



AZEK's lightweight and durable trim made from engineered polymer lasts longer than wood but can be cut, drilled, and fastened with standard woodworking tools. **See inside to learn key installation differences and best practices.**

Installs Like Wood



Normal wood working tools may be used to install AZEK Trim and Moulding.

Fastens Without Wood Worries



AZEK Trim won't split near edges. Fasten within 2" from edge.

Create a Strong Bond



Use AZEK Adhesive at trim joints to minimize gaps from expansion and contraction.

Superior Paint Adhesion



When painting AZEK Trim, select the right paint to ensure the best long-term performance.

AZEK Trim and AZEK Mouldings should be installed using the same good building principles used to install wood trim and mouldings. Always follow the local building codes and AZEK's complete installation guidelines that can be found at www.azekexteriors.com.

AZEK Building Products accepts no liability or responsibility for the improper installation of this product. AZEK Trim and AZEK Moulding may not be suitable for every application, and it is the sole responsibility of the installer to be sure that AZEK Trim and Mouldings are fit for the intended use. Because all installations are unique, it is also the installer's responsibility to determine specific requirements in regard to each trim and moulding application.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please call AZEK Customer Service at 1-800-910-3545 or visit our website at www.AZEKexteriors.com.

USES STANDARD WOODWORKING TOOLS

- No special tools or respirators required.
- AZEK Trim and Moulding products can be installed using the same tools used to cut and install wood.
- Carbide blade tips designed to cut wood trim work well.
- If using pneumatic tools, the air pressure should be regulated so fasteners are flush to the surface.

FASTENER OPTIONS

For best results, use fasteners designed for wood trim and wood siding. These fasteners have a thinner shank, blunt point, and full round head.

Recommended Fastener Options

- Cortex® Fastening System
- #8 Trim Screw
- Coil Siding Nail



Scan to view
Cortex video
installation

(Image below references use of #8 trim screw)

Incorrect
Screw head sits above trim board

Correct
Drive screw flush to slightly below trim board

(Image below references use of Coil Siding Nail)

Incorrect
Nail head sits above trim board

Correct
Drive nail flush to slightly below trim board

FASTENER PLACEMENT & SPACING

Following the proper fastening, gluing, and painting recommendations as they have been laid out in this document will help to limit excessive movement that could lead to damage.

Wood/Fiber Cement

Wood, fiber cement, and other porous substrates absorb water and expand outward.

Moisture-Resistant AZEK Trim

AZEK trim can experience minimal movement across its length as a result of temperature.

These guidelines cover only some of the key installation recommendations for AZEK Trim and AZEK Moulding and is not intended to be a complete install guide. Before installing AZEK Trim and Moulding, be sure to read and review the full AZEK trim and Moulding installation guides at www.AZEKexteriors.com.

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TRIM BOARDS UP TO 8" WIDE

Fasten within 2" of edge

Use 2 fasteners at ends for boards under 8"

Two fasteners a max of every 16"

Not to scale

TRIM BOARDS OVER 8" WIDE

Fasten within 2" of edge

Use 3 fasteners at ends for boards over 8"

Three fasteners a max of every 16"

Not to scale

- Fasten with 2" from edge. AZEK Trim will not split, splinter, or crack when fastening near edge.
 - Use 2 fasteners at ends and a maximum of every 16" for boards up to 8" wide
 - Use 3 fasteners at ends and a maximum of every 16" for boards over 8" wide.
- Scan to view AZEK install videos

When installing AZEK Trim for longer runs such as fascia, frieze, or band boards use scarf joints to help minimize expansion and contraction from temperature changes.



- For boards under 8" wide, use 2 fasteners within 2" from edge and 2 fasteners a max of every 16" apart.
- If board is over 8" wide, use 3 fasteners within 2" from edge and 3 fasteners a max of every 16" apart.



- For best results, apply glue to all AZEK-to-AZEK joints. Use AZEK Cellular PVC Cement available in easy-to-use squeeze bottles.
- For longer runs of AZEK Trim, use scarf joints with adhesive and fasteners on both sides. See next image.



- Use fasteners on each side of a joint within 2" of ends.
- If board is **under 8" wide**, use 2 fasteners on each side of the joint.
- If board is **over 8" wide**, use 3 fasteners on each side of the joint.

PAINTING REQUIREMENTS

When painting AZEK Siding and Trim, choosing the right paint type and color will ensure a truly low maintenance, long-lasting painted finish. Using paints that do not meet AZEK's guidelines may cause the product to overheat, leading to undesirable product defects such as warping, oil canning, or buckling.

Color and Paint Selection Requirements

When selecting your desired color, you will need to determine the **Light Reflective Value (LRV)** of that color which should be provided by the paint manufacture.

If your desired color has an **LRV value above 55** and is available in an exterior 100% acrylic latex paint it meets AZEK painting requirements.

If the desired color has an **LRV below 55**, it should only be used on AZEK products if it exists as a pre-set color from a paint designed for vinyl siding or is a specialty paint with solar reflective pigments. Paints formulated for vinyl and paints with heat-reflective pigments are designed to limit heat build and ensure the long-term performance of PaintPro® products.

Always make sure your paint is suitable for exterior application and is 100% acrylic latex.



You can often find the LRV of a paint color on the paint can label, paint manufacture's website, or via color swatches.

The Light Reflective Value (LRV) of a paint will be displayed as a number between 0-100.

Example From PPG®
Color Name: GRAY STONE
Color Number: PPG1009-4
LRV: 47.0

This color has an LRV below 55 and still meets AZEK paint selection criteria because it is a pre-set color from PPG paints Siding Safe® Color Technology palette and is available as an exterior 100% acrylic latex paint.

AZEK Paint Requirement Quick Reference Chart

| COLOR RANGE | KEY COLOR SELECTION CRITERIA | PAINT TYPE |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| Lighter paint colors only | Must have a light reflective value (LRV) above 55 | Exterior 100% acrylic latex |
| Light, medium, and some darker colors | Only use colors that are from a paint manufacturer's approved color list for vinyl siding. No custom colors. | Exterior 100% acrylic latex made for vinyl siding |
| Dark colors & custom colors | Available via Special Order only. Visit our custom colors and special-order paint page. Never custom color match in local paint stores. | Exterior 100% acrylic latex with solar reflective pigments |

REMEMBER: Always make sure your paint is 100% water-based (acrylic) and suitable for exterior application.



WARNING

Do not adjust or customize colors at local paint stores, home centers, big box stores, or other paint providers. These have not been tested for use on AZEK products and may lead to defects. For info on custom colors visit: azekexteriors.com/painting/custom-colors



CUSTOM COLOR & SPECIAL-ORDER



PAINT GUIDELINES

Additional Painting Requirements

- AZEK Trim with PaintPro® Technology must be painted within 180 days.
- AZEK Classic Trim that comes in semi-matte white does not need to be painted.
- To maximize paint performance, ensure surface is clean and dry prior to painting.