

# Vinyl Skirting Installations

## Installation Details

Careful attention to a few basic details will insure that your vinyl skirting will provide a beautiful, easily installed, completely accessible exterior with a minimum of maintenance. Vinyl skirting is easily installed over any terrain, requires no special tools and never needs painting. Following these basic installation techniques will assure that our skirting will contribute to the beauty of your home's exterior.

## Tools you will need

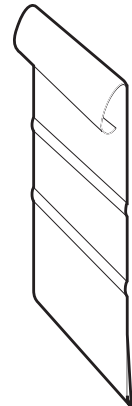
Hammer • Screwdriver • Snips • Plumb Bob or Level • Tape Measure  
Power Saw with Fine Tooth Blade • Snap Lock Tool • Chalk Line  
• Utility Knife

## Important

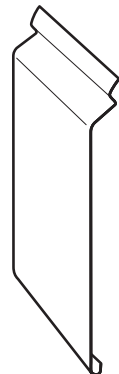
1) Use either a power saw with a fine tooth blade mounted with reverse rotation, or aviation snips to cut skirting components.

2) To allow for normal expansion and contraction, fasten the Top Trim Back component(s) in the center of the nailing slots. Fasten positively to the surface of the unit at every slotted hole, leaving 1/2" between lengths. **Do not butt the ends.** Overlap the Top Trim Front component(s) approximately 1" at joints. Allow 1/2" between pieces of the Bottom Channel component(s) when installing.

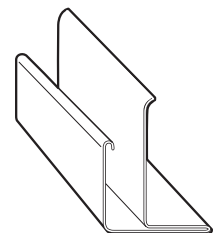
3) **Do not drive the fasteners too tightly.** Nails or screws offer excellent holding power, but if driven too tightly, the vinyl can, under normal expansion and contraction, become distorted. These fasteners should be driven in the middle of the nailing slot just short of touching the Top Trim Back component(s). Nail or screw to achieve 3/4" penetration into a solid wood substance. Fasten to allow part to expand and contract during the normal change in ambient temperature. **Do not fasten tight.** Allow 1/16" gap between fastener head and part.



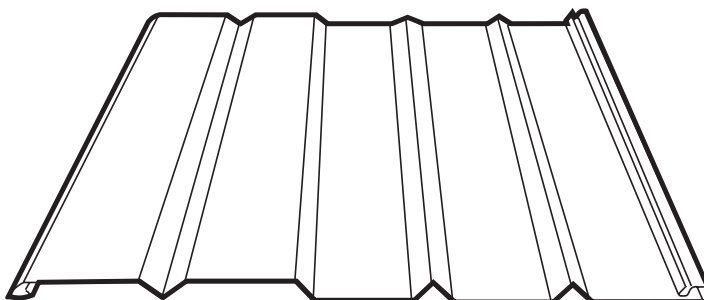
Top Trim Back Component



Top Trim Front Component



Bottom Channel Component



Skirting Panel

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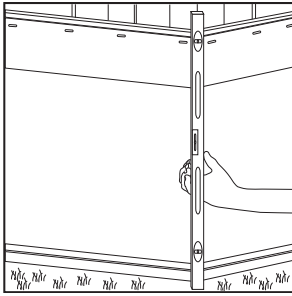


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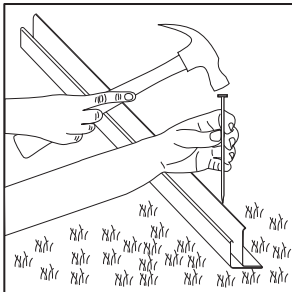


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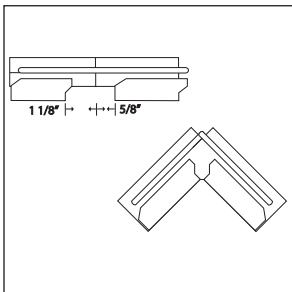


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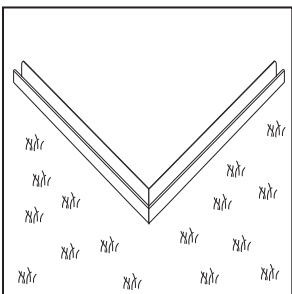


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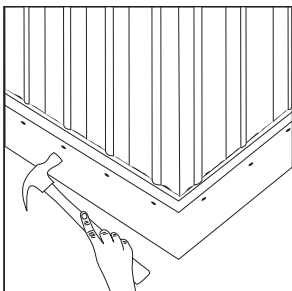


Figure 5

## Step 1...

### Laying the Bottom Channel Components

A level or plumb line should be used to establish the location of the Bottom Channel. The taller backside of the Bottom Channel should be located directly beneath the outside bottom edge of the home, where the Top Trim Back component will be attached (*see figure 1*). To prevent grass from growing around the base of the skirting and provide a non-shifting base for the ground spikes, 9" asphalt roof starter should be installed around the home. The roof starter also reduces the possibility of the vinyl skirting panels being damaged from the use of a powered string trimmer. "Weed-Eater" type trim units will damage the skirting and is not covered by the warranty.

