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GENERAL INFORMATION

1- **QCshake** products are intended for use in a vertical placement only and are not designed or warranted for roofing or flooring applications. However mansard roofs with a 45/12 slope or greater are acceptable applications.

2- **QCshake** products are designed as an exterior cladding, not as a weather resistant barrier. They are designed to allow the material underneath to breathe; therefore, they are not a watertight covering. To achieve designed performance, **QCshake** must be installed over a weather resistant house barrier system, such as house wrap.

3- As with the majority of exterior building materials, **QCshake** products will expand and contract with a change in temperature. Therefore, during installation it is necessary to position the **QCshake** properly to compensate for temperature effects.

4- It is essential to work over a smooth, flat, nailable wall surface, (i.e. minimum 7/16" (1,11cm) OSB board or plywood is recommended). If **QCshake** products are being installed over furring strips, furring strips must be installed on a 45° angle, spaced 8" (20,32cm) center to center, while ensuring that the side seams are supported by furring strips.*

5- Fixtures cannot be installed directly onto **QCshake**; always use a wooden support or specifically designed mounting blocks to attach fixtures. Follow the mounting block manufacturer's installation instructions and ensure proper clearance to **QCshake** (recommended minimum of 1/4" (0,64cm)) to allow room for expansion and contraction.

6- Non-corrosive fasteners are required to secure the sections and they must penetrate through the solid surface by at least 1 1/4" (3,18cm) and into a solid substrate by at least 7/16" (1,11cm).*

7- Always begin the installation at the lowest point of the structure, work from left to right installing one row at a time, and completing one wall before beginning another.

8- Store product on edge (vertical), do not stack flat.

9- Keep the R-E-L number, located on the box of your products (ex: REL-123456) for future reference.

10- To cut the material, it is recommended to use a circular saw with a thin kerf finishing blade.

11- Some finish trims such as J-channel and Outside Corner Post, must be installed on wall prior to installation of **QCshake**. Follow the finish trim manufacturer's instructions for proper installation.

12- Fastening **QCshake** should not restrict movement. Fasteners should be driven straight into the center of any nailing slot with the head of the fastener making light contact with the product, allowing the section to be hung. The center nail hole must always be securely fastened to ensure that the section expands and contracts from the center out.

13- If a partial piece is used at either end, a new center hole should be created, by drilling a 1/8" (0,32cm) hole in the top flange, near the center of the section at the same height as the other installation holes.

14- If face nailing is employed, pre-drill a hole in an inconspicuous area, such as a shingle seam. The hole must be larger than the shank of the nail or screw, but smaller than the head, to allow for possible thermal movement. The head can be covered with matching paint or caulk.

15- It is best to work with the product at waist-level, allowing the installer to inspect the back of the product, verifying that all fingers are properly engaged. Do not force product up into the upper fingers of the lower row, as this may damage the stop posts and/or will override the expansion joints and cause buckling.

16- Fitting product between windows and around openings requires a spacing of 1/4" (0,64cm) to allow for expansion.

17- Variations in shade and color are an inherent characteristic of **QCshake** natural color.

* For a Miami Dade and HVHZ installation see Special Situations and Suggestions section on page 6.

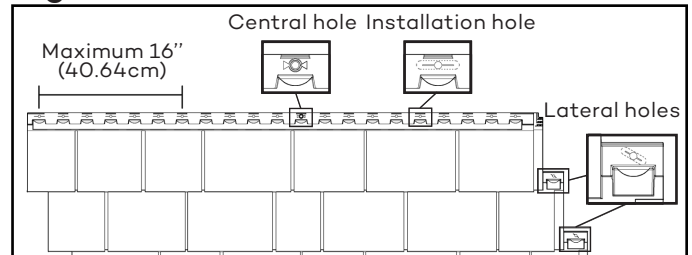
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BASIC GUIDELINES

