



# Boral TruExterior® Trim

## INSTALLATION GUIDELINES

The following information offers typical installation techniques when working with Boral TruExterior® Trim. This product should never be used in structural or load bearing applications.

**Storage and Handling** – Boral TruExterior® Trim should be stored on a flat, level surface. Pallets are shipped from the manufacturing facility in a protective covering and each board has a factory applied primer, so care should be taken to keep the board covered and free of dirt and debris. If the board gets dirty, make sure to clean and dry it prior to painting.

**Working With Boral TruExterior® Trim** – This product is an excellent replacement for wood trim and can be installed using proven woodworking tools and methods. For ease of use, consider the following before working:

- **Cutting** – Boral TruExterior® Trim can be cut using standard saw blades. However, for longer tool life carbide tipped blades are recommended.
- **Routing & Drilling** – Boral TruExterior® Trim can be drilled and routed using standard woodworking tools, but a carbide tipped router and drill bits are recommended.
- **Fastening** – Boral TruExterior® Trim has been engineered to offer years of superior performance. To take full advantage of this durability, be sure to use high quality, exterior grade fasteners designed to withstand the environmental conditions of the application.
- **Safety** – In working with any product that may cause airborne debris such as nuisance dust, be sure to take proper measures to protect against eye and inhalation hazards.

**Standard nail guns and screws can be used to install Boral TruExterior® Trim** as it takes a variety of fasteners with ease and does not mushroom at the screw head nor require pre-drilling.

**Boral TruExterior® Trim is a non-structural building material** and should never be used in load-bearing or structural applications. Fasteners should be installed every 24" OC or less. For best results, be sure to place fasteners within 2" of the end of every board. Proper care should be taken to understand the desired application and ensure that proper framing is adequate for the installation.

**Expansion and Contraction** – Boral TruExterior® Trim is very stable<sup>+</sup> during periods of temperature and moisture change; no special precautions are necessary to control or limit movement.

**Use at Grade** – Since Boral TruExterior® Trim is virtually impervious to water absorption, termite attacks and won't rot<sup>+</sup>, it is approved for ground contact.

**Nail Holes and Repair** – Filling nail and screw holes or repairing any minor damage caused by handling may be done using high-grade acrylic caulk or wood fillers.

**Painting Boral TruExterior® Trim is a requirement, and failure to do so will void the warranty.** As in preparing for any painting project, be sure the surface of the product is free of dirt, debris or other contaminants prior to paint application. Boral TruExterior® Trim can be painted using any high grade exterior paint. Make sure to follow the paint manufacturer's application recommendations.

More information can be found in Boral's technical bulletin for paint or in the product warranty. Both documents can be found at [www.BoralTruExterior.com](http://www.BoralTruExterior.com).

**Boral TruExterior® Trim may be painted any color without special precaution** as the product is not prone to excessive movement due to heat buildup<sup>+</sup>.

**Boral TruExterior® Trim is virtually impervious to moisture<sup>+</sup>**, so there is no need to prime or paint end-cuts or field-cut edges.

**Moisture cycling is a primary cause for paint failure on wood products.** Since Boral TruExterior® Trim is resistant to this moisture cycling<sup>+</sup>; paint will perform better.

<sup>+</sup>Please see the Boral TruExterior® Trim Product Data Sheet at [www.BoralTruExterior.com](http://www.BoralTruExterior.com) for property test results.