No additional off-site fabrication required. Panels are cut to fit on-site and secured using a patented process, saving time and money.

Fire Safety
AL13\textsuperscript{a} Panels are available in standard polyethylene (PE) or fire rated (FR) core.

- CAN/ULC-S102 FR Core: flame spread (0) - smoke development (5)
- ASTM E84 FR Core: flame spread (0) - smoke development (30)
- CAN/ULC-S134 FR core only
- NFPA 285 FR core only

Wind + Water
AL13\textsuperscript{a} Panels are cut to fit on-site and secured using system frame components, allowing for on-the-fly changes. AL13\textsuperscript{a} system clips and extrusions work together to create a secure system with built-in moisture management.

- AAMA 508 Pressure equalized rainscreen
- ASTM E330 Windload

Finish
The AL13\textsuperscript{a} Panel System is available in 9 standard solids, 5 wood grains and 4 metallic finishes - custom color matching also available.

- AAMA 2605 Coating finish standard
- Patented 20 year finish warranty

Patented
Years of R&D have allowed AL13\textsuperscript{a} to create an innovative system solution for on-site installation, and alleviate lead time constraints inherent with other products.

Patented

* extrusions are coated in a matching solid tone
PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

PRODUCT FEATURES
USA

● DESCRIPTION
○ Composite aluminum panels comprised of aluminum skin faced sheets bonded to polyethylene core, or fire-rated mineral fiber core, with high performance fluorocarbon coating finish.

● USES
○ Designed for rainscreen cladding applications.

● PRODUCT ATTRIBUTES AND CHARACTERISTICS
○ Available with polyethylene core or fire-rated mineral fiber, non-combustible core.
○ High performance fluorocarbon finish coating is available in a variety of standard colors including solid colors, wood line finishes. Custom colors are also available.
○ Extruded aluminum panel and perimeter frame assembly and snap-lock top cap for final attachment to frame assembly. Frame components are both two-part snap-locking and one-piece assemblies.
○ Panel dimensions and configurations allow for field adjustment and thermal movement.

● SELECTION CRITERIA
○ Attachment system allows for vertical and horizontal thermal movement due to thermal changes. The product shall not be installed where surface temperatures are anticipated to exceed 180° F (82° C).
○ Unique tab-over design allows for each panel to expand and contract across a broad temperature spectrum without causing buckling or oil-canning.

● SUSTAINABILITY CRITERIA
○ Panels contain recycled content which may contribute to LEED Material and Resources Credit 4 – Recycled Content.
○ Aluminum Skin (of 0.4 and 0.5 mm): 8% pre-consumer recycled content (percent in weight)
○ Plastic (of PE Core) 100% pre-consumer recycled content (percent in weight)
○ Fire Rated Core: 10% of pre-consumer recycled content (percent in weight)

● APPLICABLE CURRENT STANDARDS, RELATED REFERENCES
○ AAMA 508 - Voluntary Test Method and Specification for Pressure Equalized Rain Screen Wall Cladding Systems.
PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

- ASTM D3363 - Standard Test Method for Film Hardness by Pencil Test.
- Rates for Materials and Products Using an Oxygen Consumption Calorimeter.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

- General Panel Properties:
  - Thermal Expansion: ASTM D696, 2.4 x 10^-5 per degree C
  - Fire Propagation: ASTM E84
PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

- Polyurethane Core:
  - Smoke Developed = 5
  - Flame Spread = 20

- Fire Rated Core:
  - Smoke Developed = 30
  - Flame Spread = 0

- General System Properties:
  - Wind-Pressure Resistance: ASTM E330: Tested. See Technical Data Sheet (Wind loads)
  - Pressure Cycling: ASTM E1288: Passed 100 cycles.

PACKAGING, HANDLING, PROTECTION, AND DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS

- Deliver materials and related components in manufacturers’ unopened containers or bundles, fully identified by name, brand, type and grade. Prevent damage during unloading, storing and installation.

- Store, protect and handle materials and components to prevent twisting, bending, mechanical damage, contamination and deterioration.

- Store materials off ground and keep clean, dry, and free of dirt and other foreign matter.

- Do not expose panels with strippable film to direct sunlight or elevated heat.

SPECIAL WARRANTY

- Fifteen year limited product warranty against physical defects of systems and products that are properly installed and maintained according to the manufacturer’s published application instructions.

