

# Handling and Maintenance Guide



## Instructions for the proper storage, handling, installation, and maintenance of ARTRIM primed Finger Joint Edge Glue Board

The ARTRIM Primed Finger Joint Edge Glue Board (“ARTRIM PFJ Boards”) is an engineered product manufactured under the highest quality standards from sustainable Radiata pine plantations. The points below explain the proper storage, handling, installation, and maintenance of this product.

### Storage

ARTRIM PFJ Boards must be stored off of the ground, well supported and securely covered, in a covered building and out of the weather. Make sure the cover is of breathable weather-resistant material, secure, but loose enough to permit air circulation in order to avoid condensing moisture. For best results, let wood products reach equilibrium with the local climate by storing at least 5 days in a ventilated shelter prior to installation. DO NOT allow board to be directly exposed to weather (rain, water, ice, snow, or the sun) for prolonged periods of time.

### Moisture

ARTRIM PFJ Boards are protected with two coats of primer that minimize moisture problems. For the best results the board should be stored and installed in dry and normal conditions. It is imperative to eliminate areas of moisture and condensation build-up prior to installation.

### Painting and Installation

ARTRIM PFJ Boards must be installed above the ground. It is recommended that the ARTRIM PFJ Boards not be directly exposed to the elements (soil, rain, water, ice, snow or the sun) for prolonged periods of time without a proper top coat being applied.

Field cuts must be sealed with primer. Any surface lacking primer must be thoroughly coated to achieve effective protection.

### Finishing

The ARTRIM PFJ Board is not intended to be used as a finished coated product. A final top coat must be applied no later than 90 days after the installation with exterior 100% Acrylic topcoat, according to industry best practices. The surface must be free of dust, dirt or mildew before painting. Wash away any foreign material with water and a mild detergent, and allow the surface to dry before painting. Apply topcoat according to manufacturer’s specifications, recommended spread rates and number of coats. DO NOT use paints with vinyl-based resin combinations. Brush application of primers and top coats ensures best coverage and protection.

### Maintenance

To ensure tight joints and proper waterproofing, caulked areas should be checked to guard against water intrusion.

### Exterior Paint:

Exterior paint is required to protect the wood substrate. Paint coatings increase the durability of the ARTRIM PFJ Board and must be checked annually for wear, ARTRIM Boards should be repainted at least every 5 years, depending on the quality of topcoat previously used. Follow recommendations of the topcoat supplier and best industry practices for a best performance.

### Cleaning:

Remove dirt from the ARTRIM PFJ Board with a mild detergent, a gentle brush and a garden hose. Never use a pressure washer to clean the trim. Excessive water pressure can cause damage to the surface of the trim by forcing water into the pores of the wood and the wall cavity.

### Fasteners:

Rusty fasteners indicate that moisture is soaking into the wood trim. If rusted fasteners are found the moisture source must be eliminated and the ARTRIM PFJ Board treated for moisture damage. If the trim was installed by counter sinking fasteners, putty holes with an exterior grade wood putty. For optimal exterior performance use fasteners specifically designed for exterior use.