and caulk the junction of the frieze board and siding. In a building sided with HardiePanel siding, the frieze board is commonly over the panel siding. If joints in the 5/4, 4/4 HardieTrim boards frieze are necessary for longer runs, join boards with a bevel cut. Nail the frieze board every 406mm (16 in) using finish or siding nails.

![Diagram](image)
GETTING STARTED

HardieTrim® Battens are intended to be used with HardiePanel® vertical siding to achieve a board and batten look. HardieTrim Battens must be attached to wood or steel backing using an approved fastener from the table below. When installing HardieTrim Battens, determine layout and mark where battens will be attached. To ensure that HardieTrim Battens are installed vertically and parallel to each other, either snap chalk lines or use a level. When attaching battens ensure that fasteners are a minimum of 19mm (¾ in) from edges, 25mm (1 in) from ends, and a maximum of 406 mm (16 in) o.c.

ColorPlus® TIP:
HardieTrim® Battens with ColorPlus® Technology are shipped with a protective laminate slip sheet. James Hardie recommends keeping the protective sheet in place during cutting and fastening to reduce damage to the boards. Remove the protective sheet only after installing the boards and filling the nail holes with a colored touch-up pen. Finish nails are required for ColorPlus® products.

HARDIETRIM BATTENS FASTENER SPECIFICATIONS

The Fastener Specifications table shows fastener options for a variety of different nailing substrates. Please refer to the applicable wind load table to determine which fastener meets your wind load design criteria.

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<td>11mm (7/16 in)</td>
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<td>OSB</td>
<td>16 gauge, 51mm (2 in)</td>
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<tr>
<td>steel studs</td>
<td>11 ET&amp;F finish nail</td>
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<td></td>
<td>12 ET&amp;F</td>
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TIP: James Hardie recommends using stainless steel finish nails when installing HardieTrim (Trim, Battens, Fascia, etc.) products.
HORIZONTAL JOINT TREATMENT

Horizontal HardieTrim® Batten joints must occur at the same location as horizontal joints in HardiePanel® siding. Install horizontal HardieTrim Batten joints by using one of the following options:

1) If HardieTrim Battens are going to be installed over horizontal panel joints without the use of a horizontal band board, follow the procedure as illustrated in fig. 7.29. Start installing HardieTrim Battens by creating a weather-cut of at least a 22.5° angle, making a joint at the same location as the panel joint. Attach the bottom batten. Make sure the top batten has a matching weather-cut and then install top batten.

2) If HardieTrim Battens are to be installed over horizontal panel joints with the use of a horizontal band board, follow the procedure as illustrated in fig. 7.30. If HardieTrim Battens are to be installed horizontally, they must be installed in the same manner as in fig. 7.30. Make sure the horizontal Z-flashing is installed over both the lower panel and the horizontal band board. Attach the bottom batten tight to the bottom edge of the band board. Next, leaving a minimum 6mm (¼ in) gap above the horizontal Z-flashing, install the top batten.

WARNING

Do not bridge floors with HardieTrim Battens and/or HardiePanel Siding.
A horizontal joint should always be created between floors.
**HardieTrim® Boards**

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**IMPORTANT**: FAILURE TO FOLLOW JAMES HARDIE WRITTEN INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS AND COMPLY WITH APPLICABLE BUILDING CODES MAY VIOLATE LOCAL LAWS, AFFECT BUILDING ENVELOPE PERFORMANCE AND MAY AFFECT WARRANTY COVERAGE. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ALL HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS WHEN CUTTING AND INSTALLING THIS PRODUCT MAY RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY. BEFORE INSTALLATION, CONFIRM YOU ARE USING THE CORRECT HARDIEZONE® PRODUCT INSTRUCTIONS BY VISITING HARDIEZONE.COM OR CALL 1-866-942-7343 (866-9-HARDIE)

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**STORAGE & HANDLING:**

Store flat and keep dry and covered prior to installation. Installing siding wet or saturated may result in shrinkage at butt joints. Carry planks on edge. Protect edges and corners from breakage. James Hardie is not responsible for damage caused by improper storage and handling of the product.