Attach the Bottom Channel component directly to the ground through the prepunched holes (*see figure 2*). Spikes are required every 24 inches...extra holes are provided in the Bottom Channel component for convenience. Another spike or a drift punch may be used to drive spikes in completely. To allow for expansion, leave a 1/2" gap between each section of the Bottom Channel component. To form clean, attractive corners, the Bottom Channel component can be notched with snips (*see figure 3*) and then bent to the desired angle. (*Attached to the ground as shown in figure 4*).

**Note:** in high wind areas; where ground below the unit is spongy; or where ground is loose from recent excavation and has not yet settled, it is advisable to fasten bottom channel to treated wooden stakes. For installation on concrete, use 3/4" masonry nail instead of ground spike. "Liquid Nail" cement or other similar methods of setting a fastener directly to concrete can also be used.

## Step 2...

### Mounting Top Trim Back Components

First determine where the Top Trim Back component(s) will mount on the lower part of the home. The bottom edge of the Top Trim Back component can extend below the bottom edge of the home if there is a solid support for nailing and a solid bearing for the Top Trim Front component against the side of the home. It is helpful to mark a line around the bottom of the home with a chalk line or other method to assure a straight line where the Top Trim Back component is to be installed.

The Top Trim Back component is installed by driving the fasteners in the middle of every slot (*see figure 5*). **Do not fasten tightly!** (see fastening instructions on front page.) **Do not cut Top Trim Back components at the corners.** Gently bend over a sharp edge of a cutting table or a similar surface to form a corner (*see figure 6*).

If the installation is made in extremely cold weather, the vinyl should be warmed to room temperature before bending. Warming will avoid the likelihood of cracking.

## Step 3...

### Cutting Top Trim Back Components

The Top Trim Back component is constructed with two parallel ridges at intervals below the nailing slots (see figure 7). These ridges may be used to measure the distance from the ground to the lower ridge. In cold weather, measure to the top ridge; In warm weather, measure to the bottom ridge. If the ground is level, several panels may be cut at one time using a hand power saw. **Remember, if a power saw is to be used, mount a fine-toothed blade in reverse position** (see figure 8).

### Locking the Skirting Panels

A snap lock tool is used to punch locking tabs on the outside bottom edge of each skirting panel (see figure 9). When the panel is installed, it becomes locked in the Bottom Channel component. This feature assures retention of the panel in the Bottom Channel. **Note:** When installing in a high wind area, you may also punch locking tabs at the top of the panel for added locking strength.

Self-aligning panels easily snap and slide into place (see figure 10). Be certain that each skirting panel positively interlocks with the skirting panel adjoining it.

**Note:** (above 36" panel height, a framing support system should be considered.)

### Installing the Skirting Panels

Panel can be installed by setting into the Bottom Channel and leaning against the top trim back. Lock the next panel as shown in figure 10. Panels should not be cut but bent around corners as shown in figure 11.

### Fitting Skirting Panels Around Service Connections

Cutting and fitting to virtually any shape or radius is easily done with Vinyl Skirting. Using aviation snips, cut the panel to fit around the connection. Cut the panel from the side – **not from the top or bottom**. Keep snip points open as if cutting cloth to avoid cracking panels.

### CAUTION

Proper installation of manufactured home skirting requires that the Top Back component be fastened loosely so the panel will slide freely in the nail slots. This can be accomplished by leaving the fastener 1/16" to 1/8" from the face of the panel. The fastener must penetrate a solid surface by 3/4".

*Do not place outdoor cookers near the vinyl skirting because the heat will distort the panels. Any heat source must be kept away from the panels or damage may occur.*

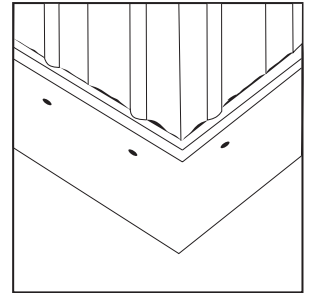


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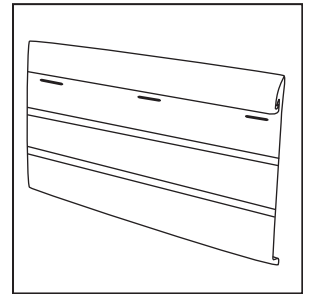


