

# Versetta Stone®

## MANUFACTURER'S INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS WITH UNIVERSAL CORNER

Building code requirements vary and it is suggested that you check with local authorities to determine requirements for your area. Carefully read all installation instructions before proceeding with installation. Observe all safety precautions.

The Versetta Stone® masonry siding product\* is designed for application over wood framing, spaced 16 inches on center and covered by a code approved, nailable sheathing product. Currently, Boral requires a minimum 7/16" OSB or 1/2" plywood sheathing beneath the Versetta Stone® product. Wall framing should be designed to limit out-of-plane wall deflection to a minimum of L/240. At a minimum, the building's corners should be sheathed to meet local building code requirements and to mitigate the effects of wall racking. Roofing and interior wallboard should be installed prior to starting installation. Walls are to be plumb within 1/4" per 10 lineal feet. Expansion joints for the Versetta Stone® product should be provided as specified by the registered design professional. **This product has not been tested nor is intended for applications over 30' in height.** Provide a means for drainage and ventilation at all horizontal terminations. This is typically achieved by using starter strip and J channel in conjunction with flashing products and generally accepted practices.

### HANDLING AND STORAGE

The product should be transported and stored in the original shipping package until ready to use. When sub packs are removed, transport and store with top (nailing flange) up. See Figure 1.

### ESTIMATING MATERIALS

1. Determine the wall area to be covered. Do this by multiplying the wall width (in feet) by the wall height (in feet).
2. Subtract the area of windows, doors or any other area that will not be covered. This is your net wall area.
3. Universal Corners can be used to finish; outside corners, inside corners or to provide an attractive end of wall termination. Using an entire Universal Corner provides 2 sq. ft. of wall area coverage. To determine "corner coverage" calculate the following: measure height in feet, of all inside corners, outside corner and end wall terminations that will be covered. Multiply that footage

### PRODUCT DIMENSIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS (SUBJECT TO NORMAL MANUFACTURING TOLERANCES)

FIGURE 1 - STORAGE

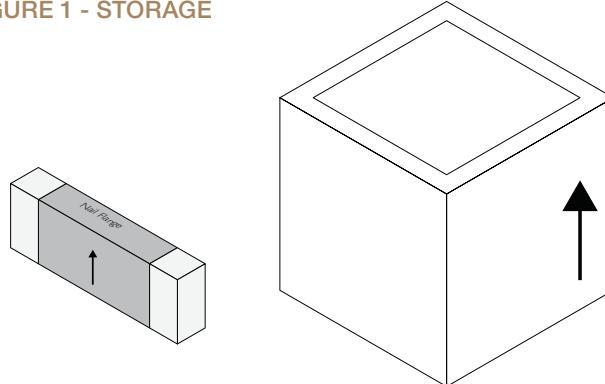


FIGURE 2 - STARTER STRIP

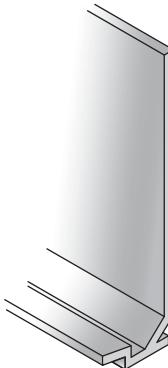


FIGURE 3 - J CHANNEL

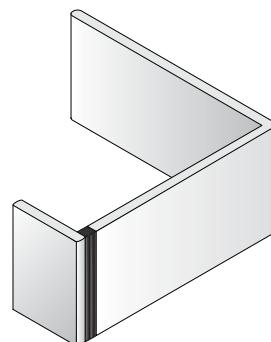
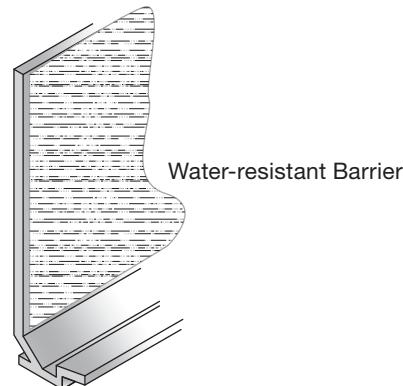


FIGURE 4



Water-resistant Barrier

by 12 to convert it to inches and then divide by 8 to determine the number of courses required. Next, divide the number of courses by 2, because one Universal Corner will cover two of these courses. The resulting number is how many Universal Corner Panels you'll need for your project. Don't forget to add a few for scrap or jobsite damage. Multiply the number of panels by 2 sq. ft. to determine the "corner coverage"

**Important Note:** Each Universal Corner provides one left and one right with your first step of cutting the panel into 2 pieces.