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**OUTDOORS**

1. Position cutting station so that airflow blows dust away from the user and others near the cutting area.
2. Cut using one of the following methods:
   a. Best: Circular saw equipped with a HardieBlade® saw blade and attached vacuum dust collection system. Shears (manual, pneumatic or electric) may also be used, not recommended for products thinner than 7/16 in.
   b. Better: Circular saw equipped with a dust collection feature (e.g. Roan® saw) and a HardieBlade saw blade.
   c. Good: Circular saw equipped with a HardieBlade saw blade.

**INDOORS**

- DO NOT grind or cut with a power saw indoors. Cut using shears (manual, pneumatic or electric) or the score and snap method, not recommended for products thicker than 7/16 in.
- DO NOT dry sweep dust; use wet dust suppression or vacuum to collect dust.
- For maximum dust reduction, James Hardie recommends using the “Best” cutting practices. Always follow the equipment manufacturer’s instructions for proper operation.
- For best performance when cutting with a circular saw, James Hardie recommends using HardieBlade® saw blades.
- Go to jameshardiepros.com for additional cutting and dust control recommendations.

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**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

- Wood or steel must be provided for attaching HardieTrim boards.
- Follow all applicable codes when installing HardieTrim boards.
- DO NOT install HardieTrim boards, such that they may remain in contact with standing water.

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**CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS**

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**STORAGE & HANDLING:**

**IMPORTANT:** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulates workplace exposure to silica dust. For construction sites, OSHA has deemed that cutting fiber cement with a circular saw having a blade diameter less than 8 inches and connected to a commercially available dust collection system per manufacturer’s instructions results in exposures below the OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL) for respirable crystalline silica, without the need for additional respiratory protection.

If you are unsure about how to comply with OSHA silica dust regulations, consult a qualified industrial hygienist or safety professional, or contact your James Hardie technical sales representative for assistance. James Hardie makes no representation or warranty that adopting a particular cutting practice will assure your compliance with OSHA rules or other applicable laws and safety requirements.

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**HardieTrim® boards are decorative non-load bearing trim products.**

Do not use HardieTrim boards to replace any structural component.

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FLASHING/CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS NO-COVER

Install HardieTrim with a min. 203 mm (8 in) clearance to grade.

Maintain a minimum 50 mm (2 in) horizontal clearance between James Hardie trim products and decks, paths, steps and driveways.

At the juncture of the roof and vertical surfaces, flashing and counter flashing shall be installed per the roofing manufacturer’s instructions. Provide a 50 mm (2 in) clearance between the roofing and the bottom edge of the trim.

Maintain a 50 mm (2 in) horizontal clearance between the bottom of James Hardie products and decks, paths, steps and driveways.

Maintain a 6 mm (1/4 in) clearance between the bottom of James Hardie products and horizontal flashing. Do not caulk gap.

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Mortar/Masonry

Figure 7

Z-Flashing

Min. 6 mm (1/4 in) Do not caulk

Valley/Shingle Extension

Figure 9

Extend shingles at least 2.5 mm (1 in) out from the fascia when gutters are present.

CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS UNDER-COVER

Maintain a 12 mm (1/2 in) clearance for HardieTrim boards installed under cover.

Under cover is defined as:
• Not more than 3 m (10 ft) below a roof overhang, and
• Not less than 101 mm (4 in) horizontally from the edge of the roof overhang

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GENERAL FASTENING REQUIREMENTS
Fasteners must be corrosion resistant, galvanized, or stainless steel. Electro-galvanized are acceptable but may exhibit premature corrosion. James Hardie recommends the use of quality, hot-dipped galvanized nails. James Hardie is not responsible for the corrosion resistance of fasteners. Stainless steel fasteners are recommended when installing James Hardie products near the ocean, large bodies of water, or in very humid climates.

