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June 4, 2010

SUBJECT: 1. Product CertainTeed Corporation Weatherboards™ FiberCement Siding

2. Name and address of Manufacturer	CertainTeed Fiber Cement Plant Box 98, Hwy 268 Roaring River, NC 28669	CertainTeed Fiber Cement Plant P.O. Box 2455, 1200 Avenue G White City, OR 97503
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Data on the nonstandard product described herein have been reviewed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and determination has been made that it is considered suitable from a technical standpoint for the use indicated herein. This Release does not purport to establish a comparative quality or value rating for this product as compared to standard products normally used in the same manner.

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**USE:**

Exterior wall covering and soffits.

**DESCRIPTION:**

CertainTeed Corporation, fiber cement WeatherBoards™ products are autoclaved, single-faced wall covering manufactured from a proprietary mixture of cellulose fiber, portland cement, silica, clay or fly ash and limestone. The product covered by this MR is WeatherBoards™ FiberCement Siding and Trim.

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**APPLICABLE REFERNCE STANDARDS:**

CertainTeed Corporation Weatherboards™ FiberCement Siding and Trim shall comply with the following standards:

*ASTM C 1186-02, Flat Non-Asbestos Fiber Cement Sheets*

*ASTM E-84-94, Flame Spread*

*ASTM E 72-02, Standard Test Methods of Conducting Strength Tests of Panels for Building Construction*

*ASTM E 119-00, Test Methods for Fire Tests of Building Construction and Materials*

*ASTM E 136-99, Test Method for Behavior of Materials in a Vertical Tube Furnace at 750°C*

*ASTM E 330-97, Test Method for Structural Performance of Exterior Windows, Curtain Walls and Doors by uniform Static Air Pressure Difference*

*ASTM E 331-00, Test Method for Water Penetration of Exterior Windows, Skylights, Doors and Curtain Walls by Uniform Static Air Pressure Difference*

*ASTM G 153-00a, Practice for Operating Enclosed Carbon Arc Light Apparatus for Exposure of Nonmetallic Materials*

*ASTM G 155-00A, Practice for Operating Xenon Arc Light Apparatus for Exposure of Nonmetallic Materials*

**INSTALLATION:**

CertainTeed Weatherboards™ FiberCement Siding and Trim shall be installed over nominally 2-inch thick lumber or minimum No. 20 gage, 33 ksi steel, C-stud framing member and in accordance with Table 1, Table 2, manufacturer's installation instructions, and this MR. A water resistive barrier shall be installed under the siding.

Fasteners shall be spaced in accordance to the manufacture's specification. Fasteners shall be corrosion-resistant. Fasteners shall be sized per Tables 1 and 2 of this MR. Fastener length shall be increased to provide a minimum 1¼ - inch penetration into framing, where nonstructural or nonfastener base structural sheathing is used under the siding. Blind fastening on lap siding is accepted, when installed according to Table 1 and Figure 1 of this MR.

Exterior walls of construction Types I, II, III, IV and V are permitted to be constructed from WeatherBoards™ for wind pressure resistance or wind speed exposures as indicated in the manufacturer's compliance report and approved installation instructions. Siding shall be installed over approved sheathing or material where specified and shall provide the building with a weather-resistant exterior wall envelope.

The WeatherBoards™ and accessories are to be installed according to the manufacturer's instructions, so that allowable transverse wind load pressure (based on the siding size, framing spacing, and fastening schedule) as indicated in Table 1 exceeds wind pressure design as noted in Table 3 and Table 4. In addition, the allowable fastener withdrawal capacity, as depicted in Table 2, (specified for the assembly in Table 1 and based on fastener type, penetration, and framing species) shall be greater than the minimum fastener load in pounds per fastener, as specified in Table 1.

#### **ONE HOUR FIRE-RESISTANCE ASSEMBLY:**

When constructed in accordance to Figure 2 of this MR, the lap and vertical panel siding products are recognized as being one-hour, fire-resistance-rated, limited-load-bearing, wood-stud wall assemblies. Wall design is to be in accordance with the allowable stress design, of the National Design Specification of Wood Construction (NDS).