**Formula:**

Net Wall Area – Corner Coverage – Trim Stone

Coverage = Flat Panel Area

Flat Panel Area / 2 = Number of flat panels required

Height of corner (in feet) x 12 / 8 = Number of corner panels required

A factor for scrap should be included, and it is suggested you start with 10%. As you become more familiar with the product you will be able to drive this requirement lower.

### Fasteners

Each full flat panel requires a minimum of 4 fasteners. Install 4 fasteners per panel when the length is greater than 18". Panels greater than 18" should have 2 of the 4 fasteners into framing. Add one additional fastener if only one framing location occurs behind the panel.

### Starter Strip

Starter strip requirements are equal to base wall width measured in feet and rounded up to the nearest 10 foot increment. See Figure 2 on page 1.

### J Channel

J Channel requirements are determined by measuring perimeter of window and door openings, trim material transitions, cladding transitions and any control joints. See Figure 3 on page 1.

### Tools

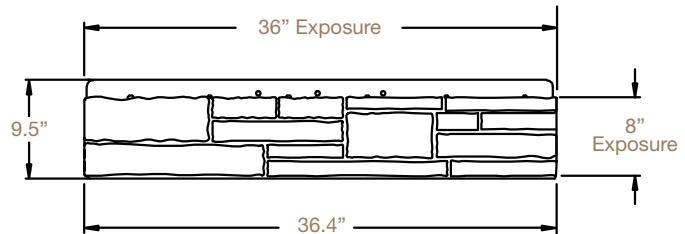
Hammer, circular saw, hand grinder, table saw or wet saw with continuous diamond turbo blade, level, laser level (optional), chalk line, tape measure, pneumatic roofing nail gun (optional), tin snips, 5/16" rod or dowel (optional), brush, small screwdriver. Follow tool manufacturer's safety instructions.

### Partial Panel and Accessory Adhesive

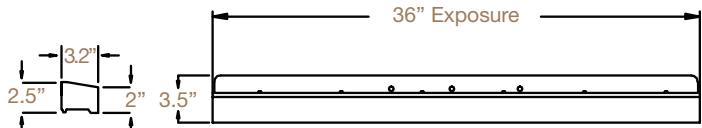
Each 10 fl. oz. cartridge will adhere approximately 4 partial panels. Likely areas where partial panels will be installed include; under windows, eave terminations, and at horizontal material transitions. Determine estimated length of these areas and divide by 3 and then by 4. This will provide an estimate number of 10 oz. tubes you may need. PL Premium Construction Adhesive is a recommended adhesive.

## DETERMINE AND MARK YOUR STARTING POINT

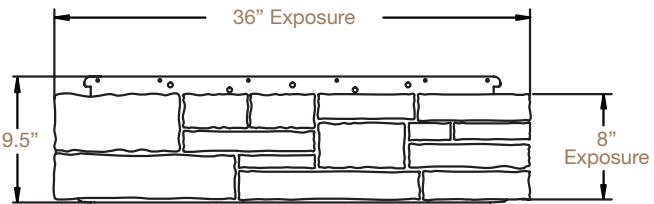
**FIGURE 5 - FLAT PANEL**



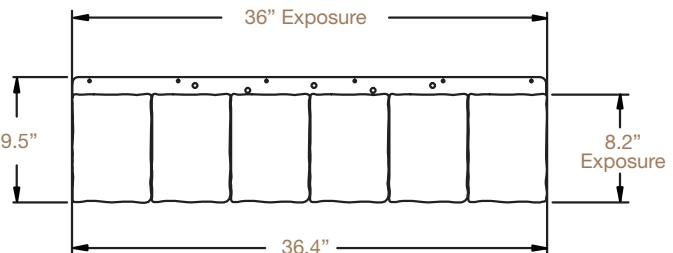
**FIGURE 6 - WAINSCOT CAP**



**FIGURE 7 - UNIVERSAL CORNER (UN-CUT)**



**FIGURE 8 - TRIM PANEL**



## Colored Sanded Caulk

A colored sanded caulk will be helpful to conceal any supplementary fasteners or odd material terminations.

## Personal Protective Equipment

Safety glasses or goggles, a properly fitted NIOSH approved N-95 series disposable particulate filtering facepiece respirator (formerly referred to as "dust masks"), gloves, ear plugs or muffs, steel toe boots and hard hat.

