



## CARE AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

LP SmartSide products are engineered to look beautiful with easy maintenance. A few simple care tips can preserve the attractive appearance of your home for many years to come.

### PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

- Check for small construction dents and gouges. Fill these indentations with a sealant that meets ASTM C920 minimum Class 25 requirements, then prime before painting.
- Make sure sprinklers do not spray water directly onto the trim or siding.
- Keep roof surfaces and gutters in working order so water is diverted away from the siding.
- Keep the painted surface free of mold, mildew and algae.
- Make sure your trim and siding are a minimum of six inches above the ground. Do not allow garden mulch or other debris to build up and compromise your clearance.
- Maintain a 1/2 inch per foot slope away from the house for all adjoining surfaces including patios, driveways, grade, etc. so that water will drain away effectively.
- Replace missing or damaged caulking around the joints and seams where different surfaces meet with a sealant that meets ASTM C920 minimum Class 25 requirements.
- Repaint your trim and siding before the existing paint fails. Your local weather conditions will affect the longevity of your paint's performance.

### INSPECTING YOUR TRIM AND SIDING

Inspection is an essential part of maintenance. Perform the following checks once a year.

- Inspect paint for cracking, peeling, fading or chalking. Pay special attention to the bottom row and under the window casing and repaint if necessary.
- Check all joints and seams for cracking or missing sealant and remove and replace where necessary.
- Look for signs of mildew and remove if necessary.
- Inspect flashing and gutters for damage or blockage. Repair any damage found, and remove any blockages so that water can drain away freely.

### REPAINTING YOUR EXTERIOR

When painting or repainting, choose an exterior-quality 100% acrylic latex paint specially formulated for use on wood and engineered wood substrates. Semi-gloss or satin finish oil or alkyd paints are also acceptable. For flat alkyd paint, please check with the coating manufacturer for their recommendations for use on composite wood siding. Make sure the paint comes with a minimum fifteen-year warranty.

First, remove all dust and mildew from the surface by washing trim and siding with a brush and a solution of mild detergent (such as dish soap) and water. Start at the top, work your way down, and rinse from top to bottom with water. **Do not use a pressure washer.** Once surfaces are clean and dry, paint may be applied using a sprayer or brush. Pay special attention that the bottoms edges are covered with paint. LP recommends applying two coats of unthinned paint at the manufacturer's required spread rate.

### SIMPLY A BETTER WARRANTY

The LP SmartSide 5/50 Year Limited Warranty offers you a 5-year, 100% labor and material replacement feature and a 50-year prorated limited warranty. You can rest assured knowing these products\* are warranted not to buckle, delaminate or rot. Plus have the added comfort of knowing all LP SmartSide products are warranted to resist termites fungal decay when properly applied, finished, and maintained.

*\*LP SmartSide 16' long 76 Series Fiber Substrate Lap Siding is not warranted for use in certain geographic areas. See the complete warranty at [www.lpcorp.com](http://www.lpcorp.com)*