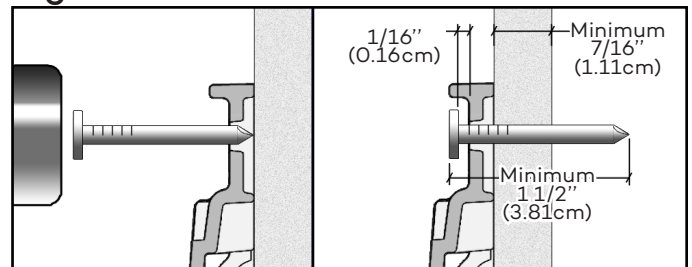
1-Always fasten through the installation holes. These holes include a polymer film, which permits for precise centering of the fastener, allowing the expansion and contraction of the material. Each complete section must be fastened through the center hole, at both extremities and have a minimum of 7 fasteners, i.e. 5 fasteners in the horizontal nailing channel at maximum spacing of 16"(40.64cm) or less and a fastener in each lateral hole (Figure 1). If **QCshake** is installed on a wall with furrings, the furring strips should be installed on a 45° angle, at 16"(40.64cm) center to center and a furring strip is required behind each fastener.*

Figure 1



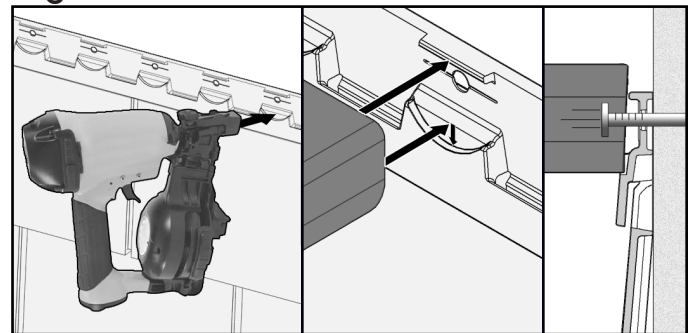
2-Never hammer or screw the fasteners in completely; leave a gap of 1/16"(0.16cm) between the nailing channel and the fastener's head (Figure 2). The stoppers located around the holes help to stop the hammer from driving the nails in too far, and provides the required gap. Always use non-corrosive nails or screws with a head of 0.4"(1cm) in diameter and a body of 0.150"(0.38cm) in diameter and penetrate through the solid surface by at least 1 1/4"(3.18cm) and into a solid substrate by at least 7/16"(1.11cm).*

Figure 2



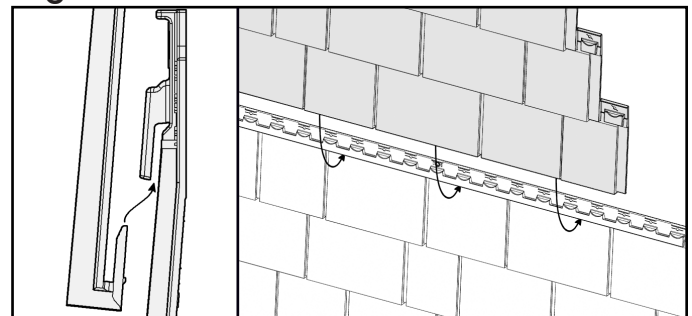
3-The Cape Cod Perfection nailing channel allows the use of roofing nailer (ex: Bostitch RN46 and Hitachi NV45). To do so, adjust the tip of the nailer at the highest position. Push the nozzle into the cavity under the nail holes and push against the product to nail. Make sure each nail is aligned in the nailing hole. (Figure 3)

Figure 3



4-Make sure that all pieces are properly joined together (push firmly upwards on the section making sure that the insertion is complete) (Figure 4).

Figure 4



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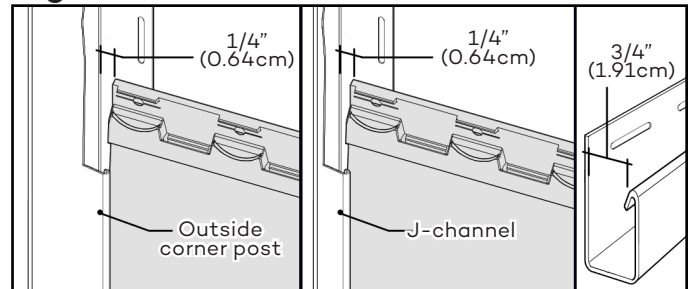
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BASIC GUIDELINES (CONTINUATION)

5-When using a finish trim (J-channel, Outside Corner Post, etc.), leave a space of 1/4"(0.64cm) between the trim and QCshake. The required opening for finish trim is 3/4"(1.91cm) (Figure 5).