- Finish Coating: Twenty year limited warranty stating finishes shall be free from peeling and checking, chalking of exterior paint, and fading or color change.

LIMITATIONS

- Composite aluminum panels must be protected from direct contact with dissimilar metals by a membrane or coating layer.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- Wear suitable personal protection to avoid cuts.

- Wear eye protection when cutting, handling and installing panels.

- Panels will be hot when subjected to sunlight.
PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

● AVAILABILITY
  ○ Available from appointed distributors. See distributor listing on website.

● COST
  ○ Consult distributors for specific product costs or relative costs.

PRODUCT PROPERTIES

● MATERIALS, COMPOSITION, PROPERTIES
  ○ Aluminum faces sheets: AA A3003-H24 alloy aluminum sheet with nominal thickness of 0.020 inches (0.5 mm).
  ○ Back plates, corner frames and end frames: AA 6063-T5 extruded aluminum with wall thickness ~ 0.062 inches (1.57 mm).
  ○ Panel joint top caps: AA6063-T5 extruded aluminum, two-piece snap together assembly of top cap and backplate, ~ 0.062 inches (1.57 mm) thick.

● ACCESSORIES
  ○ AL13® adhesive tape for permanent adhesion of I-beam stiffeners to the back side of the ACM panel for added panel rigidity (optional application).
  ○ Fasteners:
    ■ Attachment of System frame components to Steel Substrate: #10-16 x ¾ inch (19.05 mm) self-drilling screws with corrosion-resistant coating. Installed every 24 inches (60.96 cm) on center.
    ■ Attachment of System frame components to Wood Substrate: #12-14 x 1 ½ inch (38 mm) mini drill-point fasteners with EPDM composite washers and corrosion-resistant coating. Installed every 16 inches (40.64 cm) on center, unless securing a segmented (3 ¼ inch) (8.25 cm) backplate (installed 16 inches (40.64 cm) on center), in which case two fasteners per segmented piece are required.
    ■ Attachment of System frame components to Concrete walls: ¼ inch (6.35 mm) diameter threaded stainless steel concrete screw anchor. Minimum embedment into concrete of 1 ½ inch (31.75 mm). Ultimate withdrawal resistance shall be a minimum of 750 lbf. Installed every 24 inches (60.96 cm) on center.
      □ Note: For larger installed areas over concrete, it is recommended to install a furring bar or Z-girt for panel attachment. Attaching frame components directly to concrete is time consuming.
    ■ Fastener Corrosion Resistance:
      □ Carbon Steel: Coated to provide not less than 1,700 hours of
PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

ASTM B 117 salt spray performance with no white or red rust; 18 cycles of ASTM G 87 (DIN 50018) SO² Kesternich testing with not more than 15 percent red rust.

- Stainless Steel: 304, 305 or 316 Series Stainless Steel.

- SHAPE, MASS, AND DIMENSION
  - Panel Weight:
    - Polyethylene core:
      - 0.12 inch/0.02 inch (3 mm/0.50 mm): 0.96 lb/ft² (4.71 kg/m²)
      - 0.16 inch/0.02 inch (4 mm/0.50 mm): 1.17 lb/ft² (5.71 kg/m²)
    - Fire-rated mineral fiber core:
      - 0.12 inch/0.12 inch (3 mm/0.40 mm): 1.27 lb/ft² (6.20 kg/m²)
      - 0.16 inch/0.02 inch (4 mm/0.50 mm): 1.68 lb/ft² (8.18 kg/m²)
  - Overall panel thickness: 0.12 inch (3 mm) or 0.157 inch (4 mm).
  - Standard panel size of 4 foot x 8 foot (1220 mm x 2440 mm).
  - Custom sizes available, up to a maximum of 5 foot x 10 foot (1524 mm x 3048 mm).

- FINISH, COLORS AND TEXTURES
  - High performance finish coating in compliance with AAMA 2605.

PRODUCT INSTALLATION

- PREPARATION
  - Ensure structural supports are aligned and meets structural requirements for wind loading and gravity loads.
  - Ensure building surfaces are smooth, clean, dry and free from defects detrimental to installation of cladding system.
  - Ensure framing is planar with variations on not more than ¼-inch in ten feet.
  - Inspect cladding and components before installation and verify that there is no shipping, storage, or staging damage. Do not install damaged cladding. Remove from jobsite to avoid re-application.
  - Ensure all products received are as ordered/required for project, including finish and size.

