

Paintability:

-Elevate fiberglass clad wood windows are refinishable, allowing for long service life. The factory PVD finish is warranted for 10 years, matching the life of standard exteriors paints.

Painting Ultrex

You will need to supply:

- Foam paint brush
- 320-400 grit sandpaper
- Masking tape
- Quality exterior grade acrylic latex paint



Spot test a small area using the following procedures. After the seven to ten day Acrylic latex paint cure time check to see if the paint has adhered to the unit. If the paint has not adhered to the surface, recheck the surface preparation procedures.

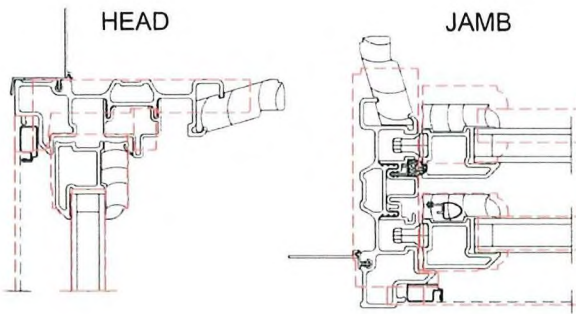
1. Thoroughly sand the factory finish with 320-400 grit sandpaper.
2. Wash the surface with water and an approved cleaning solution found at marvin.com/cleaning to remove contaminants. Rinse with clear water and dry thoroughly.
3. Mask any window components that will not be painted.
4. Coat the Ultrex with a quality exterior grade acrylic latex paint.
5. Acrylic latex products gain full adhesion after seven to ten days cure.

Note: If the finish is scratched, peeled or otherwise compromised down to the Ultrex substrate see "Repairing Ultrex" section.

Trim Options



Jamb Detail Comparison [Ultimate Wood Vs Elevate]



Marvin Ultimate Wood Outline [Simplified] - - - - -
Marvin Elevate Section Profile [Exact] ————

100 W Brown Street Approved at Common Council, Could be better if:

- Black sashes too modern
- Window Surround too flat and plain, lacks pride of craftsmanship
- Water Table flat and nonfunctional
- Porch Rail too generic
- Gable trim too flat and recessive
- House Number from ace hardware looks cheap



Exterior Finishes and Trim



Do Not Remove or Cover Original Siding and Trim



After an insensitive remodeling with modern substitute siding, the house is robbed of its original character.

One of the most common objectives of a rehabilitation project is to create a maintenance free exterior by applying modern substitute siding systems. Substitute sidings made of aluminum, steel or vinyl should never be installed over wooden siding, brick, stucco or stone. The application of substitute siding deprives an older house of much of its valuable, original character. This drawing illustrates some of the most common, character-robbing changes made to an older house when it is covered with a so-called maintenance-free exterior and fitted with new windows and doors.

In this example the following original features have been obscured or removed:

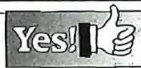
- Wooden siding with a narrower exposure on the second story than on the first story has been covered with uniform width siding over the entire house
- Wooden shingling in the gable
- Carved, ornamental top over the attic windows removed.
- Eaves, brackets and molded raking cornice at the gable obscured
- Corner board trim covered
- Water table removed
- Leaded glass transom windows removed
- Paneled front door replaced with shorter, modern door
- Cameo window that flanked the front door
- Second story window covered
- The trim board that separates the first and second stories removed
- Wooden cornice on the porch covered
- Porch posts, railings, skirting and brackets removed

The Millwork Makes the Difference:

-The overall quality of this project below from a Marvin Elevate catalog, proves that the windows are not an issue, but it is the aggressive simplification of trim details that often sabotage the use of this product, in conjunction with the availability of a durable black finish that attracts buyers, which inevitably results in an abundance of use in soulless modern homes.



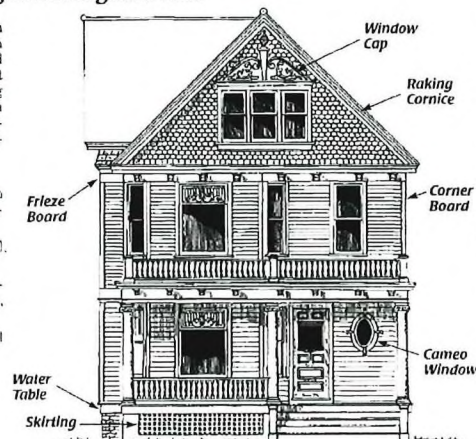
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Retain Original Siding and Trim

The original wooden siding, trim, windows and doors on an older house were made from high quality old growth wood that is inherently superior in decay resistance and durability to today's construction, lumber which is cut from much younger trees. By retaining and repairing original wooden siding and trim, you will enhance both the appearance and value of your house. Keep the following guidelines in mind whenever you consider any exterior alteration or repair:

- Replace severely damaged or missing siding and trim with wood that matches the size and design of the original features.
- Try to use top-quality, decay-resistant lumber for all replacement work.
- Use modern structural wood epoxies to make permanent repairs to difficult to replace rotted wooden trim, window units, doors and porch columns.
- Do not remove, simplify or change the style of original features.



A typical turn-of-the-century Milwaukee house with its original wooden siding and trim intact

Other Approvals:

- Andover Preservation Commission [MA]
- BellardVale Historic District Commission [MA]
- Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission [FL]
- El Paso Historical Commission [TX]