FIXED CLAD WINDOWS

READ SPECIFIC INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS COMPLETELY BEFORE STARTING ANY INSTALLATION

Failure to install and maintain our product according to these instructions will VOID any warranty, written or implied. The installer is responsible for consulting the contractor, structural engineer, architect, or consumer, for proper installation according to local codes and/or ordinances.

WARNING

Every assembly and installation is different (structural support, wind loads, etc.) Parrett strongly recommends consultation with a Parrett supplier or an experienced contractor, architect, or structural engineer prior to the assembly and installation of any Parrett product. PARRETT HAS NO RESPONSIBILITY IN REGARD TO POST-MANUFACTURED ASSEMBLY AND INSTALLATION OF PARRETT PRODUCTS.

CAUTION

Factory applied exterior Brickmould and casing DO NOT take the place of standard window flashing. Each unit must be properly flashed and sealed with ultra violet resistant exterior sealant for protection against water and air infiltration.

WARNING TO INSTALLER

• Windows and doors can be very heavy and improper lifting techniques can result in serious injury. Use safe lifting techniques and a reasonable number of people with enough strength to lift, carry, and install any Parrett window and door products to avoid injury and/or damage to any product.

• Unless specifically ordered, Parrett windows are not equipped with safety glass, and if broken, could fragment causing injury. Many laws and building codes require safety glass in locations adjacent to or near doors. Parrett windows are available with safety glass that may reduce the likelihood of injury when broken. Information on safety glass is available from your local Parrett Windows & Doors dealer.

• Using ladders and/or scaffolding and working at elevated levels can be very dangerous. Follow the manufacturer’s instructions for all equipment used in order for safe operation. Please use extreme caution when working around window or door openings. Falling from opening may result in injury or death.

• Improper use of hand/power tools could result in injury and/or product damage. Again, follow manufacturer’s instructions for safe operation of equipment. ALWAYS WEAR SAFETY GLASSES.

ITEMS REQUIRED BY INSTALLER

• Safety Glasses
• Tape Measure
• Level
• Hammer
• Putty Knife
• Carpenter’s Square
• Caulk Gun
• Phillips Screwdriver
• Power Drill
• 3/16” Drill Bit
• Foam Backer Rod
• UV Resistant Exterior sealant
• ¼” Blocks
• Shims
• Stainless Steel Fasteners
  • 3” Finish Nails
  • #10 x 1” Screws
  • #10 x 1-1/2” Screws
  • #10 x 2-1/2” Screws
  • 1 3/4” Roofing Nails
1. Unit Preparation

- Remove unit from packing making sure to not damage the unit. Place unit exterior side down on a clean flat work surface being careful not to damage the finish.
- Remove any loose items. Extension jamb will be factory applied unless ordered loose.

2. Prepare Rough Opening

- Size of rough opening should allow minimum ¼” clearance around entire unit, between frame and rough opening. The width and height of the rough opening should be ½” more than unit width and height.
- Make sure the rough opening is square by measuring diagonally, from upper right to lower left, and upper left to lower right corner. The measurements need to be within 1/8” for the opening to be square. If the rough opening is not square, it MUST be corrected before installation.
- Check to make sure rough opening is plumb and level using a carpenter’s square and level. The sill plate MUST be level. If rough opening is not plumb or level, correct before installation.

3. Installation Clips (If applicable)

- Rotate Installation Clips into position around frame, as shown, before placing unit into rough opening.
- If installation clips are not installed, install clips along the frame of the unit before installation.
- All installation clips MUST BE corrosion resistant.
4. Unit Installation

- Apply a 3/8” bead of UV resistant exterior sealant to back of Nailing Fin.
- Lift unit into rough opening from the exterior.
- Place ¼” blocks at the corners of the sill under side jambs. Add shims along the rough opening to support and level unit as needed.
- For mulled units, shims must be placed under mullion post(s) at sill. All mull connections **MUST** be properly sealed with UV resistant exterior sealant. It is necessary to consult contractor, structural engineer, architect or building owner for proper installation. Minimum recommendation would be to apply a ¼” bead of sealant to the wood jamb and 3/8” bead of sealant to the nailing fin receiving channel on each unit. Finally, mull connector needs to be applied making certain all joints are tightly sealed and the mull cap is firmly in place.
- Center, square and level unit in opening.
- Bend and fasten Installation Clip at the highest point a #10 x ½” screw. (If Applicable)

**WARNING**

UV resistant exterior sealant must be compatible with all materials it comes in contact with. Follow sealant manufacturer’s instructions regarding surface cleaning and preparation, application, and temperature when applying sealant. Failure to do so may result in water infiltration.

Metal fasteners and other hardware components may corrode when exposed to preservative treated and fire-retardant treated lumber. Failure to use appropriate materials for installation may cause failure resulting in injury, property or product damage.

