

Trex[®]

TrexTrim[™]



Installation

STORAGE AND HANDLING

- Store TrexTrim™ flat on a clean, dry and level surface. TrexTrim may conform to an uneven surface, especially in hot conditions.
- Store indoors or covered to ensure clean product and easy removal of release film.
- Handle TrexTrim with the care appropriate for any other fine finish construction product to avoid damage.
- If film is difficult to pull up, apply a piece of tape to a corner. This creates a tab to pull up the film.

CUTTING, DRILLING AND ROUTING

- Standard woodworking tools work well to cut TrexTrim. Use carbide-tipped tools designed for wood cutting.
- Avoid using fine-tooth metal cutting blades.
- Rough edges are caused by heat buildup due to dull, dirty tools or poor support at the cut.
- When drilling, remove bit periodically and remove shavings to reduce heat buildup.

SPANNING

- TrexTrim must not be used in a load-bearing application.
- Spanned applications such as soffits and ceilings are not load bearing. TrexTrim may be used for these applications with appropriate spanning:

WARM WEATHER INSTALLATION (OUTDOOR TEMP. ABOVE 40°F)

TREXTRIM PRODUCT	JOIST SPAN (FROM CENTER TO CENTER)	NOTES
½" Bead Board	12"	Install perpendicular to joists
1 and ¼ Nominal (0.75" and 1" actual)	16" – 24"	Ceiling and soffit installations

COLD WEATHER INSTALLATION (OUTDOOR TEMP. BELOW 40°F)

All Products	12"	Do not install any TrexTrim product with spans > 12" in cold weather (below 40°F)
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Note: Do not install TrexTrim profiles using a span above 24".

EXPANSION AND CONTRACTION

- TrexTrim will expand and contract with changes in temperature.
- Fastening TrexTrim at recommended intervals (2 fasteners at each framing member) will reduce the effects of expansion and contraction.
- Bonding running joints and corners will reduce the opportunity for joint separation.
- Leave a gap of at least ¼" per 18' length at the end of long runs to allow for expansion and contraction.
- Allow product to acclimate to outside temperature prior to installation.

FASTENING

- TrexTrim should be fastened to a solid, stable and flat surface. Do not install on hollow or uneven areas.
- For best results, use good quality exterior-grade fasteners designed for wood trim and siding. Fasteners must be long enough to penetrate wood substrate at least 1 ½". If wood substrate is ACQ lumber, fasteners must be double-dipped galvanized or stainless steel.
- Do not use staples, small brads, wire nails, fine thread wood screws or ring shank nails.
- Standard nail guns work well with TrexTrim. Set air pressure to drive nail even with surface, but not below. The typical pressure range will be 70 – 100psi.
- Pre-drilling is not typically necessary. Pre-drilling may be required with installations using large fasteners or in cold temperatures (below 40F).
- Use 2 fasteners per framing member on trim boards. For 12" or wider, use additional fasteners.
- Each board must be fastened within 2" of the end.
- ¾" and ½" sheets must be glued and mechanically fastened to a solid substrate. These products are not intended to be ripped for use in trim applications.

BONDING/GLUING

- For best results, only bond clean, smooth, dry surfaces that are in full contact with each other.
- All joints, such as in long runs of fascia or corners of window trim, should be glued to reduce joint separation.
- Use a PVC cement or bond and fill product designed for PVC. Adhesives with a longer set time are preferred for best bond strength.
- Fasten on either side of joint to hold in place while curing.
- Scarf joints are recommended when bonding long runs.
- To bond TrexTrim to another material, consult adhesives manufacturer to determine correct product for application.

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MANUFACTURERS

RECOMMENDED ADHESIVE MANUFACTURERS:

MANUFACTURER	PRODUCT	WEBSITE	WORKING TIME (MINUTES)	CURE TIME (HOURS)
Bond & Fill, Inc 877-822-4615	Bond & Fill, Inc FastCURE™	bondfill.com	5 – 8	24
Bond & Fill, Inc 877-822-4615	Bond & Fill, Inc SlowCURE™	bondfill.com	45 – 60	24
Gorilla PVC Cement LLC 888-367-4583	Gorilla PVC™	GorillaPVC.com	5	24
ITW Devcon 800-933-8266	TrimBonder™	trimbonder.com	10 – 15	16

PAINTING

- TrexTrim™ does not require painting for protection.
- To achieve a custom color, acrylic latex paint with a light reflectance value (LRV) above 55 works well.
- Paint applied to clean, dry TrexTrim will adhere well with good durability.
- Curing of paint on TrexTrim may take up to 60 days depending on humidity and temperature conditions.

CLEANING

- Clean TrexTrim with a mild detergent and water.
- Methyl Ethyl Ketone (MEK) wiped onto edges will minimize pore size and help to clean the edges.

RECOMMENDED PAINT MANUFACTURERS:

MANUFACTURER	PRODUCT	WEBSITE
Sherwin-Williams	Duration Exterior Coating or SuperPaint® Exterior Coating with VinylSafe™ Color Technology	sherwin-williams.com/pro
Pittsburgh Paints	Manor Hall® Timeless, Manor Hall® Exterior	pittsburghpaints.com Use 100% acrylic finish in a color no darker than original material color
1-800-BUY-TREX		

