

WEATHERBOARDS™  
FIBER CEMENT TRIM  
4/4 AND 5/4 TRIM

25-YEAR  
LIMITED

**CertainTeed**  
SAINT-GOBAIN

# WARRANTY



**CONGRATULATIONS!** ... and thank you for your recent purchase of CertainTeed WeatherBoards™ Fiber Cement Trim. 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 and trim, CertainTeed offers roofing, vinyl siding, windows, fence, railing, decking, foundations, pipe, insulation, gypsum, and ceiling products. For over 100 years, the origin of our name continues to be our ongoing philosophy, "Quality made *certain*, satisfaction *guaranteed*."

## WARRANTY

Limited, Prorated and Transferable

### What and Who Is Covered and for How Long

CertainTeed warrants to the original property owner/consumer that, when subject to normal and proper handling and use, and proper installation, its 4/4" and 5/4" WeatherBoards Fiber Cement Trim ("Fiber Cement Trim") will be free from manufacturing defects during the 25-year period following its date of installation. Subject to the Warranty Proration Schedule on page 4 of this Limited Warranty, CertainTeed will pay to repair or replace, at its option, any Fiber Cement Trim CertainTeed determines to be defective under the terms of this warranty. CertainTeed also reserves the right to refund the amount paid by the original property owner/consumer for the Fiber Cement Trim (prorated as indicated in the Warranty Proration Schedule). 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 Fiber Cement Trim, except as provided under SureStart™ Protection described below.

CertainTeed Fiber Cement Trim (but not the sealer applied to the product) is warranted against damage from hail during the warranty period. In the event of hail damage, the property owner must first pursue costs of replacement or repair of hail-damaged Fiber Cement Trim through homeowner's insurance or any other applicable insurance coverage. CertainTeed will reimburse the property owner/consumer for material costs in excess of the insurance contribution, excluding any insurance deductible. CertainTeed will not, however, be responsible for the cost of any labor required to install or replace hail-damaged material.

In the event of repair or replacement under the terms of this warranty, the original warranty will apply to the repaired or replaced material and will extend for the balance of the warranty period in effect at the time CertainTeed determines the Fiber Cement Trim is defective.

### SureStart™ Protection

CertainTeed Fiber Cement Trim is covered by SureStart protection. Under this warranty feature, CertainTeed will authorize payment to repair or replace, at its option, any Fiber Cement Trim CertainTeed determines to be defective during the two-year SureStart period, unless CertainTeed elects to pursue its refund option as described above. The SureStart period begins on the date of installation and terminates at the end of the two-year period as shown in the chart on page 4.

CertainTeed's maximum liability under SureStart will be equal to the reasonable cost to replace or repair the defective material at current value, including labor in connection with removal, repair or installation of either the original or replacement Fiber Cement Trim. Additionally:

- If during the SureStart period a topcoat is applied and the Fiber Cement Trim on which it is applied is determined to be defective, not as a result of the topcoat failure, then CertainTeed will pay the cost for the coating at current value, plus labor to apply the topcoat, such labor not to exceed a total cost of \$1 per square foot.
- If the FiberTect sealer is determined by CertainTeed to be suffering from yellowing or from cracking, flaking, chalking or erosion from the surface, then CertainTeed will pay the reasonable cost to repair or replace the FiberTect sealer (and the topcoat if one is applied) at current value, including labor in connection with removal, repair or installation of either the original or

replacement sealer (and the topcoat if one is applied), such labor not to exceed a total cost of \$1 per square foot.

If CertainTeed has agreed to pay labor charges per the terms of this Limited Warranty, CertainTeed will provide reimbursement only upon receipt of a copy of the installation contractor's invoice or other written evidence of the completion of such work which CertainTeed, in its sole discretion, deems reasonable and acceptable.