Figure 5



Some elements of the image above were partly removed to facilitate understanding.

INSTALLATION STEPS

1-First install the starter strips at the lowest point of the structure. Make sure that the horizontal starting line is perfectly leveled and square with the wall. Leave a 1/2"(1.27cm) gap at each end of the wall when using decorative corners (1). If a floor is against the wall, install the top of the starter strips at 2 11/16"(6.83cm) above it in order to leave a gap of 13/16"(2.06cm) between starter strips and the floor (2). If there is no floor, starter strips should be flush with the base of the wall. Fasten the starter strips at maximum intervals of 8"(20.32cm) or less. Install the next starter strip by pressing it against the previous one (3) and fasten it as mentioned above (Figure A). Be sure to align adjacent walls.*

2-Determine the number of sections needed for the wall by dividing the total length of the wall, less the width of the corner pieces used, by 42 5/8"(108.27cm). Cut the left side of the first section in a straight line in order to avoid having a very small piece at the right end of the wall. Any installed piece should be at least 12"(30.48cm) long. Insert the first section into the starter strip and slide it leftward leaving a 2 1/2"(6.35cm) space between its edge and the wall corner (Decorative corners will be installed after. See corners installation instruction section for detail) or slide the section into the trim leaving a space of 1/4"(0.64cm) between the inside wall of the trim and the section (Figure B).

Figure A

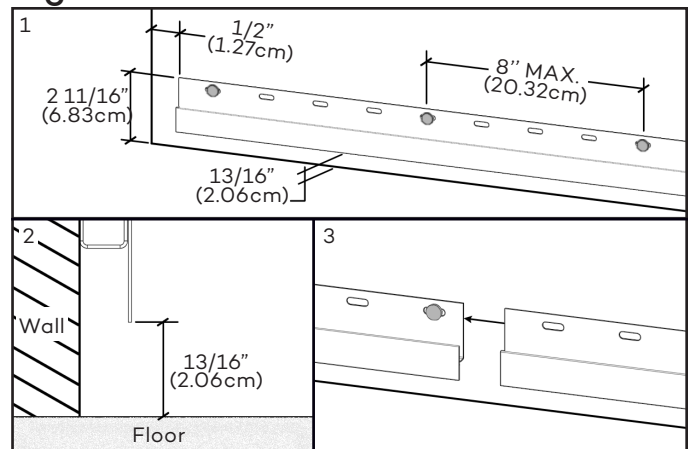
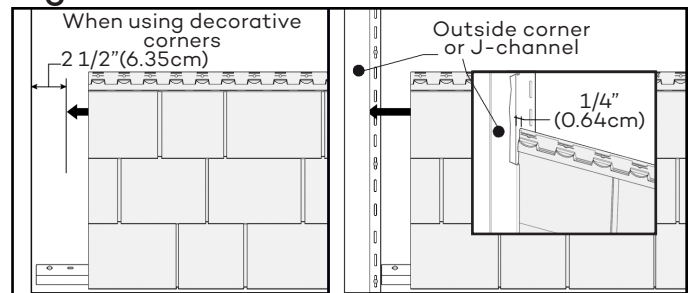


Figure B



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3-On each section, fasten the center hole of the product, this will ensure even movement of sections in both directions during expansion/contraction. Also place a fastener into the last hole on both ends, plus one evenly spaced on each side of the center hole of the nailing channel and one in each lateral hole (Figure C). Fasteners should never be spaced more than 16"(40.64cm). Each full length section should be secured with a minimum of 7 fasteners. Remember that fasteners must be placed in the center of the nailing slots. Always use non-corrosive fasteners penetrating into a solid substrate of no less than 7/16"(1.11cm) thick. When attaching the fasteners, be sure they only lightly touch the product allowing it to move with varying temperatures and they are installed flush with the section, so as not to interfere with the succeeding row.*

- If the product is installed on a furring wall, a furring strip is required behind each fastener.
- If a section does not have the initial center hole, drill a new center hole of 1/8"(0.32cm) diameter at the same height as the other installation holes.

