

Siding Installation Information

Plan Ahead

Wood shrinks and swells with change in moisture content. To minimize dimensional change after installation, install siding at a moisture content that matches with local climate as closely as possible. Moisture levels change depending on climate thus causing the siding to expand and contract. This is not considered a defect and the manufacturer can not be held responsible for these inherent characteristics. Acclimate unfinished (excluding VX Pro) siding for 10-14 days prior to installation. To do this properly, stack materials with lathe strips to allow air to circulate throughout the bundle.

Priming / Prefinishing

Back coating of siding is required as it minimizes the absorption of moisture and helps to maximize dimensional stability. Factory prefinished siding from BlueLinX utilizes top quality paints and sealants and provides replace with while providing 6-sided protection that is applied in ideal environmental conditions. It is also required to seal the ends of any cut edges or exposed surfaces.

Nails and Nailing

Correct nails and nailing practices are essential in the proper application of wood siding. In general, siding and box nails are used for face nailing and casing nails are used for blind nailing. Ring shank, double dipped galvanized nails are recommended. Nail locations are included with the individual patterns listed below. Do not countersink nail; nail flush with the surface of the siding penetrating stud/solid wood 1-1/2".

While budgets are always a consideration, high-quality nails for solid wood siding are a wise investment. The discoloration, streaking or staining that can occur with inappropriate nails ruins the appearance of the project and can be very difficult to remove. Colored nails and caulk are also available to match the color of the prestained/prefinished siding orders. Ask your sales representative for more information.

Board		Channel Rustic		Drop	
6" and Narrower	8" and Wider	6" and Narrower	8" and Wider	6" and Narrower	8" and Wider
Recommended 1/2" overlap. One siding or box nail per bearing.	Recommended 1" overlap minimum. Two siding or box nail, 3-4" apart.	One siding or box nail to face or box nails, 3-4" apart to face nail bottom edge. Do Not Nail Through Overlapping Pieces.	Use two siding nails per bearing. approximate 1/4" gap for dry material 8" and wider 1/2" = full depth of rabbet	One casing nail per bearing.	Use two siding or box nails, 3-4" apart to face nail, 1" up from bottom edge.
Plain Bevel		Rabbeted Bevel		Tongue & Groove	
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Log Siding Installation Information

General Guidelines

Siding should be butted snugly and squarely against door and window casings, corner boards, and adjoining boards. Be sure to caulk joints in the siding and where siding butts up to trim. It is also recommended that you miter cut siding at an angle to overlap joints of two siding pieces. When finishing your siding with stain, a "Seal Coat" is required on the back of the product. It is also required to seal the ends of any cut or exposed edges.

Nails should be installed at an angle for the rounded log patterns in order for the head of the nail to be flush with the face of the siding. **DO NOT COUNTERSINK THE NAILS!** Colored nails and caulk are available for prefinished siding orders, inquire with your sales representative.

Log Trim

Window and Door trim should be face nailed. Siding should be butted snugly and squarely against door and window casings. Do not countersink nails!

Log Tails

Follow directions for installing log siding. Tails can be trimmed to accommodate siding lengths and to stagger course joints. Be sure to caulk between the blocks for each layer.



2x6 / 2x8 Log Siding	3x8 / 3x10 Log Siding	2x10 / 2x12 Flatlog
Nail 1-1/2" from lower edge, butt courses together tightly. Do not countersink nail; nail flush with the surface of the siding penetrating stud 1-1/2".	Nail through the tongue with an 8D galvanized siding nail and nail 1-1/2"-2" from lower edge and butt courses together tightly. Do not countersink nail; nail flush with the surface of the siding penetrating stud 1-1/2".	Blind nail through the tongue and nail 1-1/2"-2" from lower edge and butt courses together tightly. Do not countersink nail; nail flush with the surface of the siding penetrating stud 1-1/2".

The Hallmarks of Natural Pine Log Siding

The living tree is exposed to various types of influence from the environment. Natural pine log siding proudly bears the hallmarks of its origin. These individual characteristics have accumulated gradually over the years. They are not weakening defects and will not shorten the life of the siding. In fact, they are considered to enhance its appearance and distinguish natural wood siding from imitations. Norway Hewn Hand-Hewn Log Siding is crafted to provide the rustic and natural appearance of a traditional log home, while offering flexibility in design of application. When cared for properly, you can expect many years of solid performance and enduring natural beauty.

Log siding products display many of the same characteristics of genuine log homes. The knots may bleed resin and surface checks may appear over time. These are natural characteristics of wood that enhance the log products and simulate a genuine log home appearance.

*As a natural product, our warranty does not cover natural occurrences such as extractive, knot bleeding, variations in grain and color, knots, mineral streaks, and pitch pockets. All material must be reviewed prior to installation. BlueLinx will consider the installation of the product as final acceptance and will not honor any claims regarding said product.