

STACKED STONE TO WOOD

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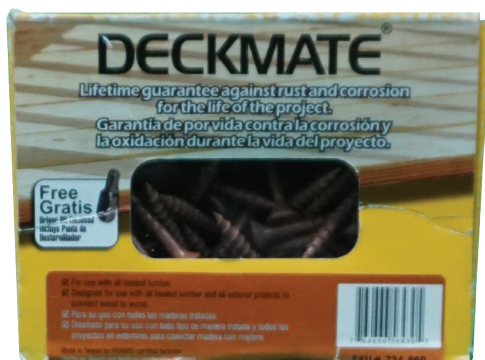
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- 2.5" Non Corrosive Deck Screw (for Ledger)
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Exterior Installations



Interior Installations

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This method of applications would be used over plywood, OSB, or any other wood siding product. GenStone must be installed onto a surface that is flat. After applying a moisture barrier (per manufacturer's instructions) use 2.5" exterior grade non-corrosive deck screws to attach the panels. Longer screws are needed for installing ledgers. To begin the layout, use a level and chalk line to mark a line across the substrate at or above the top edge of your bottom row of panels. This will give you a reference as you run your panels and allow you to keep your project framing square. Repeating these steps as you progress up the wall will allow you to make any necessary adjustments and maintain an accurate installation. Begin your installation in the lower left corner and proceed to the right down the wall in a single row. If you are using GenStone 90° Corners, start by fitting the corner first and then the panel next to it for your first row. It is critical that the first row be as level and square as possible because all other panels build from this row. Shoot non-corrosive deck screws into the positive shiplap edge about every 8", countersinking them up to 1/8" deep. Starting about 1" from the bottom of the panel, shoot 3 or 4 screws evenly and at an upward angle through the face of the panel. Place screws in the shadows of the panel near a grout line. Fill screw holes with GenStone Color Matched Caulking when complete. Use GenStone Color Matched Touch-Up Paint to blend any area where the caulking is noticeable. Apply a 1/4" bead of GenStone Color Match Caulking to all positive edges to ensure a watertight barrier.





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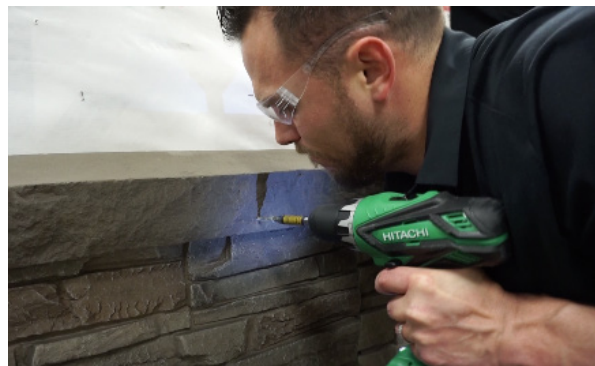
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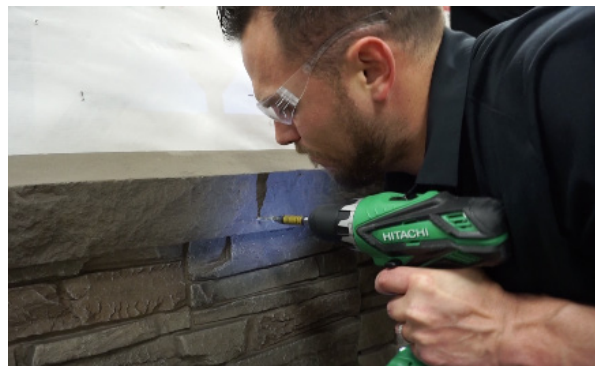
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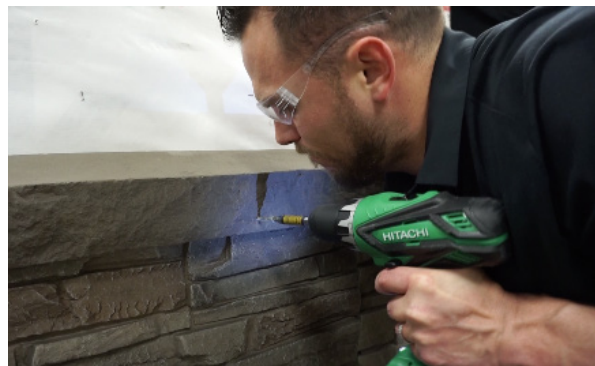
NEGATIVE SHIPLAP EDGES