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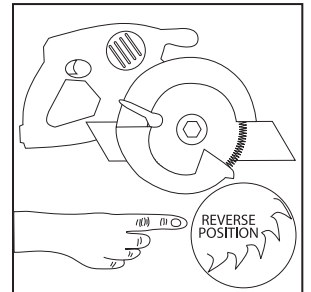


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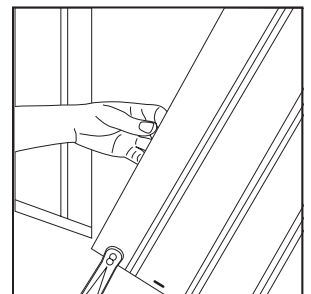


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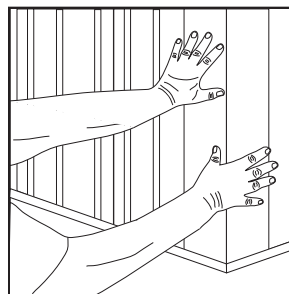


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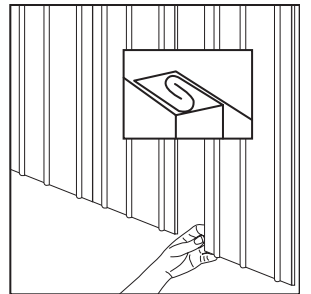


Figure 10

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## Step 4...

### Installing the Top Trim Front Component

The Top Trim Front component(s) installs easily by snapping the top edge of its spring lock into the installed Top Trim Back component. Be sure to push the Top Trim Front component all the way into the Top Trim Back component **until it “snaps” into place.**

Each of the 15 pieces of the Top Trim Front components in the trim kit are notched 2" on one end (see figure 12) to permit overlapping. Overlap ends of adjoining Top Trim Front component(s) approximately 1".

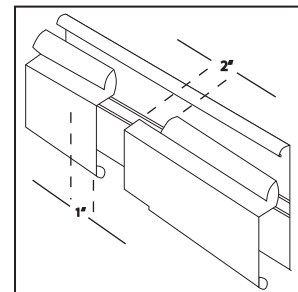


Figure 12

### Cutting Additional Corners

If inside corners are needed, trim strips can be easily cut with aviation snips to form attractive corner joints by cutting a 45° mitre on adjacent ends and butting. If extra outside corners are required (for porches or add-on rooms), notch the trim strips as shown (see figure 13), bend around the corner and snap into place. Allow at least 3' of trim strip on each side of the corner.

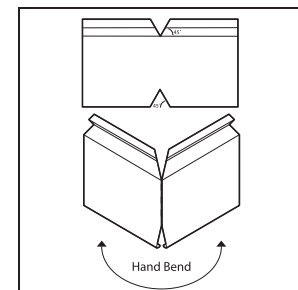


Figure 13

### Easy Access

Access can be gained at virtually any point by simply lifting the Top Trim Front component and sliding out the desired number of panels. Accessibility to the area under the unit is available whenever desired.

### Final Configuration

Please review the drawing to the right that shows how the components and skirting panels look after installation is complete.

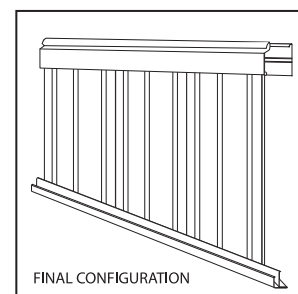
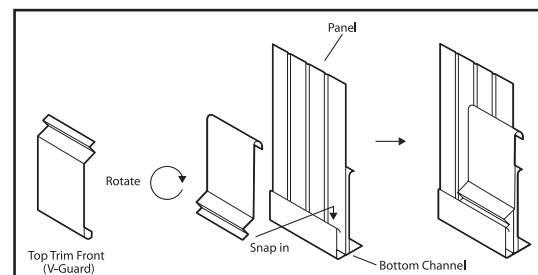


Figure 14

## V-Guard Installation - (if applicable)

### Installing the V-Guard Component

V-Guard Vinyl Skirting Protector component(s) installs easily by snapping the bottom edge of its spring lock into the Bottom Channel component. Be sure to push the V-Guard trim all the way into the Bottom Channel component **until it “snaps” into place.** (see figure 14)



### Cutting additional corners

If inside corners are needed, V-Guard trim can be easily cut with aviation snips to form attractive corner joints by cutting a 45° mitre on adjacent ends and butting. If extra outside corners are required (for porches or add-on rooms), notch the V-Guard trim component, bend around the corner and snap into place. Allow at least 3" of V-Guard component trim on each side of the corner.



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