



ZIP System™ Tape FAQ

Installation

HOW DO I INSTALL ZIP SYSTEM TAPE?

The ZIP System tape gun or ZIP System tape roller are specially designed for ease of tape application and can be purchased at your ZIP System wall retail locations. The gun and roller not only makes tape application fast and easy, it also provide a high quality tape seal.

CAN ZIP SYSTEM TAPE BE INSTALLED IN THE RAIN?

The surface of the ZIP System sheathing should be dry to the touch with not standing water or frost prior to tape installation.

CAN ZIP SYSTEM TAPE BE INSTALLED IN COLD TEMPERATURES?

ZIP System tape should not be installed when the temperature of the tape is below 20 degrees Fahrenheit (-6.7 degrees Celsius.)

CAN OTHER TAPES OTHER THAN ZIP SYSTEM TAPE BE USED TO SEAL THE SEAMS BETWEEN THE PANELS?

No. Only ZIP System Tape should be used with ZIP System sheathing. ZIP System Tape is specially formulated to work with the ZIP System sheathing. ZIP System tape is the only tape that is code-recognized for use with ZIP System Sheathing.

DO I NEED TO TAPE ALL OF THE SEAMS BETWEEN THE ZIP SYSTEM PANELS?

Yes. When using ZIP System roof and wall sheathing all seams between the panels must be taped with the ZIP System tape to ensure that it functions as a structural system and underlayment all in one.

HOW MANY ROLLS OF TAPE DO I NEED?

Although all projects are unique, experience has shown that 1-roll of tape is needed for approximately 7-sheets of ZIP system sheathing. This should only be considered a general "rule of thumb" when ordering materials with the understanding that some jobs may require more or less depending on specific project.

DO I NEED TO INSTALL EXTRA TAPE IN ROOF VALLEYS?

We recommend you using 6" wide ZIP System tape for valley seams and for window and door flashing. If you do not have 6" wide ZIP System tape, we recommend that you overlap two pieces of the 3 3/4" seam tape by at least 1" in the valleys. Water tends to migrate towards the valleys and it is important to pay close attention to tape installation in these areas. The ZIP System tape gun kit comes with a valley/corner tool that will allow you to apply pressure to the tape in valley areas of taping.

Features and Benefits

WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF TAPE WRINKLES DURING INSTALLATION OF THE ZIP SYSTEM SHEATHING?

Wrinkled tape may contribute to leaks in the system. If a taped seam contains a wrinkle, first, try to lift and replace the wrinkled area of tape. Next, re-apply pressure to the tape using the ZIP System tape gun roller to ensure the tape is sealed. If the tape is already adhered and difficult to remove, simply use the roller on the tape gun and apply as much pressure as needed to make certain the tape is secured to the panel, particularly around the tape edges. This should flatten any air pocket and activate the tape adhesive to bond completely with the ZIP System panels.

CAN I USE ZIP SYSTEM TAPE AS A FLASHING TAPE?

Yes. ZIP System tape is code recognized in ESR-2227 as a pressure-sensitive, self-adhering, cold-applied tape to be used as flashing around windows, door frames, wall penetrations and roof penetrations. Window & Door Flashing Tape when used with ZIP System sheathing (ESR-2227). ZIP System tape is not warranted when used on substrates other than ZIP System sheathing.



CAN ZIP SYSTEM TAPE BE USED WITH TYPICAL OSB OR PLYWOOD?

No. ZIP System tape is only warranted when used with ZIP System sheathing.

WHO DO I CALL IF I HAVE A QUESTION REGARDING ZIP SYSTEM SHEATHING?

Call 800-933-9220 and a Huber Engineered Woods representative will assist you.

Please visit www.zipsystem.com or contact our technical services department at 1-800-933-9220 Ext. 2716 with any questions or comments.