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Frequently Asked Questions About Vinyl Siding



1. Why should I choose vinyl siding for my home?

Vinyl is the leading material used for siding in the United States because of its cost efficiency, durability, color selection and the minimal maintenance required. Vinyl siding is superior when it comes to weather resistance as well. It can withstand high winds and is resistant to heat, cold, and moisture. Additionally, it has top rain screening performance that reduces the water accumulation on your home.



2. How much maintenance is involved?

One of the greatest advantages to vinyl siding is that it requires very little maintenance. If you choose vinyl siding, you will never have to paint it. In order to maintain its fresh look, vinyl siding only needs to be washed once or twice a year. See below for more on how to properly clean vinyl siding.



Does vinyl siding melt?

According to the Vinyl Siding Institute, temperatures necessary to cause significant distortion of vinyl siding are not routinely achieved, even when siding is exposed to both direct sunlight and the reflection from normal, flat window glass. Although vinyl is a flammable material, it will not ignite unless it is readily exposed to flames from a fire. It's wise to keep heat generators such as grills or ignitable materials like leaves and mulch away from your home for precautionary measures.



What causes discoloration in vinyl siding?

If not properly cared for, vinyl siding may be susceptible to discoloration. Chemicals, sunlight, mold or dirt can discolor your vinyl siding. Homeowners are often unaware of the fact that their vinyl siding may become discolored from things like re-painting a deck or treating a lawn or garden. Sunlight may also cause slight discoloration, although this process will occur slowly over time. If you do not clean your vinyl siding at least once a year, mold and mildew may also grow. Vinyl is made from organic materials that make it easy for mold to grow.



How can I prevent discoloration?

To prevent your vinyl siding from discoloring, take extra care that chemicals will not be splashed onto the siding. You may consider covering areas that are especially near where you are working. If you are concerned about your vinyl siding fading because of sunlight, you may consider choosing a lighter color. Darker colors may absorb more heat making fading more noticeable.



Why does vinyl siding become wavy?

The main reason that vinyl siding will become wavy is due to poor installation. Vinyl siding expands and contract with thermal changes. As a result, the siding must have room to move horizontally. If vinyl siding is nailed on too tightly it cannot move properly. A good installer will also know where and how to nail the siding correctly.



How do you clean vinyl siding?

It's important to clean vinyl siding is with the correct tools. A long handled, soft bristled brush is the best tool for cleaning vinyl siding.

Although vinyl siding can be cleaned with a power washer, you may save yourself the time and money of buying one if you simply use a

brush regularly, once or twice a year. Use a garden hose and fill a bucket with three parts water to one part chlorine bleach. Other solutions that can work are 1/3 cup laundry soap, 2/3 cup powdered detergent and a gallon of water or a solution made with 30% vinegar and 70% water.



Is vinyl siding energy efficient?

One of the great aspects of vinyl siding is that you can choose the option of insulated vinyl siding. The innovative nature of insulated vinyl siding serves as a heating blanket that provides

“continuous insulation”, a term that describes siding installed on the exterior of the home, drastically reducing heat loss through the framing. In addition, insulated vinyl siding meets the requirements under Energy Star Qualified Homes Version 3.



What is insulated vinyl siding?

According to the Vinyl Siding Institute, insulated siding is vinyl siding that is engineered to incorporate a substantial thickness of insulation. More specifically, insulated siding is a vinyl cladding with manufacturer installed rigid foam plastic insulation that is laminated or otherwise permanently attached to the cladding product.



What style options are available?

Vinyl siding comes in more styles and profiles than any other cladding material on the market. Vinyl siding comes in styles such as: horizontal and vertical panels, shakes, shingles, fish scales, lap, and beaded designs.



What color options are available?

Vinyl siding comes in more than 300 different colors. Each manufacturer offers a variety of colors and styles. One of the most reputable choices on the market today is Kaycan. Kaycan offers a "Home Designer" application on their website that helps you find the perfect color scheme for your home. They allow you to either upload a photo of your house or choose a style similar to your home, select areas to change materials and colors, and you then can save them or print them off.



What is the difference in thickness of vinyl siding?

Thickness is one way to measure the quality of vinyl siding. Thicker siding will cost more, but will provide additional benefits than its counterpart. The thicker the vinyl the more rigid and heavy duty it is, meaning it lasts longer. Vinyl siding is available in different thicknesses such as, .040, .042, .044, .046 and even .050 inches.



How long does vinyl siding last?

Vinyl siding is manufactured to last a significant amount of time. Warranties for vinyl siding go from 20-40 years depending on the thickness. Lifetime warranties are even offered by certain manufacturers today, such as Kaycan. The question of how long vinyl siding will last depends on factors such as thickness, weather and maintenance. If you do not maintain your vinyl siding by washing it once or twice a year, it will not last as long.



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