These instructions describe and illustrate the steps involved in installing CertainTeed siding and trim. Their purpose is to provide detailed information and how-to tips that will simplify the installation process. CertainTeed shall not accept any liability or responsibility under its written warranty for failure caused by application that does not meet our minimum requirements for proper installation. These requirements are outlined throughout the CertainTeed Installation Guide (CTS205). Any deviations from these requirements should be approved in writing by CertainTeed Corporation.

### Drip Clip

The Drip-Clip is an easy and effective way to create rain tabs for lineals. To install Drip-Clips, miter lineals with a power miter box/chop saw, etc. Apply Drip-Clip to the top cut lineal. Slide the vertical lineal behind the vertical edge of the clip to complete the application.
3-1/2" Snap-on Lineal Application around Windows and Doors

This application works only on 1"-faced J-channel.

The installation of J-channel for snap-on lineals is the same procedure as installing lineal starter strip. Measure the openings and cut the J-channel 1/2" less than your measurement. Install the J-channel around the opening, centering the J-channel so that each end of the J-channel is 1/4" from the opening. Nail the J-channel every 8" to 10".

Lineal application around windows

Measure the top of the casing and add 7" (3-1/2" extra for each side). After the piece is cut to length, flip it over and cut 3/8" off the locking leg as shown.

Snap over the J-channel as shown.

Repeat the process for the bottom of the casing.

Measure the side casing and add 7". Use a triangle to create a 45° angle or measure 3-1/2" in from the edge of the part. Use snips or a miter saw to remove this portion.

Flip the part over and remove the locking leg as shown. This should be done to both ends.

Snap the lineal over the J-channel as shown. Use the same measurements for both sides.

Corner blocks

Install J-channel around the perimeter of the window opening. J-channel should be the same length as the casing.

Install corner blocks on all 4 corners as shown. Leave blocks loose until the lineals are installed.

Cut the lineals the same length as the window casing.

Start with one end and angle a lineal into the corner block and snap it over the J-channel.

Continue installing lineals around the window.
**Crown molding**
Crown molding will fit over the top of the lineal system.

Install J-channel and lineals around window casing.

Measure the top lineal and add 2-1/2". This will be the crown molding length.

Insert crown molding cap into the crown molding and trace the shape. Trim off the marked line.

The crown molding requires a tab 2" long – cut from the pocket receiver as shown.

Cut the crown molding cap in half and apply the halves with a bead of caulk.

Insert the crown molding into the top of the lineal as shown.

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**Lineal Starter Application for Windows and Door Surrounds**

When securing window and corner starter strips, outside corner pieces (OSCP), inside corner pieces (ISCP), one piece corners, lineals – basically, any vertically mounted siding product – always place the top nail (or staple) first, and in a manner that allows the part to hang from it without dropping. This promotes movement downward only, a must for a good corner joint. **This is the only time you should not center a nail (or staple).** It is also preferred to use the nail slots closest to the locking area (when using product with double nail slots).

Remember to place the nails for the horizontal pieces in the center of the nailing slots as shown. Space nails 8"-10" apart.

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**Using a 1/2" J-channel as a starter for lineals.**

**NOTE:** Slide the lineals on from either end of the J-channel (the lineal will not snap over the J-channel as with a New Construction Starter Strip), or pull the J-channel away from the window slightly and zip the lineal into place.

If the opening has no framework, such as a brick molding, use the metal starter (illustrated below left), or the Remodeling Window and Door Starter (illustrated below) in place of the New Construction Window and Door Starter Strip shown above. The lineal’s locking leg will fit behind the aluminum starter and into the receiving pocket of the Remodeling Window and Door Starter.
Lineal Application around Windows and Doors

Measure the top of the opening and add 7" (3-1/2" extra for each side) if the side lineals are also 3-1/2". Add 10" total if using 5" lineals.

NOTE: The nail flange is always the longest part of a surrounding miter.

Use snips to remove the part as shown.

Snap the completed top lineal into the previously attached starter strip.

NOTE: The bottom miter of side lineals has the same cut as both ends of a top lineal; however, a rain tab is not required.

Measure the height of the window or door. Add 7" (for the 3-1/2" header and bottom lineal) and cut.

NOTE: Add additional material if using 5" lineals.

Trim a minimum of 3/4" from the top end of the side lineals.

If the lineal surrounds a window frame, the bottom corner requires a 45° miter as done previously for the top lineal.

NOTE: Rain tabs are not required here.
Measure the bottom of the opening and add 7" (3-1/2" extra for each side) if the side lineals are also 3-1/2". Add 10" total if using 5" lineals.

Trim 3/4" tabs from the lineal as shown.

Snap the lineal in place and secure by nailing (or stapling) it through center of the nail slots.

If you have any questions about installing this product, please call us at 800-233-8990.

**Blind Miter**

An alternative to a standard blind miter offers support to the corner without adding material. The measurements shown for the fold are for a 5" lineal. The same method can be used with 3-1/2" lineals, but the fold would be changed from 1-1/2" to 1-3/8".