# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## 1. How does the product hold up in different climates?

LP® SmartSide® Trim & Siding in Smooth Finish is engineered to be one of the most durable siding solutions on the market thanks to LP's proprietary SmartGuard® process. With four components of protection, the process adds strength and helps our products withstand impacts, freeze/thaw cycles, high humidity and fungal decay. In fact, the LP SmartSide warranty covers impacts from hail up to 1.75″ in diameter and wind gusts of up to 200 miles per hour. For more information, visit LPCorp.com/Weatherability.

# 2. Does the material come primed? Can you paint the product?

All LP SmartSide products come primed for exceptional paint adhesion, helping contractors and homeowners save time.

# 3. Are there special tools required to install the product?

No special tools required. LP SmartSide Trim & Siding cuts with standard woodworking tools.

## 4. What's the water resistance of the product?

For more than 20 years, LP SmartSide strand substrate siding has undergone brutal testing in Hilo, Hawaii. With high levels of humidity, and almost 170 inches of annual rainfall, this makes Hilos' climate the perfect breeding ground for termites, moisture and fungal decay. LP's proprietary SmartGuard® process helps keep out moisture for long-term durability and strength against harsh weather. Even after years of exposure, LP SmartSide products remain structurally sound, so you can feel confident.

## 5. What style of home can the product be used on?

Siding texture plays a big role in a home's curb appeal. That's why LP SmartSide Trim & Siding is available in traditional cedar texture and a smooth finish. So whether you're building a traditional craftsman or a modern masterpiece, you'll be able to deliver the same advanced durability and longer lasting beauty to your project.

#### 6. How do you deal with butt joints in the siding?

Siding butt joints should be staggered over successive courses. For siding installations with or without wood structural panels, butt joints must occur over stud locations. In some cases, siding can be applied in a sheathing only method irrespective of stud locations. For full details, visit https://lpcorp.com/resources/product-literature.

### 7. Does the siding have silica in it?

LP SmartSide products do not add silica or silica-based products as a raw material. For more information on OSHA's silica standard, visit osha.gov/dsg/topics/silicacrystalline.

More FAQ's on the next page.



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## 8. Do you have to nail into studs or can you just nail into the sheathing?

LP SmartSide lap and panel siding is designed to be installed in a direct to stud application, but also offers the flexibility of being installed in a sheathing only method. For more information on installation, watch our How-To video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jyOCdmHsnOq or visit https://lpcorp.com/resources/product-literature.

## 9. Does this hold up better over time compared to traditional wood siding?

LP SmartSide provides professionals and homeowners with the look and workability of traditional wood, combined with superior strength and easier maintenance over time. LP has redefined traditional building materials with the creation of treated engineered wood products that are designed to offer exceptional durability, beauty and workability.

# 10. Does this product come with a warranty that builders can offer the homeowner?

LP has builders' and homeowners' backs with an industry-leading, transferable limited warranty: A 50-year prorated limited warranty with a 5-year 100% labor and material replacement warranty. For complete warranty details, visit LPCorp.com.

## 11. Should I swap out my windows when residing my house or can I save that for later?

Choosing when to swap out existing windows will depend on the homeowner. Consider the advantages of replacing windows during the residing process. Some benefits may include the ease of replacing the windows once the existing siding has been removed compared to installing windows after a siding upgrade. Performing these two upgrades during the same time frame could save on labor and reduce the number of interruptions to your daily schedule caused by construction.

# 12. How would LP SmartSide perform on a tiny home, where weight is as important as durability?

There are several advantages of using LP SmartSide Lap and Panel Siding in tiny home construction. Not only is our lap siding lighter in weight than some other lap siding products, and approximately 60% less than fiber cement siding, but our panel siding can also double as structural bracing. Combining a wood structural panel and a finished siding can eliminate the need for an additional layer of wall sheathing, therefore helping to reduce the overall weight of the tiny home.



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