## SUNDRY MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS

### Water Resistive Barrier (WRB)

Minimum one layer of Grade D building paper or other WRB material meeting the requirements of ICC Acceptance Criteria #38 or ASTM E 2556/E 2556M. #15 felt provides a dark background that helps conceal any area where texture or installation allow the WRB to show. Local building code or climate may require 2 layers of WRB. It is acceptable to install felt or building paper over an existing housewrap.

### Fasteners

Fasteners must be corrosion-resistant galvanized roofing nails or screws with head diameter 3/8" minimum and shank 1/8" and length suitable to penetrate framing material minimum 1". Electro-galvanized are acceptable but may exhibit premature corrosion. Boral Stone Products recommends the use of quality, hot-dipped galvanized nails or screws. Boral is not responsible for the corrosion resistance of fastener. **Note: Treated lumber may react with metal or coating of fastener. Determine material compatibility when selecting fasteners.**

## BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Inspect the area of installation to determine that framing has been done 16" on center and that the sheathing material is minimum 7/16" OSB or minimum 1/2" plywood. Verify that an appropriate water resistive barrier, flashing and caulking have been installed, or that they are part of your installation package. Check walls are plumb and square and identify any defects or protrusions. Contact the builder, registered design professional or contractor to correct any deficiencies before you proceed.

## SURFACE PREPARATION

### Water Resistive Barrier (WRB) Application

Cover sheathing with minimum one layer of WRB, following the installation instructions provided by the manufacturer and local building code requirements. Wrap WRB minimum 16" past all inside and outside corners. Integrate WRB with all flashing. Do not fasten bottom 12" at this time.

### Wall Layout

#### Marking Framing Locations

Mark vertical framing locations with pencil or chalk line. It may also be helpful to mark horizontal framing locations in areas around windows, doors and wall terminations.

### Determine and mark your starting point

The product must maintain a clearance from grade of a minimum 4" if soil and 2" if a hard surface such as paving or concrete. It is critical that your starting line be a level line and positioned so that appropriate clearance from grade is achieved. This location will also determine the size of partial units when you reach penetrations like windows and doors. Take time to plan a location that provides realistic unit sizes above and below windows and doors. Product dimensions have been provided to assist you with this step.

See Figures 5-8 on page 2.

Verify that your intended starting line provides an equal height distance to overhang, trim or cladding. Once a starting location has been determined, tack or tape WRB up and mark on sheathing. Account for starter strip nailing flange, so that bottom of starter strip lands on your desired starting location. Extend a chalk line or pencil line, across the entire surface to be covered.

### Markings to Stay Level

Panels are designed to help maintain level and plumb courses but it is also advised that you mark level lines periodically up the wall as a reference. A level line every 24" is recommended. This allows you to quickly measure to the line to verify panels are still running level. Adjusting panel spacing to catch up distance or level can be done but this must be done in 1/16" or less increments.

## INSTALLATION

### Starter Strip

Install starter strip perfectly level at your starting point line. Fasten with roofing nails or screws every 8"-10". Fasteners should not be driven tight. Allow 1/32" gap between fastener head and strip. Additional fasteners may be added to assure strip does not easily pull away from wall at bottom edge. Lap WRB over starter strip nail flange. See Figure 4 on page 1.

### J Channel

Install J Channel at windows, doors, material transitions, penetrations or terminations. Fasten with roofing nails or screws every 8"-10". Fasteners should not be driven tight. Allow 1/32" gap between fastener head and channel. You may need to use tape to hold screen in place until panels are installed.

Starter Strip and J Channel are subject to expansion and contraction with temperature change. Allow a 1/4" clearance at all stops or at material butt joints. Fasteners should be placed in the center of nail slots and driven straight. Do not nail tight. Maintain a 1/32" clearance (about the thickness of a dime) between the fastener head and the channel flange material. **Drill 3/8" drain holes every 12" in trim channel when used in horizontal applications.**

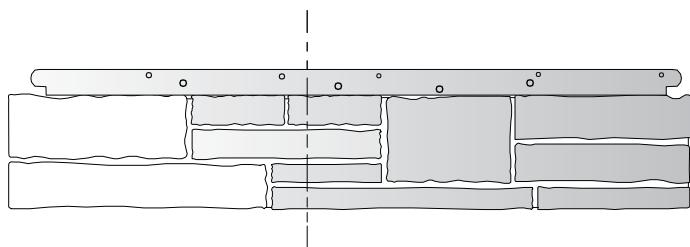
## Installing Panels, General Rules and Tips of installation

- Panels are installed from bottom to top.
- Panels are lapped in shingle fashion, so that tongue seats completely in groove.
- Panels should be staggered from one row to the next to avoid the alignment of vertical joints. Corners will provide stagger if used.
- Fasteners should be driven straight and flush.
- Pneumatic nails should be driven directly through nail flange. Pre-drilled holes are for hand nail or screw installation.
- Panels and corners must be installed level and plumb.
- For best appearance, pull product from multiple boxes as you work.

