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Cleaning Procedure before Recoating ExpertFinish



Ensure siding is free from dirt, debris, and mildew before following steps indicated below.

Cleaning procedure before repainting LP® SmartSide® ExpertFinish® siding

Use a handheld or backpack-style pump sprayer with 5-parts water + 1-part Simple Green® concentrated formula cleaner & degreaser, followed by a pump sprayer rinse. This was found to be a simple and effective treatment method for preparation to recoat LP SmartSide ExpertFinish after installation. **DO NOT use a pressure washer and Simple Green must be diluted.**

Procedure:

- Prepare a reduction of the concentrated formula, then load into appropriate handheld or backpack-style pump sprayer.
- Working in 10 sq. ft. sections, spray solution onto siding using top-to-bottom, back-and-forth strokes. Thoroughly cover siding with diluted Simple Green solution. Allow solution to remain onto siding for 10 minutes. Do not allow to completely dry on siding.
- Rinse solution from the siding using clean tap water from a similar handheld or backpack-style pump sprayer. Again, ensure thorough rinsing of the siding using top-to-bottom, back-and-forth strokes. Allow siding to dry completely.
- When dry, recoat siding with a high quality 100% acrylic exterior paint specifically formulated for use on wood and engineered wood substrates.

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