

Technical Note No. 020



LP® SmartSide® Siding over Pre-Existing Wood or Wood-Composite Siding

LP SmartSide siding and trim may be installed over pre-existing wood or wood composite siding if the pre-existing siding does not affect the ability to correctly install LP SmartSide siding as detailed in LP SmartSide application instructions.

There are some additional considerations to note:

- A code-approved breathable water-resistive barrier should be properly installed between the pre-existing siding and the LP SmartSide siding and trim.
- A uniform surface behind the LP SmartSide siding and trim is required to avoid “contouring” of the LP SmartSide siding. Do not install over pre-existing lap siding that is not flat or uniform.
- The minimum nail penetration and maximum stud spacing must not be compromised.
- Ensure that the wall assembly meets at least the minimum structural requirements specified in the IRC and by the local code authority.
- Any areas of the pre-existing siding that are not structurally sound, that are not installed correctly, or exhibit signs of decay, should be repaired.