

Cutting Rollex Steel Siding

Guillotine Cutter

For accurate factory cuts of siding panels without damage to the zinc chromate treatment that prevents rust, a guillotine cutter is the preferred cutting tool. Different cutting blades can be used for Double-4, Double-5 or Vertical.

Tinsnips or Power shear

Individual panels can be cut with tinsnips or a power shear. Start by drawing a line across the panel using a square. Begin cutting at the top lock first and continue toward the bottom of the panel. Break the panel across the butt edge and cut through bottom lock. Use a screwdriver to re-open lock which may become flattened by tinsnips. Aviation shears are sometimes used to cut the top and bottom locks and a scoring tool is used to score and break the face of the panel. For straight cuts, the best choice is a guillotine cutter or a power shear for longer lengths of siding to be cut.

Score end Snap Method

A scoring tool with a carbide blade is useful for cuts lengthwise as well as cuts across a single panel. A heavy score is made on the panel and the piece is bent back and forth until it snaps cleanly along the score line. On window cut-outs the combination of utility knife and tinsnips is most efficient.

Accessories such as undersill trim, J-channel, and starter strip can best be cut using tinsnips.

Saw Cuts

Use a hacksaw to cut accessories like corner posts.

Power saws designed for cutting metal may be used to cut panels which are going into a J-channel, corner post or other receiver. **NEVER USE A POWER SAW FOR CUTS WHICH ARE GOING TO BE LAPPED.**

REMOVE ANY METAL CHIPS OR DUST FROM THE CUT PIECE, AND ANY EXCESSIVE BURRS FROM IT'S EDGE. IF NOT REMOVED, THIS RESIDUE WILL RUST, RESULTING IN RUST SPOTS OR STREAKS ON THE SIDING.

