

CERTAINTEED COLORMAX®
PREFINISHED SOLID COLORS AND STAINS
FIBER CEMENT SIDING

15-YEAR
LIMITED

WARRANTY

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CONGRATULATIONS! ...and thank you for your recent purchase of CertainTeed ColorMax® Prefinished Fiber Cement Siding. You can feel confident that you have made a wise decision buying from a company that is an industry leader and stands behind its products with strong warranty protection. Since 1904, CertainTeed has been producing quality building products that provide long-lasting beauty and protection for homes of every size, style and age. In addition to fiber cement siding, CertainTeed offers roofing, vinyl siding, windows, fence, railing, trim, decking, foundations, pipe, insulation, gypsum and ceiling products. For more than 100 years, the origin of our name continues to be our ongoing philosophy, “Quality made *certain*, satisfaction *guaranteed*.”

NOTE: *This warranty applies to the ColorMax Prefinished coating only. Please refer to the CertainTeed WeatherBoards™ warranty for fiber cement product issues.*

WARRANTY

Limited, Prorated and Transferable

What and Who Is Covered and for How Long

CertainTeed warrants to the original property owner/consumer that CertainTeed ColorMax Prefinished coating (herein referred to as “ColorMax”) applied on its WeatherBoards™ Fiber Cement Siding, when such siding is properly installed and subject to normal handling and use:

- Will remain washable with a mild detergent, soft sponge and hose rinse. (*Power washing and/or harsh chemical solutions are not recommended and will void the terms of this warranty.*)
- Will not peel, crack, flake or yellow.
- Will not cause discoloration or stains due to chalking on back or other surfaces below coating.
- Will not erode to expose the surface of the WeatherBoards Fiber Cement Siding.

The duration of the warranty shall be fifteen (15) years (“Warranty Period”) from the date of the original installation of the ColorMax siding. Subject to the Warranty Proration Schedule on page 4, CertainTeed will pay to provide replacement coating (paint) should any manufacturing defect to the ColorMax coating occur during the Warranty Period. Under no circumstances and in no event, however, will CertainTeed pay for or be liable for any labor charges or other expenses whatsoever in connection with the removal, repair or installation of either the original or replacement WeatherBoards Fiber Cement Siding, except as provided under SureStart™ protection described below.

SureStart™ Protection

ColorMax coating applied on CertainTeed WeatherBoards Fiber Cement Siding is covered for the period of fifteen (15) years following the date of completed installation of the siding. Under the SureStart protection warranty feature, CertainTeed will pay 100% of the cost for paint and labor to replace the ColorMax coating for the first two years after installation, should any manufacturing defect to the ColorMax coating occur during the SureStart protection period. For the remaining 13 years, CertainTeed will pay 100% of the cost for paint and a percentage of the cost for labor as outlined in the Warranty Proration Schedule. CertainTeed’s maximum liability under SureStart protection will be equal to the reasonable cost to replace the defective coating at current value, including labor in connection with the removal or repair of the original coating or application of the replacement coating, not to exceed a total labor cost of \$1.00 per square foot.

Transferability

This Limited Warranty for ColorMax Prefinished coating is transferable by the original property owner/consumer of ColorMax Prefinished Fiber Cement Siding to the first subsequent property owner/consumer under the terms and conditions of this warranty, including any remaining period of the SureStart protection. The duration of the warranty, measured from the date of installation of the siding, will remain the same as for the original property owner/consumer. However, the subsequent property owner cannot transfer the warranty a second time to another property owner.