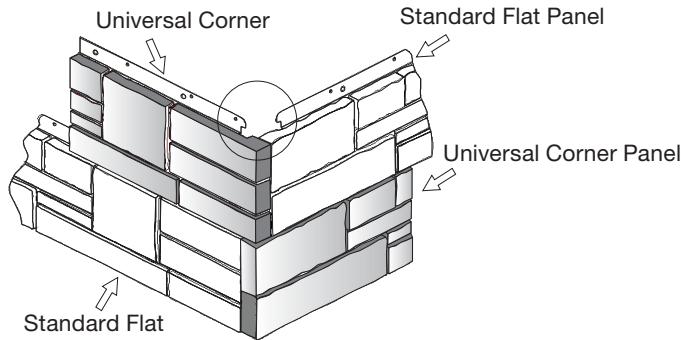
Versetta Stone® panels may be hand nailed or applied with pneumatic nail gun or screw gun. Fasteners should be a minimum of 1/2" from any edge of the panel, and into framing as detailed later in these instructions.

## INSTALLING UNIVERSAL CORNERS

**Important Note:** Universal Corners must be cut into 2 pieces to create left and right. Ideally you want to cut random lengths to assist with staggered appearance and avoid pieces shorter than 8".



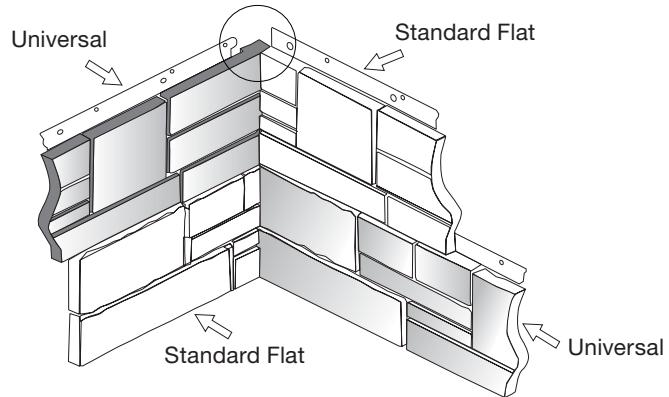
### Used as Outside Corner



Start at bottom of wall and position one half of a Universal Corner, nail flange up, cut edge away from corner, into the starter strip. Set a standard flat panel into the starter strip on the adjacent wall. Slide the Universal Corner to extend past the wall edge and slide the standard flat to intersect with the Universal Corner. The standard flat end tongue will land in a small groove on the back of the Universal Corner. Fine tune the corner appearance with slight adjustments of both

pieces until you get the best fit. Fasten the Universal Corner per the instructions for Flat Panels which appear later in this document (Page 5). Each Universal Corner will require a minimum of 2 fasteners when length is 18" or less, with at least 1 into framing. Install 4 fasteners per panel when the length is greater than 18". Panels greater than 18" should have 2 of the 4 fasteners into framing. Add one additional fastener if only one framing location occurs behind the panel. Alternate the use of left and right end of the Universal Corner Panel on each course.

### Used as Inside Corner

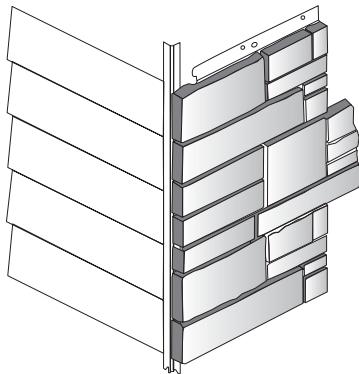


The Universal Corner is manufactured so that 2" at each end of the panel has minimal texture. This minimal texture provides a superior fit when a standard flat panel is terminated into the face of the Universal Corner. Use of the Universal Corner here translates to smaller gaps and superior appearance.