- INSTALLATION
  - Install products in accordance with manufacturer's published handling and
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Cleaning & Maintenance

Dirt and other deposits may naturally accumulate due to specific environmental conditions. These build-ups and deposits take away from the original aesthetic properties. AL13 recommends implementing a regular cleaning program to maintain the best possible appearance.

General cleaning:

- Surfaces may be cleaned with water using a soft brush or sponge free of debris. Avoid excessive rubbing.

- If necessary, surfaces may be cleaned with a mild detergent (pH 6-7) or cleaning agent diluted 1:50 parts water.

- Some cleaning products may damage the finish. Using highly acidic or alkaline cleaning agents may corrode the aluminium and paint. If unsure, complete a small test area in an inconspicuous location before proceeding. If the solution results in any irregularities to the finish, discontinue use immediately. Always use all recommended safety precautions including appropriate skin and eye protection to prevent irritations or burns.

- After cleaning occurs, surfaces should be rinsed with clean water to remove any residue that might be present.

- To reduce the appearance of water spots or streaking, surfaces should be squeegeed or wiped dry with a clean cloth before the water is allowed to do so naturally. Surfaces heated by the sun will dry more quickly.

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Do Not

- Do not clean AL13 using steel wool or abrasive pads.
- Do not clean AL13 with Acetone, paint thinners or removers.
- Do not clean AL13 with highly acidic or alkaline solutions.
- Do not clean AL13 with a pressure washer.
AL13 Panel System

The backplates and various caps use an interference fit and require an impact to engage the two components. Ensure that the substrate is solid enough to sustain this impact.
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IMPORTANT: Failure to follow the guidelines herein will void the AL13® warranty

Please read and understand this guide. Any questions or inconsistencies should be directed to info@al13.com.

Guidelines may vary depending on project particulars and conditions. Contact AL13® with questions regarding variance from this guide. Standard carpentry skills are required for optimum results.

Good health and safety practices must be followed when installing AL13® Panel System.
Please refer to the AL13® Material Safety Data Sheets for more info.

Key steps for a successful installation

01 Understand the various elements of the system
02 Plan the installation, work schedule, layout, and material usage
03 Ensure everyone working has read the installation guidelines
04 Execute work in the sequence set forth in the installation guidelines
05 Protection should be worn: gloves, ear protection, steel-toe boots, safety glasses and hard hat
06 Protect the product by storing the material in a dry and clean environment
07 Ensure proper fit of the system
08 Upon completion of installation, remove protective film and clean any debris on the wall

Pre-installation: Receiving materials

When materials arrive on site, ensure that all panels, extrusions and other component packaging are in good condition, free of any defects, and verify that the materials match the order / shop drawings.

> Shipping or packaging issues should be noted on the waybill and then reported to the distributor

> Should any products be damaged, the receiving party is responsible for filling a freight claim to the shipping company within 24 hours of receiving product.

> Defective materials should be reported to the distributor from which the product was dispatched.
# Installation Guidelines 2

Product Legend: This installation guide discusses various components of the system and uses component reference blocks. Please refer to the following to verify the correct component.

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## Inventory

Once material is verified to be in good condition, take inventory of units according to the packing slip. Make sure all materials - panel, extrusion, fasteners, and adhesive tape - and quantities are present.

*The distributor should be notified immediately if the order has any missing or incomplete components. Failure to do so may void re-fulfillment.*

## Material Handling

AL13® ACM System panels are shipped on pallets in fifty (50) sheets or fewer. The sheets are secured in place with metal strapping and covered with protective wrap. Panels should be kept in their original packaging or similar and moved by a forklift or pallet jack.

Once a pallet is unwrapped and metal straps are cut, panels may be moved individually. Ensure to use clean work gloves to protect from sharp edges and keep panels clean. Panels must be first lifted vertically away from the pallet, then away—DO NOT DRAG OR SLIDE PANELS.

Store all materials in a clean and dry environment, both before and after materials are unpacked.

Wear gloves when handling materials, and use suction cups when mounting panels to the wall. Be sure to wear eye and ear protection when cutting materials. Always wear appropriate personal protective equipment.

