



**SLIPSHEET MUST NOT BE  
REMOVED AT ANY TIME  
PRIOR TO INSTALLATION**

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**DO NOT APPLY TOUCH-UP TO  
THE FACE OF THIS PRODUCT  
ONLY APPLY TO THE CUT ENDS TO PROTECT  
PRODUCT FROM MOISTURE PENETRATION!**

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**CUT OUT DEFECTS  
BEFORE INSTALLATION**

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**DO NOT APPLY CAULK  
BETWEEN BUTT JOINTS**

**USE HOUSE WRAP ACCORDING TO LOCAL BUILDING CODES  
AND FOR ADDITIONAL MOISTURE PROTECTION – PLACE FELT STRIPS  
UNDER FIBER CEMENT SIDING ON BUTT JOINTS!**

**LP SMARTSIDE REQUIRES ALUMINUM FLASHING BEHIND JOINTS!**

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**ALL WARRANTIES AND INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS AVAILABLE AT  
[WWW.CEDARSHINGLESDIRECT.COM](http://WWW.CEDARSHINGLESDIRECT.COM) OR FROM RESPECTIVE PRODUCT  
MANUFACTURER. PLEASE RETAIN INVOICE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.**



## **Factory Finish Installation Instructions**

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These instructions supersede all manufacturers' application instructions and should be strictly adhered to – Michigan PreStain is not responsible for claims if these instructions are not followed.

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### **Storage and Handling of Factory Finished Products**

- Store off ground and under dry cover
- Cover material with a tarp to keep clean and dry
- Material must be stored flat and well supported
- Install material as soon as possible
- Handle with care to avoid damage

### **Installation: Cedar - Fiber Cement - Engineered Products**

- **Do not remove** protective slip sheeting prior to installation
- Verify the color and materials are correct, installation denotes acceptance
- Cut out any unacceptable defects prior to installation
- Install materials according to manufacturers application instructions except when those instructions contradict these factory finish specific installation instructions
- Caulking regular sidewall seams is not recommended. Use extreme care if you elect to caulk sidewall seams, as the caulk is never an exact match.
- For moisture control apply proper flashing behind sidewall seams (felt paper is commonly used with fiber cement products – Aluminum Flashing or Caulk is required for SmartSide products)
- Apply caulking to seams for corners, windows, doors, etc...per substrate manufacturer installation instructions
- **Coat cut ends** using touch up kit – Apply coating to edge only – any coating allowed on the face of the product may result in spotting – we are not responsible for spotting or improper end cut touch-up. Failure to coat end cuts can void warranties.
- When applying finish to nail heads, **DO NOT** use the large applicator provided with our touch-up kits, **ALWAYS USE** the smaller touch-up pen for nail head touch-up. We are not responsible for spotting from nail head touch-up.