Start at bottom of wall and position one half of a Universal Corner, nail flange up, cut edge away from corner, into the starter strip. The Universal Corner panel must be pushed all the way into the corner before proceeding (see circle in drawing above). Install a standard flat panel into the starter strip of the adjacent wall and butt into the face of the Universal Corner. If you are using un-cut standard flat panel, it will be necessary to remove the side tongue from the standard flat on the end that will butt into the face of the Universal Corner. Fasten the Universal Corner per the instructions above for use as outside corner. Fasten the standard flat panel per the instructions for Flat Panels (Page 5). Start the next course inside corner with the remaining half of your original Universal Corner Panel. This step will enable the courses to alternate providing a woven inside corner. Continue up the wall following the same steps.

**Important Note:** The Universal Corner panel must be pushed all the way into the corner before installation of adjacent flat panel. See circle in drawing above.

## Used as End Wall Termination



Applications where the Versetta Stone® Siding System will terminate without a corner return, the Universal Corner can be used to create an attractive finished end. Keep in mind, once cut, your Universal Corner provides you both left and right ends. If your termination application is only on one end of the wall, you will not be able to utilize both ends of the Universal Corner Panel.

Start the installation as you would a standard flat panel or outside corner application. The cut edge of the Universal Corner will face away from the termination point. You have the option to extend the Universal Corner beyond the wall termination up to 3" to achieve the best transition to the adjoining wall covering. For best appearance align all courses to have a similar overhang.

### Flat Panels

Starting at the bottom of the wall, position first panel, with nailing flange up, and tongue into the starter channel. Fasten panel with total of 4 fasteners in the top nailing flange. A minimum of 2 fasteners must penetrate framing, end fasteners must be located within 3" of the end of the panel. Next, position second panel into the starter channel and slide to nest end tabs with edge of the first panel. Install fasteners as you did for the first panel. Continue down the wall repeating this procedure until you reach the end. Before next course clean any debris from first course groove. A brush or small screwdriver works well for cleaning grooves. If corner panels are not being used, start next course with a half panel and install tongue into groove on top of first course. Repeat.

An automatic stagger is created by long and short leg of corner panel. Therefore, a half panel every other course is not required when corner panels are used.

### PARTIAL PANELS AND ACCESSORIES

Throughout the project full panels will need to be cut and modified to fit. In some cases nailing flanges will be removed. Products without nail flanges must be fastened using adhesive. Adhesive can not be expected to hold if bonded directly to water resistive barrier. In order to achieve good bond and mechanical connection to framing, a material must be first nailed to framing in the area where

adhesive will bond. Non-painted, clean metal flashing or expanded metal lath, fastened 16" on center into framing provides an adequate bonding surface. After bonding surface has been prepared, apply minimum 3/8" beads of adhesive, in vertical beads, every 2"-3". Install partial panel and press into adhesive to assure complete contact. It may be necessary to insert a wedge or shim between partial panel and trim to hold during curing. If the partial panel or accessory will not be retained by a Versetta Stone® trim channel or other wood/composite trim material, additional fasteners are required. Screws are the fastener of choice for this step. As a general rule, one additional fastener every 16" will be sufficient to supplement the adhesive. The Versetta Stone® panel or accessory will need to be pre-drilled with a masonry drill bit of an appropriate size, as recommended by the fastener manufacturer. See "Sundry Material Requirements" section for fastener requirements (Page 3). The head of this fastener will likely be visible when the installation is complete. To conceal it, we recommend a dab of colored, sanded caulk. Fasteners are easier to conceal in shaded or darker areas of the stone, but may crack a panel if installed in the simulated mortar joints. Do not over tighten fasteners. Use enough force to pull the panel into the adhesive and maintain substantial contact during curing.

### INSTALLING VERSSETTA STONE® WAINSCOT CAP PRODUCT IN A WAINSCOT APPLICATION

Place the Versetta Stone® Wainscot Cap product on top of previously installed Versetta Stone® panel application with tongue on back of sill into groove of Versetta Stone® flat panels below. Fasten with a minimum of 4 fasteners through the nailing flange. A minimum of 2 fasteners must penetrate framing. End fasteners must be located within 3" of the end of the nail flange. If desired, you may supplement the application with adhesive as outlined in the "Partial Panel and Accessories" section of these instructions. "L" brackets (included) are not required when using this method.