Limitations

This Limited Warranty does not provide protection against, and CertainTeed will have no liability under this warranty for, any failure, defect, or damage caused by circumstances and events beyond normal exposure conditions and/or beyond CertainTeed's control, including but not limited to:

- Improper transportation, handling or storage of the ColorMax Prefinished Fiber Cement Siding by either the installer or the property owner, including but not limited to: failure to keep the material dry, improper drainage, exposure to standing water, inadequate ventilation, excessive stacking weight, or otherwise causing moisture damage, surface contamination, surface defects, efflorescence, chalking or other damage.
- Failure of either the installer or the property owner to provide reasonable and necessary maintenance to the ColorMax Prefinished Fiber Cement Siding before, during or after its installation, including but not limited to: abrasions from rubbing, scratching, dents, dings or other causes; damage caused by tools, ladders, scaffolding and other job site tools.
- Use of accessories that do not properly receive and/or secure WeatherBoards Fiber Cement Siding.
- Improper installation of the siding not in strict adherence with CertainTeed's written instructions in place at the time of the original installation of WeatherBoards Fiber Cement Siding.
- Defects in, failure of or damage to the wall or substrate on which the ColorMax Prefinished Fiber Cement Siding is installed caused by movement, distortion, cracking or settling of the wall or substrate or the foundation of the building.
- Exposure to harmful chemicals, fumes, vapors or outside source stains.
- Discoloration, stains or other damage arising from exposure to outside sources such as, but not limited to, salt spray, air pollution (including metallic oxides or metallic particles), harmful chemicals, mold or mildew growth. *(Mold and mildew are functions of environmental conditions and are not manufacturing defects. As such, they are not covered under this Limited Warranty or any implied warranty.)*
- Negligence in, or failure to provide, reasonable and necessary maintenance of the ColorMax Prefinished Fiber Cement Siding (see the Care and Maintenance section of the warranty), including but not limited to: caulking joints, tightening fasteners, removing dirt and other contaminants, touching up damaged areas and other appropriate maintenance.
- Failure to remove the film protecting the siding during installation.
- Impact of foreign objects, fire, earthquake, flood, lightning, hail, hurricane, tornado, windstorm or other casualty or act of God.
- Color change or fading due to weathering, defined as exposure to sunlight and extremes of weather and atmosphere that will cause any colored surface to gradually fade, chalk, or accumulate dirt or stains. The severity of any condition depends on the geographical location of the building, the cleanliness of the air in the area, and many other influences over which CertainTeed has no control.
- Use of any primer, sealer, paint or other coating applied over the ColorMax coating that is not recommended or supplied by CertainTeed regardless of compliance with the primer, sealer, paint or coating manufacturer's recommended application techniques or specifications.
- Improper application of any primer, sealer, paint or other coating recommended or supplied by CertainTeed that is applied over the ColorMax coating (primer, sealer, paint or coating-related concerns should be addressed to the manufacturer of the product applied).
- Vandalism or acts of war.
- Any other damage not caused by a defect in the coating or its application.

CertainTeed reserves the right to discontinue or modify any of its products, including the color, without notice to the property owner, and CertainTeed will not be liable in the event the replacement material varies in color or gloss in comparison to the original material as a result of normal weathering. If CertainTeed replaces any material under this warranty, CertainTeed may substitute products designated by it to be of comparable quality or price range if the original material has been discontinued or modified.

Warranty Proration Schedule

Number of Years of Use Obtained After Installation	CertainTeed's Share of Warranty Obligation for PAINT	CertainTeed's Prorated Share of Warranty Obligation for LABOR
0-2	100%	100%
more than 2 but less than 3	100%	93%
more than 3 but less than 4	100%	86%
more than 4 but less than 5	100%	79%
more than 5 but less than 6	100%	72%
more than 6 but less than 7	100%	65%
more than 7 but less than 8	100%	58%
more than 8 but less than 9	100%	51%
more than 9 but less than 10	100%	44%
more than 10 but less than 11	100%	37%
more than 11 but less than 12	100%	30%
more than 12 but less than 13	100%	23%
more than 13 but less than 14	100%	16%
more than 14 but less than 15	100%	9%

What the Property Owner Must Do

If you believe you have a manufacturing defect in the ColorMax Prefinished coating covered under the terms of this Limited Warranty, you must promptly notify CertainTeed and provide proof of the date of purchase and installation of the ColorMax Prefinished Fiber Cement Siding, as well as confirmation of property ownership. Unless you provide such proof, CertainTeed will use the date of manufacture as the start of the warranty period. In order for CertainTeed to process your warranty claim, you must provide a detailed written description of the problem and photographs showing the reason for the claim, sufficient for CertainTeed to act on the claim.