4-Install the following section by hooking it into the starter strip and sliding it to the left overlapping the previous. Make sure to properly engage the lateral hooks and equally space the sections according to the outdoor temperature during the installation. See temperature marks on upper right edge of the product (Figure D).

- 95 °F (35 °C) spacing of 0.205" / 5.2mm
- 68 °F (20 °C) spacing of 0.245" / 6.2mm
- 40 °F (5 °C) spacing of 0.305" / 7.8mm
- Below 40°F(5°C), position the section slightly right (1/16"(1.6mm)) of the 40°F(5°C) temperature line.

Once the section has been properly spaced, fasten it as previously indicated. Repeat this step until the end of the row.

5-Begin the second row by cutting the first section with approximately 16"(40.64cm) increment from the cutting line of the first row. Hooking the lower section with the top hooks of the last installed row. For an authentic look, eliminate stacking seams by alternating the cut positions for each of the following rows. (Figure E)

-For all cuts on section, we recommend to use the ruler on the back of the product located on the bottom hook. For example, we recommend alternating the cutting distance of the first section of every row from 0"(0cm) - 15"(38.1cm) - 30"(76.2cm) - 28"(71.1cm) and restart at 0"(0cm), to obtain a nicer look (Figure E.1).

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Figure C

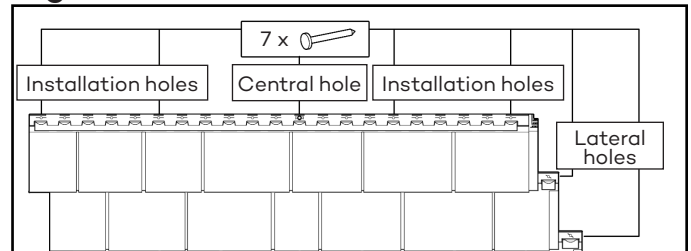


Figure D

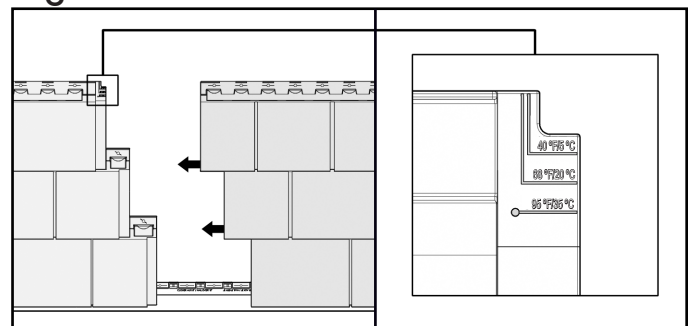
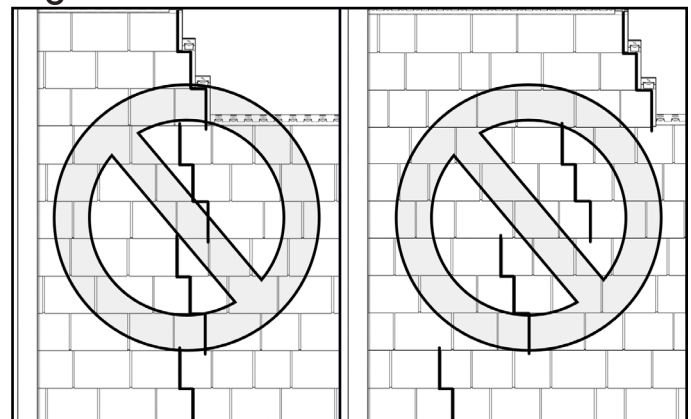
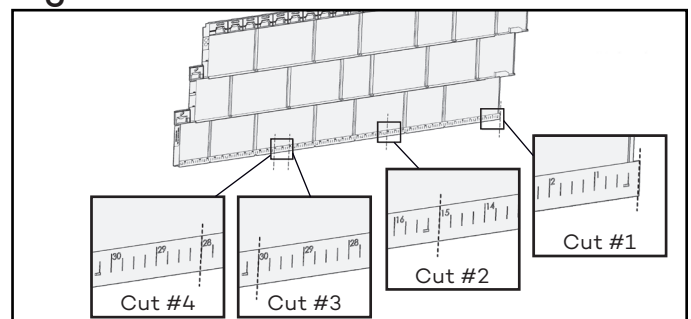