### INSTALLING VERSSETTA STONE® WAINSCOT CAP PRODUCT IN A WINDOW SILL APPLICATION

In applications where the Versetta Stone® Wainscot Cap will be used under an existing window or opening, removal of the exposed portion of the nailing flange is necessary. Utilize a grinder with appropriate wheel or metal snips to remove the nailing flange **CAUTION: THIS STEP MAY PRODUCE SHARP EDGES WHICH SHOULD BE AVOIDED. HANDLE WITH CARE AND WEAR CUT RESISTANT GLOVES.** This application also requires the use of "L" brackets (included) to support the sill. To facilitate proper fit of the bracket, a portion of the backside tongue will need to be removed in the locations the bracket will contact the sill. Utilize hand grinder to remove the tongue in these locations. Brackets will be mounted at framing locations and should be spaced to allow 2 brackets per Versetta Stone® Wainscot Cap. Following the application instructions for "Partial Panels and Accessories" and install metal flashing or metal lath material at location where Versetta Stone® Wainscot Cap will be installed. Hold Versetta Stone® Wainscot Cap under window and mark bottom location. Next, mark framing locations and install "L"

brackets, with screws that penetrate framing minimum one inch, at locations marked. Apply 3/8" minimum vertical beads of construction adhesive every 2"-3" to the wall, the back of the sill or both. Vertical beads should extend onto both surfaces of the "L" bracket. Note: The "L" bracket's vertical surface is an acceptable mounting location for adhesive and can act as the mechanical connection to framing discussed in the "Partial Panel and Accessories" section (Page 5) of these instructions. Place Versetta Stone® Wainscot Cap into place, level, and press firmly into adhesive. It is important to maintain full adhesive contact. Shim cap or bend "L" brackets to achieve full adhesive contact and level status.

Additional temporary support may be needed to maintain full adhesive contact until adhesive cures.

## INSTALLING VERSETTA STONE® WAINTSCOT CAP PRODUCT USING A COMBINATION METHOD.

In some applications the Versetta Stone® Wainscot Cap product will extend beyond the jamb of a window and a combination of both methods above may be used. Hold the Versetta Stone® Wainscot Cap under window and determine how much of it will extend beyond the window jamb. Mark and remove the appropriate portion of the nail flange as outlined on in the "Installing Versetta Stone® Wainscot Cap Product In A Window Sill Application" section of these instructions (Page 5). Following that same section, to prepare the surface with metal flashing or metal lath and "L" brackets. However, extend this treatment behind entire Versetta Stone® Wainscot Cap mounting location. Apply adhesive as directed to the entire mounting location. Place Versetta Stone® Wainscot Cap into place, level, and press firmly into adhesive. It is important to maintain full adhesive contact. Shim Wainscot Cap or bend "L" brackets to achieve full adhesive contact and level status. Install fasteners through available nail flange as outlined in the "Installing Versetta Stone® Wainscot Cap Product In A Wainscot Application" section (Page 5) of these instructions.

Additional temporary support may be needed to maintain full adhesive contact until adhesive cures.

## INSTALLING VERSETTA STONE® TRIM STONE

Prepare the surface as outlined in the "Partial Panel and Accessories" section (Page 5) of these instructions. Apply 3/8" minimum vertical beads of construction adhesive every 2"-3" to flashing/lath, back of trim stone or both. Note: It is important that the adhesive bead be large enough to create contact between stone and flashing.

Place trim stone tight to adjacent window/door/trim and press firmly into adhesive. Continue trim stone installation by attaching stone to wall, with 6 screws through pre-drilled nailing flange holes. Do not use nails for this application.

Note: If the Versetta Stone® Trim Stone will not be retained by a Versetta Stone® J/Starter Channel or other wood/composite trim material, additional fasteners are required

through the masonry portion of the panel. Screws are the fastener of choice for this step. As a general rule, one additional fastener every 16" will be sufficient to supplement the adhesive. The Versetta Stone® Trim Stone will need to be pre-drilled with a masonry drill bit of an appropriate size, as recommended by the fastener manufacturer. See "Sundry Material Requirements" section (Page 3) for fastener requirements. The head of this fastener will likely be visible when the installation is complete. To conceal it, we recommend a dab of colored, sanded caulk. Fasteners are easier to conceal in shaded or darker areas of the stone, but may crack a panel if installed in the simulated mortar joints. Do not over tighten fasteners. Use enough force to pull the panel into the adhesive and maintain substantial contact during curing.