5. Secure Unit in Opening

**WOOD FRAME CONSTRUCTION**

- Insert shims between frame and rough opening along the side jambs, just above or below Installation Clips.
- Check plumb, level, and square of unit. Adjust shims as needed.
- Nail through every hole around the Nailing Fin using 1-3/4” roofing nails.
5. Secure Unit in Opening (continued)

- Bend and fasten Installation Clips to building structure using a minimum #10 x 1” pan head screws.
- Recheck plumb, level and square of unit.

NOTICE
Both Installation Clips and nailing through Nailing Fin are recommended for installing all units. If both cannot be used, unit must also be secured to building structure through frame.

- If securing through the frame, pre-drill 3/16” holes through unit frame 4” from each corner and every 16” in between.
- Insert shims between frame and rough opening near 3/16” holes.
- Check plumb, level and square of unit. Adjust shims as needed.
- Secure unit through pre-drilled holes in frame using #10 x 2-1/2” screws.
- Recheck plumb, level and square of unit. Correct as needed.

MASONRY CONSTRUCTION

CAUTION
DO NOT install unit with unfinished wood in direct contact with masonry/concrete. Apply proper finish to wood surface, or place barrier (i.e. tar paper or ice/water membrane) between wood and masonry/concrete surface. Failure to do so may result in product and/or property damage.

NOTICE
For masonry applications, install and securely fasten a wood buck or wood blocking around masonry opening before installing the window.

- Insert shims between frame and rough opening along the side jambs, just above or below Installation Clips.
5. Secure Unit in Opening (cont’ d)

- Bend and fasten Installation Clip at middle of each jamb to masonry, wood blocking, or wood buck using a minimum #10 x 1” pan head screws. If Installation Clips are being secured directly to masonry, pre-drill hole and use masonry screws.
- Check plumb, level, and square of unit. Adjust shims as needed.
- Secure remaining Installation Clips.
- Recheck plumb, level and square of unit.
- If securing through the frame, drill 3/16” holes through unit frame 4” from each corner and every 16” in between. If securing directly to masonry, pre-drill masonry for #10 x 2-1/2” masonry screws.
- Insert shims between frame and rough opening near 3/16” holes.
- Check plumb, level, and square of unit. Adjust shims as needed.
- Secure unit through frame using #10 x 2-1/2” screws. Use masonry screws if needed.
- Recheck plumb, level and square of unit. Correct as needed.

6. Apply Flashing Tape

- Apply a continuous bead of sealant between the Nailing Fin and the exterior cladding of the window. This will seal the Nailing Fin to unit frame.
- Apply flashing tape over the Nailing fin at the sill of the window.
- Next apply flashing tape over the Nailing Fin on both sides of the unit and make sure to overlap tape at the sill.
- Finally apply flashing tape over the Nailing Fin at the head, making sure to overlap flashing tape at the sides.

CAUTION
Unit must be properly flashed and use UV resistant exterior sealant for protection against water and air infiltration. You MUST use non-reflective flashings. Highly reflective flashing tapes can raise the surface temperature of vinyl to the point where the vinyl may melt or cause deformation.
6. Apply Flashing Tape (continued)

**NOTICE**
This instruction step depicts one of the many options for proper flashing.

Moisture infiltration problems in any type of building can be reduced by properly flashing and/or sealing around all building openings, including windows and doors. Proper flashing under and around window and door openings can reduce moisture problems, but the performance of any building system depends upon the design and construction of the building system in its entirety, which should address local environmental, climate, building codes and product and material limitations. The design and installation of flashing and sealing systems are the responsibility of the architect, contractor, installer, and/or the manufacturer of the building exterior specified for the project.

7. Insulate Around Unit

**CAUTION**
When insulating between unit frame and rough opening, or between units when joining, DO NOT over-pack insulation or overfill with expandable foam. Bowed jambs may result causing product performance problems. Follow insulation manufacturer’s instructions.

- Insulate between frame, extension jambs, and rough opening on all side. DO NOT over pack insulation or overfill with expandable foam.
8. Apply Exterior Finish

**NOTICE**
Use foam backer rod to seal and reduce the depth of gap before filling with sealant. Follow sealant manufacturer’s instructions.

- A minimum space of ¼” is required around the exterior perimeter of unit between frame and siding. Masonry/brick veneer installations require a minimum ½” space along the sill and ¼” space around the remaining perimeter. Failure to do so may result in product and/or property damage.
- Apply backer rod and a continuous bead of sealant sealant around exterior perimeter of window unit between exterior window frame cladding and exterior finish.

9. Finishing, Cleaning, and Maintenance Instructions

Refer to Parrett’s *Care and Maintenance* Instructions for all cleaning and maintenance. For finishing instructions, refer to Parrett’s Homeowner’s Manual at [www.parrettwindows.com](http://www.parrettwindows.com) or contact customer service at 1-800-541-9527.

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