



Features & Benefits

The Premier Panel™ is a major breakthrough in shingle panel design and technology. The Premier Panel™ features an advanced two-ply “Cedar on Cedar” shingle panel design. 100% Real Wood – 100% Real Cedar. There is no substitute!

Real Wood® Backer-board

The Premier Panel™ features a solid, naturally durable, Real Wood® Western Red Cedar backer-board in lieu of a plywood sheathing backer-board.

Two-Ply “Cedar on Cedar” Design

The Premier Panel™ is a “true” two-ply “Cedar on Cedar” design providing the optimum in weather protection and durability. Western Red Cedar Shingles on a solid, naturally durable, Western Red Cedar backer-board.

100% Vertical Grain

100% Clear – 100% Heartwood

Premier uses 100% Vertical Grain, 100% Clear and 100% Heartwood Western Red Cedar shingles in their panel system. Testing and practical experience show that these shingles move less, cup less and retain finishes better than flat grain shingles.

Real Western Red Cedar Shingles

Premier manufactures its Western Red Cedar shingles to industry standards featuring a full butt thickness for added longevity. These shingles are up to 50% thicker than “scant” shingles found on other panel systems. Premier’s rebutted and rejointed (R&Rs) shingles provide clean, crisp, distinctive shadow lines for optimum architectural appeal.

Band Sawn Textured Shingle Faces

Premier’s vertical grain shingles have a textured band sawn “A” face, which absorb stains, paints and other finishes more readily and evenly compared to other milled surfaces.

Real Cedar Key-Ways

The Premier Panel™ includes real, full, natural cedar key-ways allowing the shingles to expand and contract naturally with the environment.



Proprietary Two-Part Fastening System

The Premier Panel™ features a proprietary two-part adhesive system to secure the shingles to the backer-board. This two-part system holds the shingles securely to the backer-board while providing the flexibility necessary for the shingles to expand and contract naturally with the environment. This system also eliminates the need to back staple the shingles to the backer-board, which can result in fastener exposure and subsequent iron stain/bleeding issues.

Factory Installed Moisture Guard™ Furring Strips

Premier’s backer-board includes the Premier Profile™ allowing the panels to be installed flush with the wall system. Premier’s profiled backer-board is designed to include factory installed Moisture Guard™ furring strips applied directly to the backer-board. Premier’s furring strips are applied vertically to vent and drain trapped moisture. This feature eliminates the horizontal migration of moisture between the siding and the wall system, which can occur in various other siding systems. Premier’s furring strips also provide a thermal break, accommodate airflow and regulate pressure within the wall system.

Snap Lock Feature

Premier’s Moisture Guard™ furring strips include a “snap lock” feature. The lower portion of the furring strip, which extends below the bottom of the panel, is secured behind the fastened top edge of the preceding panel. This feature provides an



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added level of application security in environments with extreme weather conditions. Premier's "snap lock" feature is the ultimate solution for a total "blind nail" system.

The Premier Joint™

Premier's backer-board includes an overlapping horizontal joint (Premier Joint™) that provides added protection against moisture from the outside migrating to the interior of the wall system. Premier's backer-board with the Premier Joint™ provides for easy installation alignment and creates a full coverage overlapping backer-board.

Overlapping Vertical End Joints

The Premier Panel™ features secure overlapping vertical end joints providing further protection from the elements. This feature also provides for a seamless installation.

Premier Nailing Guide

The Premier Nailing Guide has been developed to locate the proper fastener location for the applicator. This guide consists of a factory applied "dimple" on the face of the panel (16" O.C.) approximately 7/8" from the top of the panel. By utilizing this nailing regimen, the panel is secured to the wall system through the thickest cross section of the panel (through the panel and furring strip), providing the most secure application method available. This nailing regimen also eliminates panel deflection caused by over-driving fasteners.

