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## Dryvit Starter Boards and Starter Corners for Outsulation<sup>®</sup> and Modulite<sup>™</sup> Applications

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### Purpose

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform invested parties in the event that starter boards or starter corners are being used on a project, only starter boards or corners that are:

- A) Produced with Dryvit branded materials, *and*
- B) Fabricated to at least the minimum necessary dimensions in order to install the Dryvit system per our application instructions and detail set

would be appropriate for use. Any deviation or variation from the above requirements would result in a non-conforming system and would void any warranties, both written or implied.

To ensure that starter boards and corners being used on the project meet the requirements above, it is strongly recommended that the starter boards or corners be sourced from Tremco CPG or one of its distributors.

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### Requirements – A) Materials and Code Requirements

Section 2603.5.5 of the International Building Code (IBC) requires that the exterior wall assembly shall be tested in accordance with and comply with the acceptance criteria of NFPA 285.

Starter boards produced with Dryvit branded materials are the only ones to have been tested as part of a complete Dryvit wall assembly, at a third party accredited laboratory to meet the requirements outlined by the International Building Code (IBC) and the NFPA 285 standard.

Utilizing starter boards created with different materials, techniques, or dimensions other than what was tested is considered a deviation from the tested assembly, and may not provide a valid assembly per the testing standard or building code requirements.

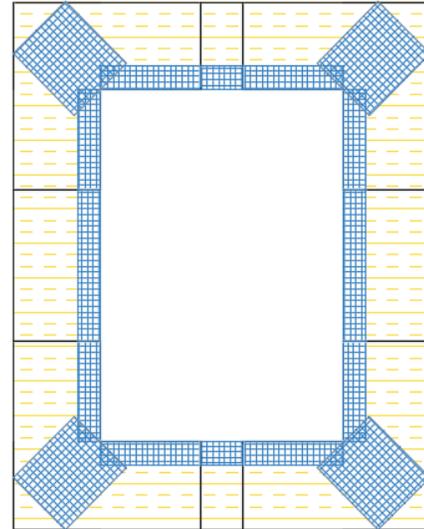
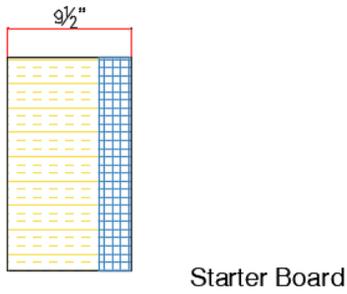
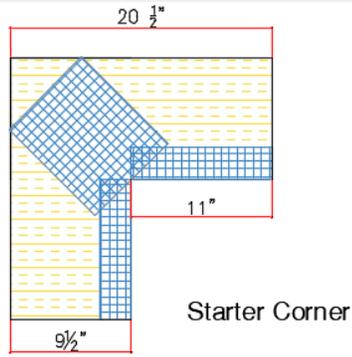
Other testing, such as ASTM C1087 for chemical compatibility and ASTM C794 for adhesion have also been completed utilizing Dryvit materials and adjoining Tremco products such as sealant, precompressed foam seals and air/weather resistive barriers and as such are included as part of the single sourced warranty provided by Tremco CPG Inc.

### Requirements – B) Minimum Necessary Dimensions

Dryvit's application instructions and detail set require detail/corner mesh installed around and into the window opening a minimum of 2 ½".

The instructions also require an additional detail mesh strip a minimum of 8" long to provide additional reinforcing at the outside corners. This additional strip helps further minimize the potential of long term aesthetic concerns like cracking in the finish and/or base coat.

Dryvit's Detail Mesh<sup>®</sup> and Corner Mesh<sup>™</sup> comes 9 ½". Starter Boards and Starter Corners need to be 9 ½" in height to sufficiently receive the detail/corner mesh as depicted in the diagram below.



More information on Dryvit's accessories, including starter boards can be found at [www.dryvit.com - Dryvit Systems Accessories](http://www.dryvit.com - Dryvit Systems Accessories)

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