## INSTALLING VERSETTA STONE® ACCESSORIES ELECTRICAL/LIGHT ACCESSORIES

Identify electrical box connection location and verify that power has been disconnected. Prepare the surface as outlined in the "Partial Panel and Accessories" section (Page 5) of these installation instructions. Prior to installation of metal flashing/lath, trace enclosed electrical box extension onto the flashing or lath. Flashing material should be a minimum of 4" larger than Versetta Stone® product being installed. Cut hole into flashing material to match outline of electrical box extension. Install flashing material over existing outlet box. Flashing/lath material fasteners should penetrate framing a minimum of 1". Fasten electrical box extension to existing electrical box keeping box level and plumb. If a telescoping electrical box extension is being used, fasten it using 1 1/2" screws. The extension box flange should be set equal to the thickness of the Versetta Stone® Accessories Electrical Box thickness. Weather-proof the perimeter of box penetration with additional flashing/caulk. Apply a self adhered flashing material over top edge of flashing, overlapping 1". Temporarily place light box stone over box extension making sure it is level and plumb. Trace light box stone perimeter onto flashing material. Remove light box stone and store for installation later. Install Versetta Stone® panels, using standard installation, up and around traced electrical light box stone lines. Continue with balance of Versetta Stone® panel installation to complete the wall. Once the wall is completed you are ready to install the light box stone. Apply 3/8" vertical beads of adhesive every 2"-3". Adhesive beads must be thick enough to make substantial contact with back of light box stone. Install light box stone and press into adhesive to assure complete contact. Maintain pressure against electrical/light box stone to ensure proper initial bond. It may be necessary to insert a wedge or shim between box extension and light box stone or Versetta Stone® panels, to hold level and plumb during curing. Additional temporary support may be needed to maintain full adhesive contact until adhesive cures.

Refer to adhesive manufacturer installation instructions for temperature and cure time recommendations.

## CUTTING AND MODIFICATIONS

Always follow safe tool operation instructions provided by tool manufacturer. Always wear eye protection, hearing protection and a dust mask while cutting or trimming<sup>1</sup>. Do not cut more than one panel at a time. Straight and angle cuts can be made with any of the cutting tools outlined in the “Tools” section (Page 2) of this document. Tools with a fence provide a clean and fast cut, i.e. table saw or miter saw. Trimming and staggered cuts are best made with a hand grinder utilizing a masonry blade. Holes can be made with a masonry hole saw, drill or grinder with a masonry blade. Always safely support and stabilize the panel during modification.

## CLEANING

Cutting dust and general construction dust can be removed with clean water and a nylon bristle brush. Stubborn dirt may require the addition of a granulated general detergent. Do not clean with harsh chemicals or acid products.

## SALT AND DE-ICING CHEMICALS

All concrete and masonry materials are vulnerable to damage by salt and de-icing chemicals. Do not use salt or de-icing chemicals on the product or in areas adjacent that may splash onto it. See printed warranty for more details.

## GOOD BUILDING PRACTICES

Make sure the product is being applied to a wall or structure that meets all building code requirements. Code approved flashing materials must be present at all terminations, penetrations and material transitions. Control water and minimize penetration caused by roof run off, gutters and downspouts. If there is any question as to the integrity of the wall or water management principles, contact the appropriate owner, registered design professional or builder for corrective measures.

## REPAIR/REMOVE/REPLACE

Using a masonry saw or grinder with a diamond blade and proper personal protective equipment, cut out the area to be replaced. Take care to avoid damaging the weather resistant barrier behind the panel. Trim new panels to fit the area you just cut out. Repair any damage to the water resistive barrier, making sure to lap and seal in shingle fashion. Follow the partial panel installation method to install replacement panel.

\*Versetta Stone® Technology Patent Pending

1. **CAUTION:** Contains Crystalline Silica. Dusts from cutting or sawing may create possible cancer hazard. Dusts of this product may cause irritation of the nose, throat and respiratory tract. Avoid prolonged or repeated inhalation of dusts from this product.

A properly fitted NIOSH approved N-95 series disposable particulate filtering face piece respirator (formerly referred to as “dust masks”) should be used when mechanically altering this product (e.g., sawing, cutting, drilling or similar dust generating processes). Wear long-sleeved shirt, long pants, gloves and safety glasses with side shields when handling and installing material. Wash hands and face with soap and warm water immediately after handling this product.

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