

Essential Tips

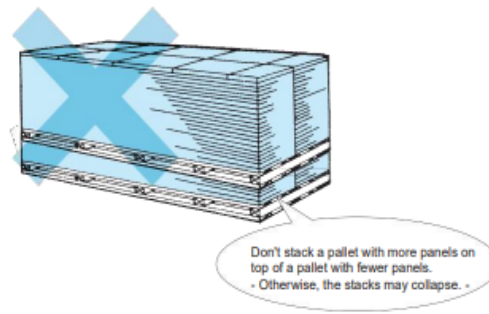
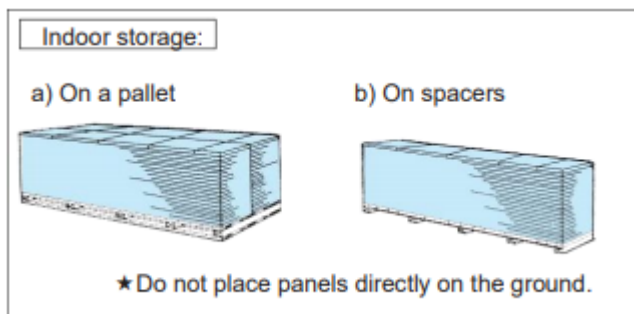
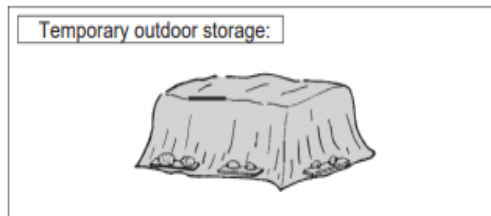
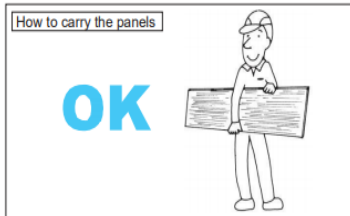
Thank you for choosing CERACLAD.

Here are some essential tips and resources for a successful installation:

- Material Handling & Storage
- Cutting & Dust Management
- Cleaning Cut Dust
- Finishing- Touch Up
- Technical Support

Material Handling & Storage

- Carry panels by holding them on edge.
- Protect panels and accessories from weather. Cover panels with a tarp when stored outside.
- **Do not** allow panels to become saturated with water.
- Place pallets on a flat level hard surface.
- **Do not** place panels directly on the ground.
- **Do not** stack more than two pallets.
- **Do not** stack a pallet with more panels on top of pallet with fewer panels.

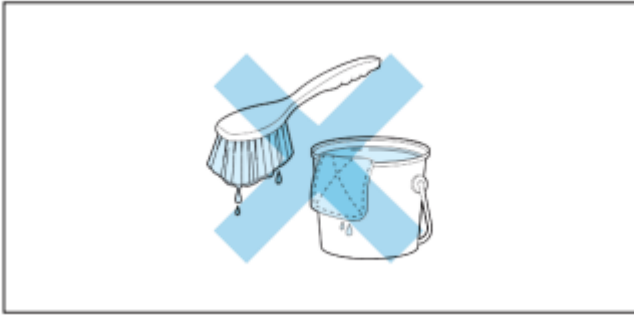


Cutting & Dust Management

- Always cut panels from the backside.
- Keep panels dry from site storage, to cut station, to installation on the wall.
- Cut panel width must be greater than 2 ½ inches.
- Clean cut panels by blowing dust away with compressed air or with a clean dry cloth or soft bristle brush.
- Siding panels contain silica. When drilling, cutting, or abrading siding panels during installation or handling, observe the following precautions:
 - a) Work outdoors in a well-ventilated area.
 - b) Wear a dust mask or use a respirator.
 - c) Warn other workers and building occupants in the area, and/or,
 - d) Advise building occupants to close windows in the immediate area of work.
- Use a panel saw or circular saw with a vacuum attachment to cut CERACLAD panels. Use of a wet saw to cut product is not permitted.