Upon receipt of a properly reported claim, CertainTeed will evaluate the claim and if a defect covered under the terms of this Limited Warranty is confirmed, CertainTeed, within a reasonable amount of time after review and evaluation, will pay to repair, replace or refund the property owner in accordance with the terms of this Limited Warranty. In order to properly evaluate and process a claim, CertainTeed may require the property owner to submit a sample of the material claimed to be defective to CertainTeed for analysis and/or at CertainTeed's request, may require the property owner to arrange for and provide access to the property on which the material is installed, to the extent necessary, for a CertainTeed representative to inspect, take photographs and/or samples if required.

All references in this warranty to ColorMax Prefinished Fiber Cement Siding include any ColorMax Prefinished Fiber Cement Shapes or Soffit or Trim which is installed in conjunction with the original ColorMax Prefinished Fiber Cement Siding.

Warranty Registration Information

Failure to register this warranty will not void the warranty or any of its terms.

All written notifications and correspondence should be sent to:

CertainTeed Corporation, Attention: Warranty Claims, 803 Belden Road, Jackson, MI 49203. Claims may also be initiated by calling CertainTeed at 1-800-999-3654 or through CertainTeed's website – www.certainteed.com.

Limited Warranty and Limitation of Remedies

THIS DOCUMENT CONSTITUTES THE EXCLUSIVE WARRANTIES AND REMEDIES PROVIDED BY CERTAINTEED. THE WARRANTIES AND REMEDIES CONTAINED IN THIS DOCUMENT ARE EXPRESSLY IN LIEU OF ANY AND ALL OTHER OBLIGATIONS, GUARANTEES AND WARRANTIES, WHETHER WRITTEN, ORAL OR IMPLIED BY STATUTE OR AT LAW. STATE OR PROVINCIAL LAW WILL DETERMINE THE PERIOD OF TIME FOLLOWING THE SALE THAT A PROPERTY OWNER MAY SEEK A REMEDY UNDER THE IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

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IN NO EVENT SHALL CERTAINTEED'S TOTAL LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE PRODUCT(S) OR THIS LIMITED WARRANTY EXCEED THE ORIGINAL PURCHASE PRICE OF THE PRODUCTS AND THE LABOR COSTS RELATING TO THE ORIGINAL INSTALLATION OF SUCH PRODUCTS.

This Limited Warranty may not be modified, altered or expanded by anyone, including product distributors, dealers, sellers, installers and/or CertainTeed field representatives.

This Limited Warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from State to State or Province to Province.

All payments made by CertainTeed pursuant to this Limited Warranty are in U.S. dollars.

This Limited Warranty applies to CertainTeed ColorMax Prefinished Fiber Cement Siding installed on or after 3/1/2011. (The warranty in effect at the time the material is originally installed is the applicable warranty.)

Care and Maintenance

While ColorMax Prefinished Fiber Cement Siding resists most common household stains like oil and grease, it will become dirty like any other product that is exposed to atmospheric conditions. Chalk may also accumulate on the surface. This is a normal condition for all pigmented materials that are constantly exposed to sunlight and the elements. Soil, grime and chalk can be simply removed with the help of your garden hose, a soft sponge and a bucket of soapy water.

Caulking Restoration – Remove all weathered caulk that is in need of replacement. When re-caulking the siding, use only a high-quality, exterior-grade caulk or sealant that meets ASTM Standard C-920 (Grade NS, Class 25). The caulk or sealant should be color matched or paintable. It should be compatible with both fiber cement siding and the materials used for the trim.

NOTE: The chemical agents referenced above may be hazardous to the user or to the environment. Please follow all precautions and warnings on the product label, particularly those that may be necessary to prevent personal injury. Always dispose of these chemical agents in a manner prescribed by the manufacturer. If you are unsure how to use or how to properly dispose of these chemical agents, please contact the manufacturer of these products for instructions.

Please go to www.certainteed.com for more detailed care and maintenance instructions.

This Limited Warranty is effective 3/1/2011.

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