Figure E



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Figure E.1



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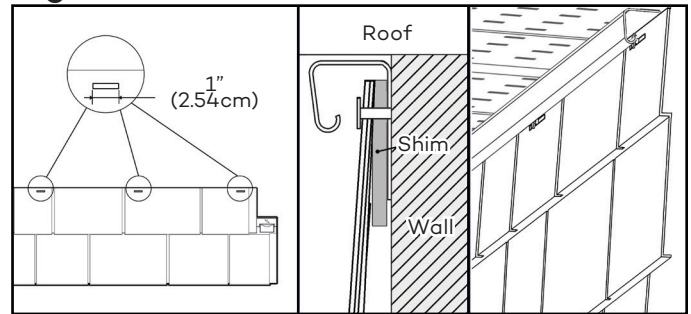
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6-For the last row or places where you may need to attach product other than in installation holes, use a knife to create new 1"(2.54cm) slots (Figure F); the slot must be wider than the fastener but not as wide as the fastener head. Although not set in installation holes, this type of cutting will allow the expansion/contraction movement of product.

-Note: For proper installation & optimal appearance, shim as required to adjust the angle of the last row.

Figure F



Reminder: Do not set accessories directly on **QCshake**. The fasteners must be fixed into a solid surface. If you need to set accessories over **QCshake**, at a concealed spot on the product, create a new 1"(2.54cm) slot larger than the fastener body, but smaller than the fastener head to permit expansion/contraction of sections.

SPECIAL SITUATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

SITUATION	ITEMS TO CHECK
- Sections won't lock together side to side.	The wall may not be level and flat. Check previous section to ensure that all sections and installation fingers are properly seated. (See General Information) Use shims as needed to ensure a level wall surface.
- The bottom locking fingers won't lock into the previous row.	
- Sections are buckling on the wall.	Make sure the fasteners are not restricting product movement. Make sure all locking fingers are engaged into corresponding rails. Make sure fasteners are fully engaged.
- Sections are not lying flat against the wall.	
- For a Miami Dade code compliant installation: 1-One (1) installation fastener is required at each anchor location shown. 2-Installation fasteners are galvanized steel roofing nails as follows: 1 1/2"(3.81cm) long with 1/8"(0.32cm) diameter shanks and 7/16"(1.11cm) diameter heads, spaced 2"(5.08cm) on center through every nail slot and into the wall assembly with 1/2" (1.27cm) minimum edge distance. 3-Installation fasteners shall be as listed and spaced as shown on details. Fastener embedment to base material shall be beyond wall dressing. 4-Installation fasteners and associated hardware must be made of corrosion resistant material or have a corrosion resistant coating. 5-Installation fasteners shall be installed in accordance with anchor manufacturer's installation instructions, and fasteners shall not be used in substrates with strengths less than the minimum strength specified by the anchor manufacturer. 6-Installation anchor capacities for products herein are based on substrate materials with the following properties: A-Wood - minimum specific gravity of 0.55. B-Sheathing - 5/8"(1.59cm) 5-ply plywood minimum.	*For all specifications and requirements for a Miami Dade code compliant installation, please refer to the full installation instructions on our Miami-Dade Approved Product Listing, available on QCshake.com on the Resources page.

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DECORATIVE CORNERS INSTALLATION

Caution: Cape Cod Perfection must be installed on adjacent walls prior to installing the Cape Cod Perfection corners and be sure that rows are aligned.

1-The installation of corners begins once you have completed two adjacent walls.

-Note: For proper installation & optimal corner appearance, make sure that rows of adjacent walls are at 2 1/2" (6.35cm) from corner wall and at an equivalent height.