The axial load allowed for wall assembly construction with lap siding will be the lesser of the following:

- (a) the allowable axial design stress is to be 49 percent or less;
- (b) construction of an embraced wall with a height of 9 feet 1,200 pounds per 2x4 studs when using No. 2 SPF as specified in the 1997 NDS;
- (c)  $0.78 F'_c$ ; or
- (d) 0.78 of the stress as calculated for studs with a slenderness ratio  $le/d$  of 33.

The allowable axial load for a wall assembly constructed with vertical panel siding is the lesser of the following:

- (a) 73.4 percent of the allowable axial design stress
- (b) wall construction with an embraced height of 9 feet, 1,800 pounds per 2x4 No. 2 SPF in accordance with the 1997 NDS code; or
- (c)  $0.78 F'_c$  or
- (d) 0.87 of the stress calculated for studs with a slenderness ration  $le/d$  of 33.

**CONDITIONS OF WEATHERBOARD PRODUCT USAGE:**

1. The WeatherBoards™ products shall be installed according to this MR and the instructions of the manufacturer.
2. Except as noted, the WeatherBoards™ products shall be of Type V construction (combustible).
3. WeatherBoards™ products that have not been evaluated for racking resistance must be braced by other means.

**PRODUCT CERTIFICATION AND IDENTIFICATION:**

CertainTeed shall certify that WeatherBoards™ FiberCement conforms to the requirements of this MR. The SGS U.S. Testing Company Inc. is the independent quality control agency that is contracted to conduct unannounced quarterly inspections of the plants. Random sampling is conducted quarterly with testing done by the independent quality agency. Applicable ASTM standards for fiber cement products will be used to evaluate the samples

Each CertainTeed product named in this MR shall be marked with the following information:

1. CertainTeed Corporation
2. The SGS U.S. Testing Co. Inc. trademark
3. The manufacturer's conformance to this MR
4. The date of manufacture

**MANUFACTURING LOCATIONS:**

The product covered under this MR will be produced at the following plant(s):

CertainTeed Fiber Cement Plant  
Box 98  
Hwy 268  
Roaring River, NC 28669  
Phone (336) 696-2007

CertainTeed Fiber Cement Plant  
P.O. Box 2455  
1200 Avenue G  
White City, OR 97503  
Phone (541) 826-5867

**WARRANTY:**

CertainTeed has Limited, Prorated, and Transferable Warranty. CertainTeed warrants its WeatherBoards™ FiberCement Siding primed with FiberTect to be free from manufacturing defects during the 50-year period following its installation. CertainTeed will pay to repair or replace, at its option, any WeatherBoards™ FiberCement Siding determined to be defective during the 50-year period following the installation as the Warranty Prorationing Schedule, from 0-2 years 100%, from 3-50 years, 2% reduction from original purchase price each year since the installation.

The manufacturer's warranty does not, in any way, relieve the builder of responsibility under the terms of the Builder's Warranty required by the National Housing Act or under any provisions applicable to any other housing program. A copy of the manufacturer's warranty shall be furnished by the builder to the owner upon completion of the property.

**MANUFACTURER'S RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Issuance of this Materials Release (MR) commits the manufacturer to fulfill, as a minimum, the following:

1. Produce, label and certify the material, product or system in strict accordance with the terms of this MR.
2. Provide necessary corrective action in a timely manner for all cases of justified complaint, poor performance or failure reported by HUD.
3. When requested, provide the FHA Standards, Office of Manufactured Housing Programs, HUD Headquarters, with a representative list of properties in which the material, product or system has been used, including complete addresses or descriptions of locations and dates of installation.
4. Inform HUD, in advance, of changes in production facilities, methods, design of the product, company name, ownership or mailing address.
5. If in the interval between the annual review of the QCM, significant changes are made to the product which would be definition revise the previously recognized facts, HUD will be informed within 30 days of formal implantations of these significant changes

**EVALUATION:**

This MR shall be valid for a period of three years from the date of initial issuance or most recent renewal or revision, whichever is later. The holder of this MR shall apply for renewal or revision 90 days prior to the Review Date printed on this MR. Submittals for renewal or revision shall be sent to:

U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
FHA Standards, Office of Manufactured Housing Programs  
451 Seventh Street, SW, Room 9168  
Washington, DC 20410-8000

Appropriate User Fee shall be sent to:

U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Miscellaneous Income – Technical Suitability of Products Fees  
Bank of America  
P. O. Box 198762  
Atlanta, GA 30384-8762

The holder of this MR may apply for revision at any time prior to the Review Date. Minor revisions may be in the form of a supplement to this MR.