Manufacturers of ACQ and CA preservative-treated wood recommend spacer materials or other physical barriers to prevent direct contact of ACQ or CA preservative-treated wood and aluminum products. Fasteners used to attach HardieTrim Tabs to preservative-treated wood shall be of hot dipped zinc-coated galvanized steel or stainless steel and in accordance to 2009 IRC R317.3 or 2009 IBC 2304.9.5.*

FACE NAILING REQUIREMENTS
Use 50 mm (2 in) minimum 16 ga. finish nails to attach HardieTrim boards to wood frame construction. ET&F or equivalent fasteners or screws may be used to attach HardieTrim boards to steel frame construction.

Fastening instructions are similar for all applications. When using finish nails, position nails no closer than 1/2 in. from the edges of the trim and for all other fasteners no closer than 3/4 in. Fasteners must be no closer than 1 in. from ends of trim and spaced a maximum of 16 in. O.C. Ensure trim is adequately fastened.

James Hardie recommends using stainless steel finish nails when installing HardieTrim products.

Minimum fastener guide for finish nailing:

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<td>4 in.</td>
<td>1 nail every 16 in. to attach boards together + 1 nail every 16 in. each board</td>
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<tr>
<td>6 in.</td>
<td>1 nail every 16 in. to attach boards together + 2 nails every 16 in. each board</td>
<td>3 nails every 16 in.</td>
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<td>8 in.</td>
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Use a 2 in. finish nail to fasten trim together. Longer finish nails may bend.

PNEUMATIC FASTENING
James Hardie products can be hand nailed or fastened with a pneumatic tool. Pneumatic fastening is highly recommended. Set air pressure so that the fastener is driven snug with the surface of the trim. A flush mount attachment on the pneumatic tool is recommended. This will help control the depth the nail is driven. If setting the nail depth proves difficult, choose a setting that under drives the nail. (Drive under driven nails snug with a smooth faced hammer - Does not apply for installation to steel framing).

Figure 11

Figure A Finish Nail
Figure B Siding Nail
DO NOT STAPLE
DO NOT UNDER DRIVE NAILS
DO NOT OVER DRIVE SIDING NAILS

*Follow all applicable codes when installing HardieTrim boards

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INSTALLATION

TRIMMING CORNERS
When installing corners or other vertical trim, position boards on the wall and attach (figure 12).

Pre-Built Corners
Alternatively, corners can be pre-built off the wall using 50 mm (2 in) finishing nails. Each side of the pre-built corner must be secured to the wall (figure 13).

TRIM APPLICATION FOR WINDOWS, DOORS & OTHER OPENINGS
Flashing over trim is required per code for all installation methods. (figure 14)

BAND BOARD
For band board applications, a flashing is required over the trim. (figure 15)

FRIEZE BOARDS
HardieTrim boards can be used as frieze board. (figure 16)
**HORIZONTAL PANEL JOINTS**

At horizontal panel joints HardieTrim battens must be installed according to option 1 or 2 below. When installing HardieTrim Battens horizontally, they must be installed as a panel joint according to option 2.

**Option 1**  
Figure 17 - No horizontal band board - Make a 22.5 - 45 degree weather cut, in the HardieTrim batten, just above the 6 mm (1/4 in) clearance between panels.

**Option 2**  
Figure 18 - Horizontal Band Board - Install a horizontal band board at the top of the bottom panel. Butt the lower batten to the band board and start the top batten at the bottom edge of the top panel. Maintain a 6 mm (1/4 in) clearance above horizontal flashing.
FASCIA
Do not use HardieTrim to replace any structural component

HardieTrim boards can be fastened directly over a 2x sub-fascia or directly to rafter tails. Check local building code for relevant codes.

Option 1
Over sub-fascia: (figure 19)
When installing HardieTrim boards over solid 2x sub-fascia use minimum 50 mm (2 in), 16 gauge corrosion resistant finish nails. (see fastener guide below)

Gutters:
James Hardie recommends the use of rain gutters whenever possible.

Do not attach gutters directly to HardieTrim
Use gutter hangers that attach through the roof sheathing into a rafter tail or other structural member.

Soffit
When installing HardieSoffit additional framing/blocking may be needed depending on application. Refer to HardieSoffit installation instructions for guidance.