## Tools

Our Panel System is made to be installed with general tools. A recommended tool list is as follows:

- Sawhorses/work table
- Circular saw, handheld with guide
- Table saw
- Cordless electric impact with appropriate bits
- AL13 saw blades
- AL13 SLED tool
- AL13 suction cups
- Jigsaw
- File (for deburring cut sheets)
- Level/plumb line
- Chalk line
- Cordless electric drill
- Drill bit set
Installation Guidelines 6

Panel Layout

It is important to commence work with good construction practice and schedule work with other trades to avoid delays. Once installation begins it must not be delayed for any length of time as damage may occur to the system, substrate or both due to exposure to the elements. Before any installation begins, it is imperative to plan the layout of the system. The architectural plans/elevations should be reviewed to determine the appropriate “grid” for the system. Should no such plans be available, measure areas to develop a pattern that will maximize panel size, aesthetics and minimize fabrication.

Standard panel size is 4 ft x 8 ft (1220 mm x 2440 mm). Do not use these dimensions for determining layout lines, adequate space must be left between panels for extrusions.

Material Use

Once the layout has been determined, double check that there is an adequate amount of materials present for the application at hand. Since estimation takeoffs and quantities are based on panel layout, any installation varying from the original plan may affect quantities and cause material shortages. Make sure to check the cut plan to determine if this will result in any further shortages. When calculating material usage, note that vertical extrusions - in most cases - will carry through continuously, while the horizontals tuck and terminate under the tabs of the verticals.
Installation Guidelines 7

System Clip Compressible

The System Clip Compressible provides a perfect fit between the framing components and the panel without the need for extra fasteners, adhesives, or caulking. Familiarize yourself with installing the System Clip Compressible correctly in order to achieve this perfect fit.

**CORRECT**

Install the system clip correctly by ensuring the Backplate is inserted into the engaging slot as shown.

The System Clip Compressible should glide in easily and snap into the Backplate when fully inserted.

**INCORRECT**

Note that the System Clip Compressible presses up against the panels, hence the majority of its body needs to rest towards the panel.

This incorrect installation will not provide the correct fit between the framing and the ACM panels.

This incorrect, upside-down installation will also not provide the correct fit between the framing and the ACM panels.
Installation Guidelines 8

Supported Substrates

Wood Frame with OSB/Plywood Sheathing
For installation on wood substrates, plywood, and OSB, AL13® Wood Fasteners must be used. For sheathed wood frame, AL13® installs directly on building wrap. The mechanical fasteners anchor into building sheathing and studs where available.

Girt/Furring Bar Installation
For installation on girt or furring bars, use metal fasteners.

Concrete Installation
For installation on concrete, use concrete fasteners/anchors.
Installation Guidelines 9

Installation near Windows, Doors, and other Bump-Outs

When installing around a perimeter terminated with a Back Plate Universal, leave a minimum gap of 1/16" from the edge of the Back Plate to the perimeter border. This allows sufficient space for a top cap to be installed.

Leave a minimum of 1/16" gap between the edge of a perimeter (e.g., windows, doors, bump-outs) and the Back Plate Universal.
Panels are fastened by the frame tabs on the top caps around the entire perimeter. No traditional mechanical fasteners are required in the panel itself.

Ensure that the correct Snap-Lock Engagement Device (SLED) is used for the appropriate cap. Use a rubber mallet together with the appropriate SLED to install the top caps.

Installing the Top Caps

A protrusion at the bottom of the SLED fits inside the reveal of the cap to ensure proper installation.

A cutout at the bottom of the SLED captures the geometry of the Outside Corner cap to ensure proper installation.

Questions? info@al13.com
The building envelope, which includes a weather barrier and all applicable flashings, must be completed to local building code before any AL13® component is to be laid out or installed.

The first part of the installation guide outlines a basic install on a flat wall as illustrated above in its completed form. The subsequent sections will outline more intricate details like inside corners, outside corners, windows, doors, overhangs, and build-outs. (Please be sure to have read the General Install section first).
Panel Install 02

Using the chosen layout, determine the best suited datum - or starting point - shown here as the lower left corner. Lay out the panel grid using chalk lines (or similar) from the datum point, ensuring that all lines are plumb or level. These lines are to indicate the locations of the extruded frame components that will secure and frame the ACM panel.
Panel Install 03

Fasten vertical perimeter extrusions.

