

# Starter Strip

## Horizontal Siding

Using the chalk line or string as a guide, install starter strip all the way around the bottom of the building. It is extremely important that the starter strip be straight and meet accurately at all corners, since it will determine the line of all siding panels installed. Where hollows occur in the old wall surface, shim out behind the starter strip to prevent a wavy appearance of the finished siding application. Check starter strip and chalk line with a level to be sure starter strip is in the right place.

## Vertical Siding

A plumb line should be used when applying starter strip in a vertical position.

## Nailing

The Starter strip should overlap the corner post flanges to help reduce air infiltration. When using individual corner caps, install the starter strip up to the edge of the house corner. Use steel nails spaced not more than 8 inches apart to securely fasten the starter strip. Nail starter strip as low as possible. Be careful not to bend or distort. Do not over-drive nails. Cut lengths of starter strip with tinsnips. Butt sections together.