### Transferability

This Limited Warranty is transferable, but only by the original property owner/consumer to the first subsequent property owner. Warranty transfer is effective on the date of real estate title transfer. The duration of the warranty, measured from the date of original installation, will remain the same for the subsequent property owner as for the original property owner/consumer and will be prorated as indicated in the Warranty Proration Schedule. If transferred during the SureStart period, however, SureStart protection will automatically terminate, and the duration of the warranty, measured from the date of installation, will apply and will be prorated as indicated on the Warranty Proration Schedule. Any remaining period of SureStart protection at the time of transfer will not be available to the subsequent property owner. The subsequent property owner cannot transfer this Limited Warranty a second time to another property owner.

### Limitations

This Limited Warranty does not provide protection against and CertainTeed will have no liability 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 Fiber Cement Trim 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 Fiber Cement Trim before, during or after its installation, including but not limited to: abrasions from rubbing, scratching, dents, dings or other causes; damage caused by ladders, scaffolding and other job site tools.
- Improper installation or installation not in accordance with CertainTeed's written instructions in place at the time of the original installation of 4/4" and/or 5/4" Fiber Cement Trim.
- Defects in, failure of, or damage to the wall or substrate on which the Fiber Cement Trim 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 WeatherBoards Fiber Cement Trim (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.
- Impact of foreign objects, fire, earthquake, flood, lightning, hurricane, tornado or other casualty or act of God over which CertainTeed has no control.
- Primer, sealer, paint or other coating applied over the Fiber Cement Trim by the property owner or third party 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. (Concerns with the primer, sealer, paint or other coating should be addressed directly to the manufacturer of that product.)

- Improper coating that causes the Fiber Cement Trim to fail.
- Deterioration of the sealer, including but not limited to yellowing or cracking, flaking, chalking or erosion from the surface, occurring more than two (2) years following original installation of the WeatherBoards Fiber Cement Trim. (CertainTeed installation instructions require a topcoat to be applied within two (2) years following the original installation of WeatherBoards Fiber Cement Trim.)
- Damage to the sealer applied during a manufacturing process performed or directed by CertainTeed, including yellowing or cracking, flaking, chalking or erosion from the surface, occurring more than two (2) years following original installation of the Fiber Cement Trim.
- Vandalism or acts of war.
- Any other cause not a result of a manufacturing defect in the material supplied by CertainTeed.

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 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 product has been discontinued or modified.

**Warranty Proration Schedule**

Number of Years of Use Obtained After Installation	CertainTeed's Prorated Share of Warranty Obligation
0-2	100%*
3-50 years	2% reduction each year of purchase price of Fiber Cement Trim since date of original installation

\*SureStart protection covers 100% of the cost for replacement or repair during the first two years after installation.

**What the Property Owner Must Do**

If you believe you have a manufacturing defect 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 WeatherBoards Fiber Cement Trim, 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.

**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](http://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 CERTAINTTEED'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 WeatherBoards Fiber Cement Trim 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 WeatherBoards Fiber Cement Trim resists most common household stains like oil and grease, it will become dirty like any other product that is exposed to atmospheric conditions. Follow the prescribed recommendations for each condition below:

*Finish Coat* – You should apply a finish coat within 6 months of installation.

*Soil, Grime & Chalking* – Soil, grime and 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 and can be removed with your garden hose, a soft sponge and a bucket of soapy water. If especially stubborn stains cannot be removed with normal household detergents, request a cleaner from your contractor. Always test any cleaner on an inconspicuous area before full use.

*Mold & Mildew* – Mold and mildew may be a problem in some areas. They may appear as black, gray or green spots on surface dirt and are usually first detected in areas not subject to rainfall, such as under eaves and porch enclosures. Mold and mildew can be removed using a mold and mildew remover.

*Coating Repair* – Use only 100% acrylic primer and/or paint to make any coating repairs. Follow coating manufacturer's instructions for surface preparation and application.

## Care and Maintenance (cont.)

*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](http://www.certainteed.com) for more detailed care and maintenance instructions.

This Limited Warranty is effective 3/1/2011.

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