

## Wood Siding – Installation Guide

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This installation guide applies to 3D Wood, Lounge, Navaro as well as Exotic Walnut and Gross Maple. Impex Stone wood siding panels can be installed indoor while respecting the recommendations of the National Building Code and any other regulations in place.

Before installing the product, the installer and the owner must make sure that the wall complies with the conditions specified in this document. The installer and the buyer have the responsibility to inspect the products upon reception of the goods. If the installer doubts the product, the manufacturing or finishing quality and cannot place it in a less conspicuous place, nor eliminate imperfection, he/she should not install it. Once the products are installed, this shall be considered as having been accepted by the installer and the owner even if the latter is absent at the time of installation. The customer must make sure that the product purchased is suitable for the desired installation. Once again, if you have any doubts or questions, please contact our customer service department. Since Impex Stone has absolutely no control over the proper preparation of the surfaces, the method of application or the ability of the installer, no guarantee on the implicit or explicit result can be offered.

### Step 1 – Calculate the surface area

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To find out the total number of square feet required, multiply height by width of the wall. Deduct the total number of square feet for all the openings on the wall. Expect a loss between 3 to 5% for cuts depending on the complexity of the project. Please note that a 5% acceptable imperfection of the siding is not included in the preceding loss for cuts percentage. The retailer may help with these calculations when you purchase the product.

### Step 2 – Tools required

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In preparation for the installation, make sure you have the following tools on hand:

- Miter saw
- Measuring tape
- PL adhesive tubes
- Finish nailer
- Level
- Square
- Rotozip (or similar tool)
- Security glasses
- 18 Gauge finishing nails

### Step 3 – Adhesive product

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For wood siding it is recommended to use Sika Bond or PL adhesive.

Before using any other adhesive product, please refer to the adhesive manufacturer technical sheet before proceeding with the installation.

### Step 4 – Surface preparation

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Careful preparation of the surface is an essential step to the success of the final result. Most problems attributed to wood panels are, in fact, caused by an improper preparation of the surface which has to be porous, clean, uniform, free of dust, dirt, oil, wax, soot, mold, powder, flakes, etc.

**Important:** Please note that the wood siding will not correct any apparent or pronounced defects of the wall. It is therefore essential to make sure the wall or the surface to cover is in good condition prior to starting the installation.

### Step 5 – Wood siding installation

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**Important:** The wood sidings must be stored in the room where the installation will be done at least 72 hours prior to the installation. It is essential for the panels to become acclimatized to the room conditions.

1. Open all the boxes and take out the panels. Make sure to select the panels according to the thickness and the color variation in the wood essence to obtain the desired results. The placement selection of each 3D wood siding will ensure the representative assembly of the final look. If some panels are damaged, put them aside to be used for cuts.  
**Important:** Wood sidings from the LOUNGE collection are available in 3 different thicknesses. If you choose to install moldings, you cannot use 1 inch thick plank since moldings are not designed for this thickness.
2. Install the appropriate contour moldings. For outlets and any other openings, you must use moldings cut to a 45 degree angle for finishing.
3. Draw a level line on the wall at the top of the first panel.
4. If necessary, apply some dye on the apparent cuts.
5. On the back panel, spread 2 lines of the PL glue. With the finish nailer, fix 4 nails per panel.  
**Attention:** For Walnut and Maple sidings, fix the nails into the MDF panel and not on the front of the finished product.
6. Verify the level of each row and adjust it if necessary.

**Important:** For an installation near a fireplace, please check with the manufacturer and respect the established standards.

### **Warranty**

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Impex Stone products have a limited warranty of 10 years from the date of purchase (proof required) when the installation is done in accordance with the recommendations of the National Building Code and the installation guide included in the product specifications of the manufacturer. The original invoice from the authorized dealer must be supplied.

The warranty does not cover any damages resulting from:

- Improper installation.
- Wall movements due to the subsidence of the soils or other causes.
- Contact with chemical products, paint or others.
- Discoloration due to polluting atmospheric agents, water or friction.
- Stains, oxidation, discoloration and fading due to polluting atmospheric agents or any external agents.

This warranty only covers Impex Stone defective products. It does not include labor and is limited to the original buyer.