Option 2
Direct to rafter tails: (figure 20)
When installing HardieTrim NT3 boards without the presence of a 2x sub-fascia, a minimum 8d siding corrosion resistant nails must be used to attach HardieTrim NT3 boards DO NOT use finish nails. (refer to fastener guide below).

Fascia Fastener Guide

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<th>Direct to Rafter (min 8d siding)</th>
<th>Over 2x Sub-fascia (Minimum 50 mm (2 in) 16 ga. finish nails)</th>
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<td>6 in.</td>
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<td>10 in.</td>
<td>4 nails spaced maximum 406 mm (16 in) O.C.</td>
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HardieTrim® Boards
HARDIETRIM® TABS

FASTENER REQUIREMENTS
For Corners, Band Boards, Windows, and Door Applications:
HardieTrim NT3 boards may be installed with HardieTrim™ Flat Tabs and HardieTrim™ Corner Tabs which provide concealed fastening. Only HardieTrim Flat and Corner Tabs can be used with HardieTrim NT3 boards to create a concealed fastening.

Step 1: Attach HardieTrim Flat Tabs to the back side of the trim using four, 18 ga. 13 mm (1/2 in) L x 6 mm (1/4 in) W narrow crown corrosion resistant staples, equally spaced in one row, positioned no closer than 13 mm (1/2 in) from trim edges using a pneumatic staple gun. (figures 21, 22)

Step 2: For wood frame construction, attach the trim to the building with minimum 2, 6d siding nails fastened through the HardieTrim Flat Tabs (figure 23). ET&F or equivalent fasteners may be used to attach the HardieTrim Flat Tabs to steel frame construction.

Fastener spacing will vary based on application. Refer to fastener table on page 9. Refer to specific sections in these instructions for required fastener spacing by application (window, band board, etc.)

For Fascia, Rake, and Frieze board Applications:
HardieTrim tabs cannot be used in fascia, rake, or frieze board applications. Follow Face nailing fastening specifications.

Installation of HardieTrim tabs in Coastal Regions:
James Hardie requires that stainless steel staples and fasteners be used when installing HardieTrim Tabs in coastal regions.

Installation of HardieTrim Tabs over Pressure Treated Lumber: HardieTrim tabs shall not come in direct contact with ACQ or CA preservative-treated wood. Refer to the General Fastening section of this document for further information.

HardieTrim boards with ColorPlus Technology: Remove the laminate sheet as soon as possible after attaching the trim to the building.

Trim Application for Windows, Doors & Other Openings
Trim the opening prior to the installation of the siding. Place a Flat Tab at the end of each trim board and one tab every 406 mm (16 in) O.C. Attach the trim boards and Flat Tabs around the opening as shown in figure 24. Use 16 ga. galvanized 50 mm (2 in) long finish nails to ensure proper fastening if needed.

NOTE: Follow your window/door manufacturers installation instructions for caulkig guidance between window and trim.

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TRIMMING CORNERS

When using HardieTrim tabs prebuild outside corners off the wall.

- Attach HardieTrim Corner Tabs to the back side of the trim using eight (8) - 18 ga. 13 mm (1/2 in) L x 6 mm (1/4 in) W narrow crown corrosion resistant staples using a pneumatic stapler. Ensure the HardieTrim Corner Tabs are fastened tight and straight to the trim boards. (figure 25)
- For wood frame construction, attach trim to building using min. 6d siding nails fastened through the HardieTrim Corner Tabs attached to minimum 11 mm (7/16 in) OSB *. (figure 26)
- Attach a HardieTrim Corner Tab 25 mm (1 in) from each ends and every 508 mm (20 in) O.C.
- TIP: Creating a jig for the work station is recommended to ensure corners are fastened securely and straight. (figure 27)

**Figure 25**

Use 4 staples per piece of trim to fasten the L-shaped tab to the pre-built corner. Use the nail line on the tabs as a guide.

**Figure 26**

**Figure 27**

BAND BOARD

Terminate ends of the Band Board into Trim or Siding or miter cut the edges of the trim at the corners of the building. Place a HardieTrim Flat Tab at the end of each trim board and one tab every stud at a maximum of 406 mm (16 in) O.C. The HardieTrim Flat Tabs should be attached to the trim in an alternating pattern to the top and bottom of the band board (figures 21, 22). Use 16 ga. galvanized 50 mm (2 in) long finish nails to ensure proper fastening if needed.