Measure and cut the vertical End Frames according to the marked grid lines. If the top of the vertical End Frame is to meet another horizontal End Frame at 90 degrees, a 45-degree mitre cut is to be made on both parts to complete the angle. This will eliminate the need to notch extrusions. If the wall is to be finished with a half back plate and perimeter cap, the 45-degree mitre is not necessary, as the horizontal cap will tuck behind the vertical end frames.

It is the preferred method to fasten the top part of the extrusion first (upper 3”), then the bottom (lower 3”), followed by all fasteners in between. Typical fastener spacing on all extrusions with the 4mm ACM Panel system is to be no greater than 24” with a minimum of 2 fasteners per extrusion. Fastener spacing may be increased, to add additional pull out capacity. Consult the fastener specifications guide to determine fastener type and spacing.

*An Outside Corner Frame, Inside Corner Frame, or a Perimeter Frame Assembly may be used in place of the End Frame in this situation. The End Frame is shown here only to keep the scope of this guide relatively simple.
The upper End Frame is next to be measured and cut-to-size. A double mitre could be required if the vertical End Frames are mitered at 45 degrees (as outlined in the previous step).

If one length of the End Frame extrusion is not long enough to span the distance required, it is necessary to use a second piece and butt the two together. Take care in aligning joints so that they are flush, shim as needed.

Fasten top horizontal extrusion.
Panel Install 05

Fasten baseline extrusion backplates.

The AL13® Panel System is a rainscreen system that does not require any strapping.

The bottom row comprises segmented half back plate sections, cut to a length of 3 1/4" and installed every 16". This ensures that, at any given horizontal cutaway, only 20 % of the material is attached to the wall to an 80 % open cavity. This provides necessary capillary break and fulfills the rainscreen requirements.

Note: In some installations, more than a full length of a top cap may be required. In this case, ensure that the seam is supported adequately by a back plate.

Note: if installing on girt, segmenting is not necessary.
Panel Install 06

Fasten baseline extrusion.

Measure and cut the bottom horizontal top cap. A proper fit will ensure that either end may be tucked into the vertical end frames, leaving a minimum 1/8” gap to allow for proper contraction and expansion of the extrusion.

Engage the top cap into the segmented back plates using an AL13® SLED with a rubber mallet. It is imperative to only make contact where back plates are present so as not to damage or warp the top cap.
Panel Install 07

Fasten vertical back plate.

Measure and cut the vertical full back plate. Allow for approximately 2” gap from horizontal upper and lower extrusions to allow for proper top cap installation. Begin by fastening the top of the extrusion first (upper 3”), followed by the bottom (lower 3”), then the intermediate fasteners.

Note: allow for approximately a 2in gap from the upper and lower horizontal extrusions.
Panel Install 08

Fasten horizontal full back plate segments.

Measure and cut horizontal back plates in 3 1/4" segments and install them every 16" as per the layout. If you are fastening to a minimum of 1/2" ply or OSB sheeting, it is not necessary to fasten segments to a stud. It is recommended to pre-drill the holes in the segmented back plate pieces. This will prevent the small pieces from spinning while fastening - which aides in eliminating the possibility of a cut hazard.

It is important to install the segments ensuring they are completely plumb and straight. A Level or straight edge may be used to assist with alignment.

Note: if installing on girt, segmenting is not necessary.
Once all extrusions have been installed it is time to attach system clips to all the extruded frame components. Systems clips act as spacers and are installed with the thin tab pointing towards the wall and the thicker portion facing away from the wall. System clips keep the panels tight to the frame without the need for adjustment.

System clips are to be attached at a minimum every 16", or 1 system clip per tab on the smaller segmented horizontal pieces. Position system clips 6-8" away from corners and intersections.

System clips are intended to be a firm and secure friction fit. Repeated attempts pulling the clip off and snapping it back on may weaken the integrity of a clip. Once a clip has been snapped in place, it should not be repeatedly taken off and snapped back on. If any clip is found to have been weakened through repetitive use, it should be discarded and a new one used in its place to ensure a secure fit.
Once a panel is ready to be fit, it may be taken off the stack. Make sure not to drag sheets across, rather lift the sheet up off the stack, then away. Although the panels have a protective film applied from the factory, reckless panel handling may cause damage to the panel through the wrap. It is recommended that at least two persons carry one sheet. The protective film should be peeled back approximately 1” (25 mm) from the edges, but should remain on the panel otherwise.