Some installations may require a new negative shiplap edge to be cut into a piece. This can be done with a table saw, router or router table, or if neither are available, a circular saw preferably with a guide. Use a panel to determine the height (on the table saw) or depth (with a circular saw) to set the blade. This should be equal to the horizontal cut of the shiplap edge (approximately 1"). Once the blade is set, make the cut, then reset the height or depth to match the depth cut of the shiplap edge (approximately 1/2") effectively cutting a rectangle of material out of the corner. A router or router table can also be used to remove this material leaving the new negative shiplap edge.



LEDGERS

The screw used for shooting through the ledger will be longer than the screws used for panel installations in order to provide good bite into the substrate. We recommend 2.5" screws. To install a piece of ledger, apply adhesive to the back of the ledger and to the top of the positive shiplap edge of the panel that is already attached to the substrate. Then fit the negative shiplap edge of the ledger down onto the positive edge of the panel. Proceed by placing screws at an angle through the face of the ledger at both ends, countersinking the screw 1/8". Continue by shooting the longer screws in the center of the ledger through the face, countersinking 1/8". Once installation is complete, GenStone Color Matched Caulking should be used to cover any line between ledgers and to fill all screw holes. Use GenStone Color Matched Touch-Up Paint to blend colors.



FITTING PIECES TO FILL IN THE GAPS

Measure the gap from left to right. Measure from grey to grey. Do not measure the fingers. This represents the overall panel length that should be cut. When cutting a panel to fit, you will want to use the factory edges on each of the end and cut what needs to be removed from the middle of the panel. Be sure when making your cut to cut in a place that will be cutting through the bricks not the mortar. Mark your panel on the back side and cut to size. Once you have your panel cut down to the correct lengths, install to you substrate. Paint all exposed foam with GenStone Color Matched Touch-Up Paint. Install as previously directed.



CAULKING

Surfaces must be clean, frost-free, and free of oil, grease, or any other contaminants. Avoid contact with alcohol and solvent cleaners while curing. For the best results, apply a thin bead of caulking, not to exceed 1/2" in thickness, to the positive shiplap edge and behind each of the finger tabs. Fill screw holes with GenStone Color Matched Caulking. Some stones will be a different color than the filler. Use GenStone Color Matched Touch-Up Paint to blend the area to the correct color. Recommended installation temperatures are 40° - 100° F. The curing process can take up to 2 weeks.

WINDOWS, DOORS, & ROOF LINES

GenStone Trim or J-channel is recommended around all openings. Secure panel deep enough to protect edge and cover exposed edges with GenStone Color Matched Touch-Up Paint.

REPAIRING MINOR DAMAGE

Minor damage to GenStone products can be repaired by painting over the damaged area with GenStone Color Matched Touch Up Paint. GenStone Color Matched Caulking or an exterior grade filler can be used on larger areas needing repair. Blend the area with GenStone Color Match Touch-Up Paint to match existing color.



APPLYING TO GYPSUM BOARD

Adhesive is not recommended for installation over gypsum board. Always keep the positive edge of the shiplap at the top. Drive drywall screws into the positive shiplap edge about every 8", countersinking them up to 1/8" deep. Starting about 1" from the bottom of the panel, drive 2 or 3 screws evenly and at an upward angle through the face of the panel. Place screws in the shadows of the panel near a grout line. Fill screw holes with GenStone Color Matched Caulking when complete. Use GenStone Color Matched Touch-Up Paint to blend any area where the caulking is noticeable. Apply a 1/4" bead of GenStone Color Match Caulking to all positive edges to ensure a watertight barrier.

