

BARRIERBOSS

INSTALLATION, CUTTING & CARE

Metal Cladding for Siding

Installation & Handling Guide

Metal siding cladding from 26-gauge steel finished with HDP (High Durability Polyester) paint, chosen over SMP for superior thermal stability and chemical resistance, so panels resist fading, corrosion, and rust for decades. A high-performance alternative to old vinyl or wood siding that endures rain, snow, sleet, and hail. Installs at roughly 2 to 3 hours per 100 sq. ft. with the right tools. Available in Black, Grey, or Brown for homes, barns, barndominiums, and commercial

This product

Colours	Midnight Black · Coastal Gray · Coffee Brown · Cream · Galvalume (Silver)
Configurations	5
Example SKU	MCS-BK

Receiving and handling

- Your sheets were manufactured to precise standards and stacked straight out of the machine into a clean, organized bundle, then loaded by forklift. That minimises scratches in production and transit.
- **Lift sheets straight up — never slide them across one another.** A sheet edge acts like a key and will cut through paint or finish on the sheet below.
- Take only a few sheets at a time, one person on each side. Cut sheet edges are sharp: wear work or garden gloves.
- Each stack ships with a protective top and bottom sheet. They are sacrificial — discard them once you have unloaded.

What you will need

- Drill and driver
- Tin snips or nibbler
- Chalk line
- Level
- Tape measure
- Self-tapping screws with washers
- Work gloves

Installing this product

1 Set a true starting line

Snap a level chalk line at the base. Every sheet after the first inherits whatever error is in it.

2 Fix through the flat

Drive screws through the flat of the profile, not the crown. Crown-fixing distorts the sheet and breaks the weather seal.

3 Do not overdrive

Seat the washer so it just compresses. An overdriven screw dimples the sheet and lets water sit.

4 Lap and shed water

Lap one full corrugation, with the lap facing away from prevailing weather. Work upward so each course sheds onto the one below.

5 Trim and close

Cut with snips or a nibbler — never an abrasive wheel. Hot cutting burns the coating back and rust starts at that edge.

Before you call it done

- Every bolt fully tightened.
- Panels snug in their channels with no rattle.
- Frame square, plumb and level.
- Consistent reveal between panel and post along the whole run.

Cutting, drilling and sealing

Panels and sheets leave the factory with their edges finished. Cutting or drilling breaks that seal and exposes bare steel, so how you make the cut — and what you do to it afterwards — decides whether the new edge lasts as long as the rest of the panel.

DO

- **Cut cold.** Tin snips, a nibbler, or a circular saw fitted with a fine-tooth carbide metal-cutting blade. These shear the steel without heating it.
- **Cut with the finished face down** when using a saw, so the burr forms on the back and the visible face stays clean.
- **Support the sheet close to the cut** so it cannot flex and distort the profile.
- **Drill, do not punch.** Use a sharp metal bit at moderate speed and deburr the hole afterwards.

NEVER

- **Never an abrasive wheel, chop saw or angle grinder with a cutting disc.** The heat burns the zinc and paint back from the edge — rust will start at that cut and travel.
- **Never cut over other panels.** Hot filings land on the finish and embed, and every one becomes a rust freckle.
- **Never leave swarf on a panel.** Sweep filings off immediately, before they sit in dew overnight.

SEALING THE CUT EDGE

Galvanized / dip-coated steel and wire	Touch the cut edge with a zinc-rich cold-galvanizing compound. The galvanizing protects a small exposed edge sacrificially, but a cut end or a snipped wire deserves the touch-up.
HDP-painted panels and sheet	Deburr, then apply matched touch-up paint to the cut edge. Two thin coats beat one thick one.
Corten weathering steel	Leave it. Corten is designed to rust to a stable protective patina — a cut edge simply joins in. Do not seal or paint it.
316 stainless	Deburr and clean. Avoid contaminating it with carbon-steel filings from another cut — that is what causes surface rust spotting on stainless.

Cut edges that are burnt or left bare are the most common cause of early edge rust, and damage from improper cutting is not a finish defect.

Maintenance and upkeep

These systems are built to be left alone. The upkeep below is what keeps the finish warranty intact — it is not a chore list.

Twice a year	Rinse with a hose. Where road salt, coastal spray or livestock is involved, rinse more often — salt left sitting is what shortens a coated finish.
Cleaning	Mild soap and water with a soft brush or cloth. Rinse it off. Never a pressure washer at close range, never an abrasive pad, never a solvent or bleach-based cleaner — all of them cut the finish.
Scratches	Touch up promptly with matched paint or, on galvanized, a zinc-rich compound. A scratch left through a winter becomes an edge rust line.
Fixings	Check bolts and fasteners after the first season and every couple of years after. Ground movement and thermal cycling loosen hardware; a loose panel wears at its contact points.
Vegetation	Keep soil, mulch and dense planting off the panel base. Constant damp against steel is the one condition that beats any coating.

Warranty

BarrierBoss warranties are set **by component**, not by product:

COMPONENT	TERM
Steel, wire and factory finish	40-Year Warranty

Installation is the installer's responsibility. Concrete, hole diameter and depth, frost-line allowance, and setting panels square, plumb and level are down to the installer. Damage from improper installation or from cutting with an

abrasive wheel is not covered.

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Questions about your install? Contact us before you cut, drill or concrete — we would rather answer first.