The ACM Panel may need to be cut down if a smaller size from the standard 4 ft × 8 ft (1220 x 2440 mm) is required. This may be done on a standard circular saw, panel saw or table saw - so long as an AL13® blade is used.

Use a guide to ensure cuts are straight and clean. The appropriate panel fit should account for approximately a 1/16” gap on all sides to allow for expansion and contraction of the metal.

Gloves should be worn to keep the panel clean and to protect hands from sharp edges.
Panel Install 10

I-Beam installation (optional). I-beams may be used in conjunction with the panels to provide additional panel rigidity.

**Step 1** - Cut I-beams to fit. Appropriate sizing should be offset from either edge of the panel 2 1/2". Full 4 ft × 8 ft panels will require 2 I-beams set back 12" from the centre. Panels 6’ or below only require 1 I-beam, running in the narrow direction, at the center of the panel.

**Step 2** - Ensure both of the surfaces are free of dirt, debris or contaminants to ensure full adhesion. For best performance it is suggested to clean both surfaces using Isopropyl Alcohol, which is free of solvents and will not damage any finished surfaces.

**Step 3** - Apply double-sided adhesive the full length of the narrow leg of the I-beam. Remove the protective backing and carefully attach to the cleaned back side of the panel. Once set in position, apply pressure along the length of the I-beam to ensure even full contact with the back side of the panel.
ACM panel fit.

**Step 1** - position panel on its long edge, lift it up and place in position.

**Step 2** - shift the panel towards the wall.

**Step 3** - once the panel is flush, slide it under the tab of the vertical End Frame.

**Caution:** Suction cups are recommended for installing panels as they allow for much greater grip and free your hands from a potential pinch hazard.
After the ACM Panel has been shifted into the correct position you must securely fasten it in place with a top cap. The top cap is the second part of the two-part Panel Frame Assembly which is snapped into place with a rubber mallet and the AL13® SLED.

Once the top cap is cut to the appropriate length, it may be engaged with a rubber mallet and the AL13® SLED. Where a horizontal top cap intersects a vertical End Frame, it should slide under the tab of the End Frame. Be cautious to only impact the top cap where a back plate is present to prevent any deformation of the frame components.

The horizontal top cap should sit halfway under the tabs of the vertical frame components, in the same manner as the panel. Therefore, the horizontal top cap may be cut and positioned to match the panel.

Install reveal cap and lock into place with AL13® SLED tool.
Panel Install 13

Repeat previous two steps for the next panel.

Continue workflow to the right and repeat previous steps for remaining panels on the first row of the wall.
Panel Install 14

Install top two panels..

The top two panels in a column must be installed simultaneously. Since the top of the wall terminates under the horizontal End Frame, it would be impossible to place the upper panel if the below top cap was already secured.

**Step 1** - Install lower panel and hold in place while second panel is fitted.

**Step 2** - Slide upper panel upwards under the tab of the horizontal End Frame.

**Step 3** - Slide the panel underneath the vertical End Frame.
Panel Install 15

Lock top panels into place with top cap.

After the ACM Panels have been shifted into the correct position, the horizontal top cap will secure the panels in place. Once the top cap is cut to the appropriate length, it should be placed, one end first, into place, with each end under the tabs of the horizontal End Frames.

Once in the correct position it is to be hammered into place with a rubber mallet and AL13® SLED.
Repeat for the other side and lock into place.

Continue workflow to the right and repeat previous steps for remaining panels on the top row.
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If one length of the top cap extrusions is not long enough to span the distance required, it is necessary to use a second piece and butt the two together. Take care in aligning buttjoints so that they share the same back plate.

- **Note:** Do not butt two top caps at an intersection, where no back plate is present.

Once two adjacent columns of panels have been installed, the top cap may be installed. Once the top cap is cut to the appropriate length, it should be placed, bottom end first, into place with each end under the tabs of the horizontal End Frames. Once in the correct position it is to be hammered into place with a rubber mallet and AL13® SLED.

- **Note:** the Outside Corner Cap needs to be installed with the 2OC SLED and engaged at 45° to the wall.

See the Installation Guideline for further details.