If the Department determines that a proposed renewal or supplement constitutes a revision, the appropriate User Fee for a revision will need to be submitted in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations 24 CFR 200.934, "User Fee System for the Technical Suitability of Products Program," and current User Fee Schedule.

**CANCELLATION:**

Failure to apply for a renewal or revision shall constitute a basis for cancellation of the MR. HUD will notify the manufacturer that the MR may be canceled when:

1. conditions under which the document was issued have changed so as to affect production of, or to compromise the integrity of, the accepted material, product, or system;
2. the manufacturer has changed its organizational form without notifying HUD; or,
3. manufacturer has not complied with responsibilities it assumed as a condition of HUD's acceptance.

However, before cancellation, HUD will give the manufacturer a written notice, of the specific reasons for cancellation, and the opportunity to present views on why the MR should not be canceled. No refund of fees will be made on a canceled document.

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**Table 1**  
**Ultimate Wind Loads for Exterior Wall Cladding**

PRODUCT	Thickness	FASTENER TYPE <sup>3</sup>	FASTENING METHOD <sup>1</sup>	FRAMING TYPE	FRAMING SPACING (in)	ULTIMATE LOAD (psf) <sup>2</sup>
Vertical Siding	5/16	8d nails, HD Galv.	4" edge 8" field	2x 4 #2 SPF	16	152
Vertical Siding	5/16	8d nails, HD Galv.	4" edge 8" field	2x 4 #2 SPF	24	133
Vertical Siding	5/16	6d nails, HD Galv.	4" edge 8" field	2x4 #2 SPF	16	131
Vertical Siding	5/16	6d nails, HD Galv.	4" edge 8" field	2x4 #2 SPF	24	92
Vertical Siding	5/16	6d nails, HD Galv.	6" edge 12" field	2x 4 #2 SPF	16	105
Vertical Siding	5/16	6d nails, HD Galv.	6" edge 12" field	2x 4 #2 SPF	24	72
<= 12" Lap Siding	5/16	8d nails, HD Galv.	Face nailed	2x 4 #2 SPF	<= 24	148
<= 12" Lap Siding	5/16	1 5/8", steel, self-tapping screw, 3/8" phillips head, ITW Buildex "Rock-On" S-12 #2159500	Blind screwed	Min. 20 ga., 3.625"x 1.375" Metal C-stud	16	70

<= 9 1/4" Lap Siding	5/16	8d nails, HD Galv.	Face nailed	2x 4 #2 SPF	16	228
<= 9 1/4" Lap Siding	5/16	7d nails, HD Galv.	Face nailed	2x4 #2 SPF	16	205
9 1/4" Lap Siding	5/16	6d 2" Roofing nails, HD Galv.	Blind nailed	2x 4 #2 SPF	16	109
<= 9 1/4" Lap Siding	5/16	1 5/8", steel, self-tapping screw, 3/8" phillips head, ITW Buildex "Rock-On" S-12 #2159500	Blind screwed	Min. 16 ga., 3.625" x 1.375" Metal C-stud	16	96
8 1/4" Lap Siding	5/16	6d 2" Roofing nails, HD Galv.	Blind nailed	2x4 #2 SPF	16	122
8 1/4" Lap Siding	5/16	6d nails, HD Galv.	Blind nailed	2x Lumber #2 SPF	16	96
<= 8 1/4" Lap Siding	5/16	6d nails, HD Galv.	Blind nailed w/ Off-Stud Joiner	2x Lumber #2 SPF	16	110
8 1/4" Lap Siding	5/16	.100"x1.5" Knurled pins, .3125" head, ET&F #AGS-100-0150NA	Blind nailed	Min. 20 ga., 3.625" x 1.375" Metal C-stud	16	57
<= 7 1/4" Lap Siding	5/16	6d nails, HD Galv.	Blind nailed	2x Lumber #2 SPF	16	193
7 1/4" Lap Siding	5/16	6d nails, HD Galv.	Blind nailed	2x Lumber #2 SPF	<= 24	70

6 1/4" Lap Siding	5/16	6d nails, HD Galv.	Blind nailed	2x Lumber #2 SPF	<= 24	95
5 1/4" Lap Siding	5/16	6d nails, HD Galv.	Blind nailed	2x Lumber #2 SPF	16	132
5 1/4" Lap Siding	5/16	6d nails, HD Galv.	Blind nailed	2x Lumber #2 SPF	24	92
Shapes Siding	5/16	6d Ring shank nail, HD Galv.	Blind Nailed	2x Lumber #2 SPF	<= 24	83

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4mm, 1 pound/foot<sup>2</sup> = 47.8803 kPa: 1 pound = 4.448N.

