## LP® SMARTSIDE® EXPERTFINISH® CARE AND MAINTENANCE GUIDE

Please review prior to beginning any project. Always follow manufacturer's installation instructions.

## Storage of LP® SmartSide® ExpertFinish® Siding Prior to Installation

- Store cedar texture prefinished product off the ground, under a roof or other waterproof covering.
- LP SmartSide Smooth must be stored inside.

## **Touch-Up Paint Specifications**

- Touch-up paint is for jobsite installation use only.
- Touch-up paint is for professional use only.
- Touch-up paint should be used sparingly. (Example: Use to cover exposed nail heads, small nicks, or scratches less than one inch in length and less than 1/16" wide.) Do not apply to spots large than 3/4" in diameter. If larger repair is required, replace the board.
- Apply touch-up paint to all cut edges.
- Apply touch-up paint only when air, siding and paint temperature is above 50° F.
- Store touch-up paint at temperatures between 40° F and 100° F.
- Shake touch-up paint for 90 seconds before every use.
- Do not freeze touch-up paint. Do not use if you suspect touch-up paint has been frozen.
- Do not apply touch-up paint to wet siding or trim.
- Avoid touch-up painting late in the day when dew is likely to form or when precipitation is possible.
- The touch-up paint is air dried while the factory-applied coating is cured using ovens. For this reason, the touch-up paint will have some minor differences initially and after aging. Minimizing the use of touch-up paint is the best approach to ensure these minor differences are less noticeable.

## Care and Maintenance of LP SmartSide ExpertFinish After Installation

Periodic cleaning is recommended to remove dirt, debris and chalk that may build up over time.

Work a small section at a time, starting from the bottom and working your way up to prevent streaking. First, rinse the siding with a garden hose using a low pressure spray. Next, wash the siding using clean water and mild dishwashing soap. Apply the solution with a soft brush, rinsing with a garden hose using a low pressure spray. Make sure to rinse the soap all the way down to the bottom of the house. Spot clean and rinse the missed areas as needed.

Never use harsh or harmful chemicals that can damage the finish on the siding. Never use a high pressure power washer or high pressure nozzles.



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