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FINISHING

CUT EDGE TREATMENT
Caulk, paint or prime all field cut edges. James Hardie touch-up kits are required to touch-up ColorPlus products.

CAULKING
Elastomeric Joint Sealant is required in accordance with Part 9.27.4 of the NBC, complying with ASTM C920 Grade NS, Class 25 or higher or a Latex Joint Sealant complying with ASTM C834. Caulking/Sealant must be applied in accordance with the caulking/sealant manufacturer’s written instructions.

PAINTING
DO NOT use stain, oil/alkyd base paint, or powder coating on James Hardie Products. James Hardie products must be painted within 180 days for primed product and 90 days for unprimed. 100% acrylic topcoats are recommended. Do not paint when wet. For application rates refer to paint manufacturers specifications. Back-rolling is recommended if the siding is sprayed.

COLORPLUS TECHNOLOGY CAULKING, TOUCH-UP & LAMINATE
• Care should be taken when handling and cutting James Hardie® ColorPlus® products. During installation use a wet soft cloth or soft brush to gently wipe off any residue or construction dust left on the product, then rinse with a garden hose.
• Touch up nicks, scrapes and nail heads using the ColorPlus® Technology touch-up applicator. Touch-up should be used sparingly.
  If large areas require touch-up, replace the damaged area with new HardiePlank® lap siding with ColorPlus® Technology.
• Laminate sheet must be removed immediately after installation of each course.
• Terminate non-factory cut edges into trim where possible, and caulk. Color matched caulks are available from your ColorPlus® product dealer.
• Treat all other non-factory cut edges using the ColorPlus Technology edge coaters, available from your ColorPlus product dealer.

Note: James Hardie does not warrant the usage of third party touch-up or paints used as touch-up on James Hardie ColorPlus products.

PROBLEMS WITH APPEARANCE OR PERFORMANCE ARISING FROM USE OF THIRD PARTY TOUCH-UP PAINTS OR PAINTS USED AS TOUCH-UP THAT ARE NOT JAMES HARDIE TOUCH-UP WILL NOT BE COVERED UNDER THE JAMES HARDIE COLORPLUS LIMITED FINISH WARRANTY.

PAINTING JAMES HARDIE SIDING AND TRIM PRODUCTS WITH COLORPLUS TECHNOLOGY
When repainting ColorPlus products, James Hardie recommends the following regarding surface preparation and topcoat application:
• Ensure the surface is clean, dry, and free of any dust, dirt, or mildew
• Repriming is normally not necessary
• 100% acrylic topcoats are recommended
• DO NOT use stain, oil/alkyd base paint, or powder coating on James Hardie® Products.
• Apply finish coat in accordance with paint manufacturers written instructions regarding coverage, application methods, and application temperature
• DO NOT caulk nail heads when using ColorPlus products, refer to the ColorPlus touch-up section

DANGER: May cause cancer if dust from product is inhaled. Causes damage to lungs and respiratory system through prolonged or repeated inhalation of dust from product. Refer to the current product Safety Data Sheet before use. The hazard associated with fiber cement arises from crystalline silica present in the dust generated by activities such as cutting, machining, drilling, routing, sawing, crushing, or otherwise abrading fiber cement, and when cleaning up, disposing of or moving the dust. When doing any of these activities in a manner that generates dust you must (1) comply with the OSHA standard for silica dust and/or other applicable law, (2) follow James Hardie cutting instructions to reduce or limit the release of dust; (3) warn others in the area to avoid breathing the dust; (4) when using mechanical saw or high speed cutting tools, work outdoors and use dust collection equipment; and (5) if no other dust controls are available, wear a dust mask or respirator that meets NIOSH requirements (e.g. N-95 dust mask). During clean-up, use a well maintained vacuum and filter appropriate for capturing fine (respirable) dust or use wet clean-up methods - never dry sweep.

WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including respirable crystalline silica, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer. For more information go to P65Warnings.ca.gov.