<sup>1</sup> Face Nailed is fastened through overlap. Blind Nailed is fastened through top edge of plank.

<sup>2</sup> Values determined by testing in accordance with ASTM E72.

<sup>3</sup> All fasteners shall be corrosion resistant.

**Table 2**  
**ULTIMATE FASTENER WITHDRAWAL CAPACITY (pounds)<sup>1,2</sup>**

Fastener	Product Application		Framing Material <sup>3</sup>					
			Spruce-Pine-Fir 0.42 s.g.	Hem-Fir 0.46 s.g.	Douglas Fir-Larch 0.50 s.g.	Southern Pine 0.55 s.g.	20 ga Steel	7/16" OSB
6d Box Nail	Lap Siding - Blind Nailed		130.0	162.0	194.0	250.0	---	---
	Panel		130.0	162.0	194.0	250.0	---	---
8d Box Nail	Lap Siding - Face Nailed		162.0	198.0	252.0	345.0	---	---
	Panel		189.0	231.0	294.0	375.0	---	---
1 3/4" Roofing Nail	Lap Siding - Blind Nailed		131.0	162.0	203.0	259.0	---	---
	Panel		---	---	---	---	---	---
6d Nail Maze Nails #200 HD-018	Lap Siding - Blind Nailed		120.0	---	---	---	---	48.0
	Panel		120.0	---	---	---	---	48.0
7d Nail Maze Nails #225 HD-022	Lap Siding - Face Nailed		116.0	---	---	---	---	33.0
	Panel		116.0	---	---	---	---	33.0
8d Nail Maze Nails #C-CEM8	Lap Siding	Face Nailed	136.0	---	---	---	---	---
		Blind Nailed	136.0	---	---	---	---	---
	Panel		136.0	---	---	---	---	---
6D Roofing Nail Maze Nails #HD-105	Lap Siding - Blind Nailed		178.0	---	---	---	---	84.0
	Panel		178.0	---	---	---	---	84.0
1-1/2" Ring Shank Roofing Nail Maze Nails #R103-A	Lap Siding - Blind Nailed		---	---	---	---	---	41.0
	Panel		---	---	---	---	---	41.0
6d Ring Shank Maze Nails #C-S205A	Lap Siding - Blind Nailed		163.0	---	---	---	---	49.5
	Panel		163.0	---	---	---	---	49.5
.100"x1 1/2" Pins ET&F #AGS-100-0150NA	Lap Siding	Face Nailed	---	---	---	---	105.0	---
		Blind Nailed	---	---	---	---	105.0	---
	Panel		---	---	---	---	105.0	---
1 5/8" Screws ITW Buildex "Rock-On" S-12	Lap Siding - Blind Screwed		---	---	---	---	178.0	---

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	Panel	---	---	---	---	178.0	---
1 5/8" Screws ITW Buildex "Rock-On" Hi-Lo	Lap Siding - Blind Screwed	---	---	---	---	---	152
	Panel	---	---	---	---	---	152

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 lbf = 4.448N.

<sup>1</sup> Where nonstructural sheathing is located under the siding, the length of the fastener must be increased an equivalent length so as to provide the required 1 1/4-inch fastener penetration.

<sup>2</sup> 6d Box and 8d Box nails are hot-dipped galvanized box nails. 1 3/4" Roofing nails are minimum 1 3/4 - inch long, stainless steel or hot-dipped galvanized nails having a head diameter or 3/8 inch.

<sup>3</sup> Framing materials listed indicate minimum specific gravity (s.g.) for wood stud species and gauge (ga) for steel studs.