Concealed Nailing

The Premier Panel™ is specifically designed to eliminate face nailing. The Premier Panel™ is nailed along the upper edge of the panel (nailing guide) and the nails are subsequently hidden by the succeeding overlapping panel.

The Premier Starter Strip

The Premier Starter Strip has been designed to be used with the first panel on the wall system. Premier's backer-board design with the Premier Starter Strip eliminates the need for double coursing on the first row of shingles. Premier's WRC backer-board and starter strip serve as the second underlying course. This starter strip has also been grooved on the backside to allow moisture to escape through the bottom of the wall system.

Real Wood® Solid Inside Corner

Premier's prefabricated solid wood inside corner trim has been designed with a milled relief. This profile enables the inside corner to be installed with ease and to fit flush with the converging angles of the inside corner.

Real Wood® Solid Outside Corner

Premier's solid wood outside corner trim features an interlocking joint that gives the outside corner a secure weather resistant fit along with enhanced architectural appeal. This prefabricated corner is designed so that it may be pre-assembled at the factory or assembled with ease in the field.

Real Wood® Flush and Add On Shingle Corners

Premier designed two prefabricated outside shingle corner systems; the Flush and Add On corners. Premier utilizes their Real Wood® backer-board (in lieu of a plywood sheathing backer-board) for their Flush and Add On corner systems.

Flexible Design Options

The Premier Panel™ is available in Even-Butt, Staggered-Butt and Fancy Cut designs in 7" standard exposures. A 5" exposure is also available in the Even-Butt design. These standard exposures and designs provide a wide-range of architectural options. The Premier Panel™ is also available in a variety of custom variations to meet special architectural needs.

Fast, Simple, Straight Forward Installation

The Premier Panel™ is easy to handle and requires only one person for fast, simple and straight forward installation. The Premier Panel™ requires less skill in the field to install; as much of the assembly that requires highly skilled labor has been performed at the factory. This also makes the Premier Panel™ a great choice for DIY installers. Premier's system reduces installation time in the field by up to 75%; compared to the installation of traditional shingles and is far simpler than outdated cumbersome multi-course panel systems.



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Less Waste

The Premier Panel™ system produces significantly less waste during the application process. Outdated multi-course panel systems produce significant waste, especially when trimming around doors, windows, gables, dormers and other features.

Direct to Stud Application

The Premier Panel™ can be applied direct to studs 16" O.C. over a vapor barrier and/or rigid foam. This reduces sheathing costs where codes allow an engineered shear option. (Premier's panel does not provide these shear values).

Energy Efficient

Real Western Red Cedar Shingles on a solid, durable, Real Wood® Western Red Cedar backer-board provide two layers of laminated wood – one of nature's best insulators. This two-ply "Cedar on Cedar" design, coupled with Premier's factory installed furring system, (which creates a dead air space between the siding and sheathing) can add significantly to the energy efficiency of the wall system.

Premier's Healthy Homes Initiative

As part of Premier's Healthy Homes Initiative, Premier has developed an environmental and family friendly backer-board system. The Premier Panel™ features a solid durable Western Red Cedar backer-board containing no/low VOCs (Volatile Organic Compounds). (Plywood backer-boards contain significant amounts of VOC's, formaldehyde and other undesirable compounds that create health and environmental concerns).

Member Associations & Quality Assurance

Established in 1967, Premier Forest Products Inc.® is a member of the Western Red Cedar Lumber Association, Cedar Shake and Shingle Bureau, North America Wholesale Lumber Association and the Forest Products Society. Premier Forest Products Inc.® is also a member of the International Code Council a professional association dedicated to protecting the health, safety and welfare of the public by making buildings safer.

For more information:

Visit www.PremierForestProducts.com for more information on the Premier Panel™.

Other Technical Bulletins

Proper Fasteners for Western Red Cedar
Technical Bulletin #102

Features and Benefits of the Premier Panel™
Technical Bulletin #103

Installation Instructions for the Premier Panel™
Technical Bulletin #104

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