2-While installing, slip the two hooks located at rear of part under the starter strip. Push the corner upwards on product shingles until proper fit (Figure G) then fasten both sides of the nailing head.

3-For all the other corners, insert the two hooks into the upper hooks of the previous corner. Ensure they are locked in place. Push corner upwards on product shingles until proper fit (Figure H) then fasten both sides of the nailing head.

4-For the last corner only, cut excess from part. On each side of the corner, make a new hole wider than the shaft of the fastener, but smaller than the head. Affix a nailing strip behind these locations as required for a proper fit with the single angle of section on each side and fasten it on wall (Figure I).

Figure G

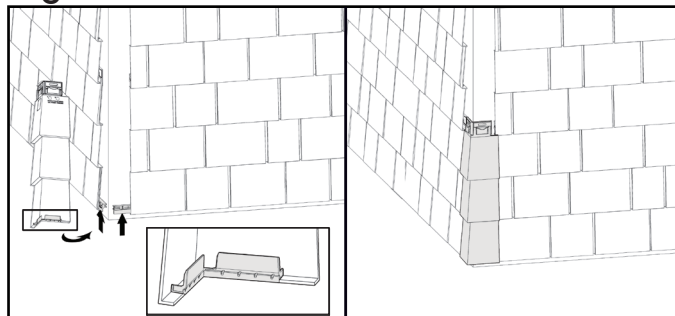


Figure H

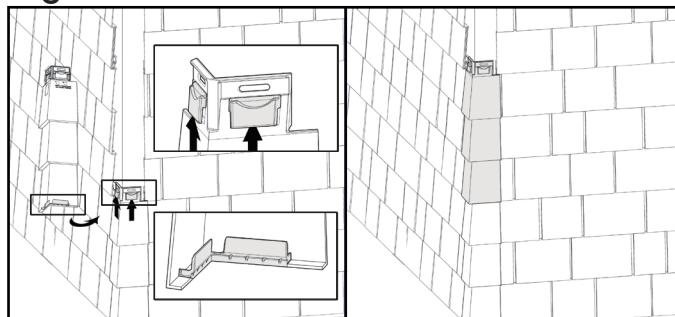
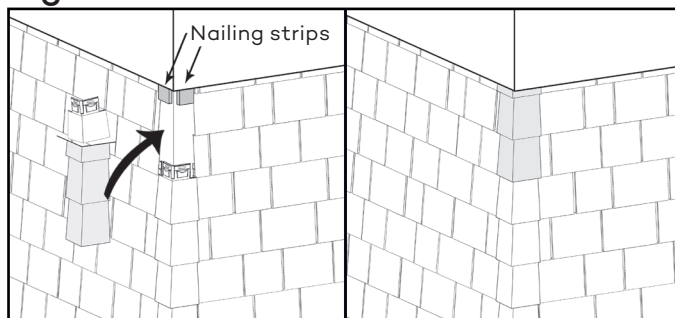


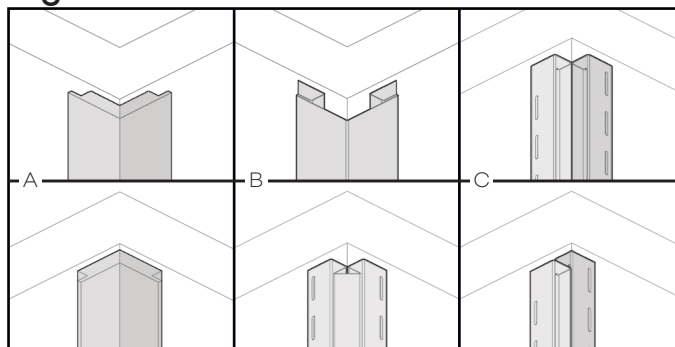
Figure I



INSTALLATION TIP

1-Many solutions are possible to finish corners: PVC Trimboard (A), Outside or Inside Corner Post (B) or two J-channels for an inside corner (C) (Figure J). Whatever options you choose, it is important to seal the corners of the wall prior to the installation of the trim.

Figure J



For details, see the respective installation guide of each product.