

Quality Technical Bulletin

Basic EIFS Installation Quality Tips







EIFS, when properly detailed and installed, will provide the Owner with a long lasting exterior cladding option. The specific EIFS manufacturer and EIMA (EIFS Industry Members Association) details must be followed in order to achieve, with proper Owner maintenance, a long lasting confident installation. Detailing is critical and we should always review job specific details with the installer prior to the start of installation.

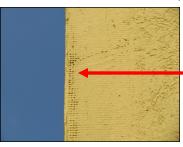
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This is "Back Wrapping" Must be installed at: **Openings Penetrations** Light Fixtures Edges At Vinyl Trim

Base coat is improperly in the

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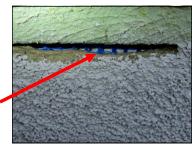
- □ ALWAYS REVIEW INSTALLATION PROCEDURES WITH the SUB at a *Pre-Installation Meeting*.
- Discuss cold & Hot weather Mfr requirements...Obtain a written plan prior to the start of installation.
- ☐ Make sure that the glue tracks ALWAYS run up and down to facilitate proper drainage.
- □ BACK WRAP ALL EDGES (Mesh and base coat) See diagram to the left...



☐ The mesh should always be fully coated and not visible.

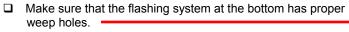
The base coat is not properly covering the mesh

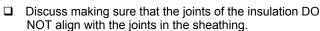
This edge is not properly back wrapped...as the mesh is visible.



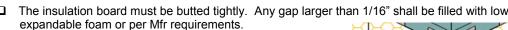
- Verify that EIFS is not being installed below grade.
- Review horizontal surfaces. EIFS requires a minimum slope of 1:2 Verify w/ Mfr.
- Never allow adhesives or base coats fill the joints in the EPS (Insulation).
- Review sealant specifications and follow Mfr requirements (they sometimes require a specific primer)...review previous Pepper Technical Bulletin on Sealant & EIFS.
- Review sealant joints to be installed...look out for fillet joints, which would require that the finish coat be held back for proper sealant adhesion.
- Never use open cell backer rod with EIFS.

(Open backer rod is sometimes called "Denver Foam"...it is typically yellow in color.)





- Discuss making sure finish coat is NOT being installed under locations where sealant is installed.
- If using vinyl trim accessories, review manufacturer requirements for EIFS installation.



Outside corners typically should have 8" minimum

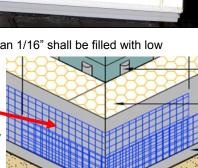
overlapping mesh.

This pipe was NOT

properly back

wrapped

- This window has pre-back wrapped edges around the window opening... which is very efficient.
- ☐ EIFS itself does not need expansion joints...expansion joints are needs if EIFS adjoins a dissimilar material, change in plane, floor lines, and substrate changes.



This electrical box was properly back wrapped