Install vertical top cap and lock into place.
Wall installation is complete.
Once the install is complete, work from the top down to remove the protective plastic film and clean the panels as required. Take note of any installation flaws and ensure all top caps are fully hammered into place.

Protective film must be removed once install is complete.
AL13® Product Warranty
AL13® - 15 YEAR LIMITED PRODUCT WARRANTY, when properly installed and maintained according to the published application. Product is warranted for a period of fifteen (15) years from the date of installation from physical defects. Registration of the product is required for the warranty to be in effect. This warranty provides the following coverage: (a) delamination, splitting or cracking of the product, sustained excessive deformation of the product under normal conditions of use and (b) to be free of any buckling of the product itself that is not associated with the substrate and/or structure to which the AL13® system is attached. For the purpose of this warranty, buckling shall be defined as warping of the product(s) exceeding one eight (8) inch out of plane per linear foot. If AL13®, after inspection and verification, determines that the product failed under the terms of this warranty, the sole and exclusive remedy follows: within a reasonable amount of time after the inspection, repair or replace (at AL13®'s discretion) the defective portion of the product, or may refund the owner for the purchase price of the affected area, and a reasonable cost of installation. During the warranty period following installation, AL13® will compensate the Owner for correcting the affected area(s) (limited to no more than the original cost of installation) until the end of the limited warranty period for the affected area(s).

Finish Warranty
AL13® - 20 YEAR LIMITED FINISH WARRANTY AL13® hereby warrants that all finishes on the coated aluminum for 20 years from the date of purchase will not under normal atmospheric conditions: (a) peel, check or crack except for such slight crazing or cracking as may occur on certain areas of the panel, or (b) (1) chalk in excess of a numerical rating of 8 measured in accordance with the standard procedures as outlined by the "Standard Methods of Evaluating Degree of Chalking of Exterior Paint" - ASTM D4214-89; or (2) fade or change in color in excess of 5 color difference units, using ASTM D2244-89 measured on the exposed painted surfaces which have been cleaned of external deposits and chalk and the corresponding values measured on the original or unexposed painted surfaces. The foregoing being subject to the understanding that fading or color changes may not be uniform if the surface is not evenly exposed to the sun and elements; and that gloss (60° incident angle) loss will not exceed 40% when measured on exposed painted surfaces which have been cleaned of external deposits and the corresponding values measured on unexposed original painted surfaces. The gloss shall be measured using standard procedures as defined by "Standard Test Method for Specular Gloss" - ASTM D523-89.

Finish Warranty Conditions
The AL13® finish warranty is subject to the following conditions: (a) Normal atmospheric conditions exclude corrosive or aggressive atmospheres such as those contaminated with chemical fumes, salt or other corrosive elements, including areas within 305 meters (1000 feet) of a body of salt water. AL13® recommends a fresh water cleaning/maintenance program be in effect to prevent corrosion from accumulated deposits. (b) The warranty will not apply to any coated surface, which is not on the exterior surface of a building. (c) The warranty will not extend or cover: (1) Damage to the coating occasioned by moisture or other contamination detrimental to the coating because of improper storage of the coated metal prior to installation; (2) Water damage due to condensation caused by improper packaging of the coated metal prior to installation; (3) Damages to the coated metal caused by handling, shipping, processing and/or installation; or (4) Damages to the coated metal caused by scratching or abrading after installation; or (5) Damages to the coated metal as a result of standing water in horizontal installations; (d) The warranty will not be applicable to damage or failure, which is caused by acts of God, falling objects, external forces, explosions, fire, riots, civil commotion's, acts of war, or other such similar or dissimilar occurrences beyond AL13®'s control; (e) Customer shall maintain adequate records to establish identification of the coated material and dates of the installation of the coated metal. Customers shall demonstrate that the failure of the coated metal was due to a breach of the warranty stated herein. (f) AL13® exclusive liability under this warranty, or otherwise, will be limited to refinishing, repairing or replacing - at AL13®'s sole option - the defective coated metal. The warranty on any refreshed, repaired or replaced coated metal supplied hereunder shall be for the remainder of the warranty period applicable to the originally coated metal. All warranty work will be performed by a company or contractor selected by AL13®, including the initial inspection to verify the claim. Color variance between replacement or repainted product and original shall not be indicative of a defect.

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