Cleaning Cut Dust

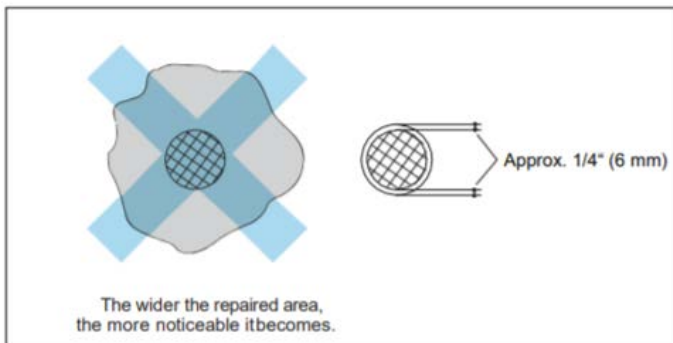
- **Do not** wipe cut dust with a wet cloth.



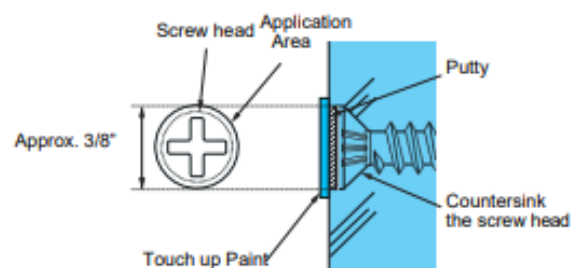
- **Do not** cut wet panels. Dry panel face before cutting if wet.
 - Panel cut dust may harden and stain the panel if it becomes wet.
- Remove dust with compressed air or a clean dry cloth or soft bristle brush before installation on the wall.
- For cut dust on an already installed panel, remove with compressed air or a clean dry cloth or soft bristle brush. If cut dust persists, use a soft bristle brush with neutral detergent diluted in a ration of 9:1.
- If the cut dust cannot be removed, the panel may need to be replaced.

Finishing – Touch-Up

- **Do not** use caulk for touch-up or any repairs.
 - Caulking used for touch-up or repairs will fade over time.
- **Do not** apply excessive amount of Touch-Up paint to fastener heads.
 - Otherwise the touched-up areas may become noticeable with age.



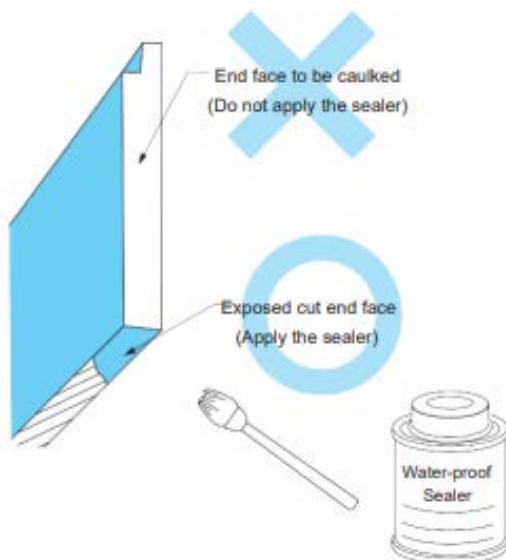
EX. Applying touch-up paint after applying putty



- Screw heads can be treated with one of the following methods:
 1. Applying touch-up paint after applying putty.
 - Drive the screw just below the siding panel surface, apply repair putty to it, and apply touch-up paint after the putty has hardened sufficiently.
 2. Apply touch-up paint on the screw heads only.
 - This method is only applicable for CERACLAD system screws, which are alloy coated stainless steel. Touch up paint will not properly adhere to bare stainless steel. Therefore, all locally purchased stainless steel screws must be finished using the method described in section 1 above.

Finishing – Touch-Up

- Apply an acrylic waterproof sealer to all cut panel edges that will not be caulked.
- Areas that require sealer application:
 - Cut edge at windowsill
 - Cut edge at roofline
 - Cut edge at overhang
 - Cut edge at through-wall-flashing or soffit
 - Cut edge covered by metal trims
- Areas that **Do Not** require sealer application:
 - Ship-lapped joints
 - Caulk Joints
 - Factory sealed (uncut) edges



Technical Support

- Installation Instructions

[Link to instructions](#)

- ICC ESR 1627 Building Code Evaluation Report

[Link to ESR 1627](#)

- Technical Data Sheets

[Link to Hollow Core Panel Tech Data Sheet](#)

[Link to Solid Core Panel Tech Data Sheet](#)

[Link to Accessories Data Sheet](#)

- Technical Bulletins

[Link to Horizontal Panels over Continuous Insulation](#)

[Link to Vertical Panels over Continuous Insulation](#)

- Technical Services Support

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