Fibre cement installation: key checks

Use the current instructions for the specific panel and support system.

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1 Design the supports

Check alignment, bearing, spacing and fixing capacity against panel size and design loads.

2 Set the joint

Use the specified gap, profile and weather detail. An 8-10 mm open joint is not a rule for every board.

3 Fix each board correctly

Maintain required edge distances and fixing locations; support adjoining edges as specified.

4 Allow movement

Follow requirements for hole size, fixed/sliding points and tightening.

5 Detail the cavity

Ventilated cladding requires its designed airflow, drainage, cavity barriers and closure details.

6 Keep products distinct

Do not transfer fibre cement rainscreen instructions to SulfRock MgS or IPS panel joints.

The board name, system guide and approved drawing must agree before installation.

REFERENCE GUIDANCE

Swisspearl: facade design and installation manual
HSE: construction dust controls

Use current product instructions and the approved project design. For regulations, confirm the UK nation, applicable edition and transitional arrangements.

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