**TABLE 3  
NET DESIGN WIND PRESSURE (COMPONENT AND CLADDING)**

Zone	Effective wind Area	Basic Wind Speed V ( mph-3-second gust)								
		85	90	100	110	120	130	140	150	170
5	10	-17.4	-19.5	-24.1	-29.1	-34.7	-40.7	-47.2	-54.2	-69.6
5	20	-16.2	-18.2	-22.5	-27.2	-32.4	-38.0	-44.0	-50.5	-64.9
5	50	-14.7	-16.5	-20.3	-24.6	-29.3	-34.3	-39.8	-45.7	-58.7
5	100	-13.5	-15.1	-18.7	-22.6	-26.9	-31.6	-36.7	-42.1	-54.1
5	500	-10.8	-12.1	-14.9	-18.1	-21.5	-25.2	-29.3	-33.6	-43.2

**TABLE 4  
ADJUSTMENT FACTOR FOR BUILDING HEIGHT AND EXPOSURE**

Mean Roof Height (feet)	Exposure		
	B	C	D
15	1.0	1.21	1.47
20	1.0	1.29	1.55
25	1.0	1.35	1.61
30	1.0	1.40	1.66
35	1.05	1.45	1.70
40	1.09	1.49	1.74
45	1.12	1.53	1.78
50	1.16	1.56	1.81
55	1.19	1.59	1.84
60	1.22	1.62	1.87

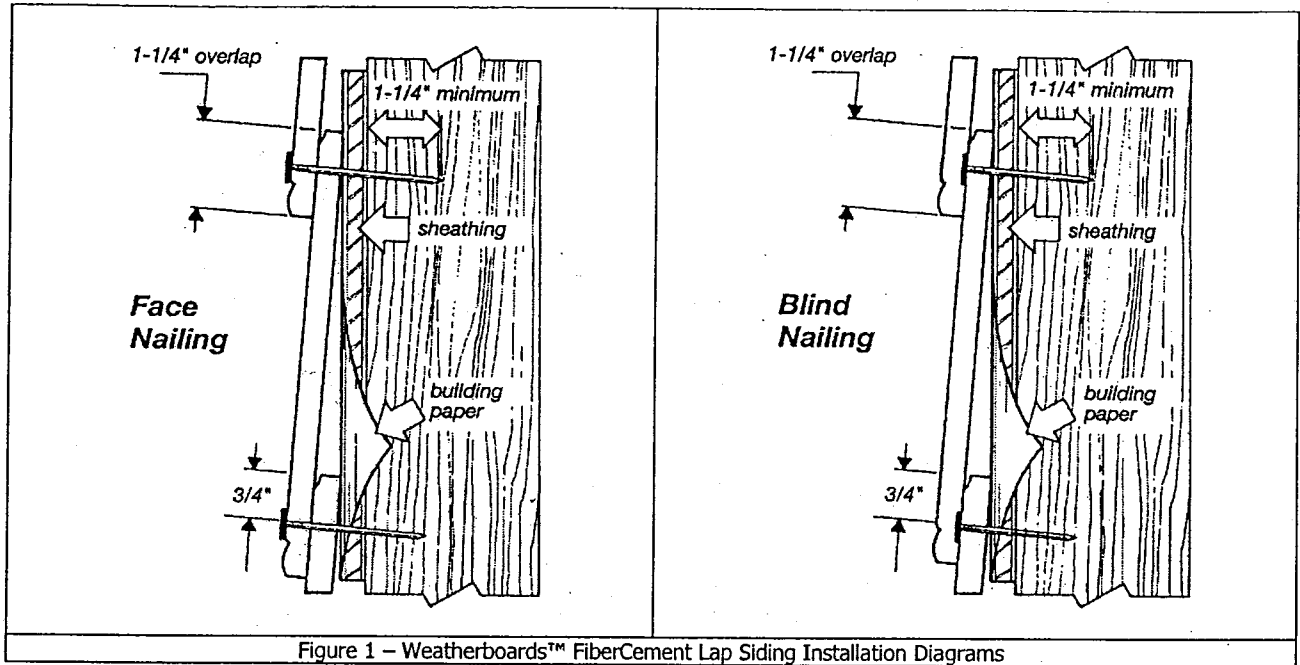


Figure 1 – Weatherboards™ FiberCement Lap Siding Installation Diagrams

