

Light MDF Nickel Gap SHIPLAP

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RECOMMENDED INSTALLATION AND HANDLING GUIDE

Getting Started

ARAUCO Light MDF Nickel Gap shiplap is for interior use only. As with all ARAUCO Light MDF moulding and boards, it is critical that you let the material acclimate in the environment it is being installed in for 72 hours.

Light MDF Nickel Gap shiplap boards should not be stored in garages or any other room where there are large variances in humidity and/or temperature.

When installing Nickel Gap on the interior of exterior walls or walls that are below grade, a vapor barrier must be used to avoid prolonged exposure to humidity and water vapor.

- When installing shiplap horizontally along the wall, you can secure the pieces directly to the wall studs or existing wall covering.
- Ceiling installation should include 1/2" OSB as a backer to secure the paneling.
- If it is installed to take the place of traditional wall coverings, like drywall, joints should be centered on wall studs. It is critical that it is fastened to the wall every 16 inches.
- Maximum on-center spacing of studs/furring strips should be no longer than 16" on center and the final stud/furring strip should be no more than one inch from the end of the panel. If installing Nickel Gap vertically, furring strips must be used and installed horizontally before installation of the product.

Cutting ARAUCO Light MDF Nickel Gap

As with any MDF product, we recommend using a 60 tooth carbide tipped blade to cut the product. It is very important to always have the material face up before cutting.



WARNING

Drilling, sawing, sanding or machining wood products can expose you to wood dust, a substance known to the State of California to cause cancer. Avoid inhaling wood dust or use a dust mask or other safeguards for personal protection.

For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov/wood

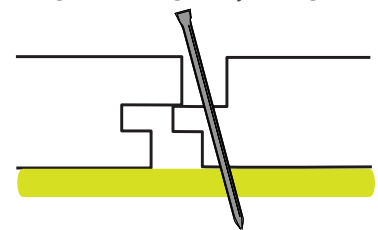


The first board should be installed in the corner of the room with the female side toward the floor and the male side toward the ceiling. Make sure to leave at least 3/4" from the floor so it is not resting on concrete or flooring. It is critical that you use a level or measure the distance from the floor to the board to make sure the first board is installed correctly.

Nickel Gap should be secured through the tongue by using a 1-1/2", 18 gauge finishing nail.

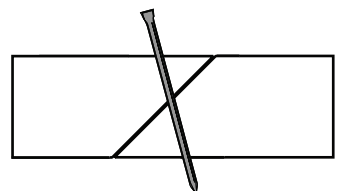
We do not recommend nailing panels by hand.

If, after nailing, the nail head is sticking up, use a nail set to counter sink the nail below the surface so the next piece will slide in. Increase the air pressure to avoid this step throughout the rest of the installation process.



Nickel Gap Ends

When shiplap is properly acclimated, cut the ends at a compound 45 miter to achieve the best results.



- Nail diagonally through the mitre to secure both pieces together.
- **We do not recommend using butt joints**, but if needed, leave a 1/32" - 1/16" gap to allow for some lineal expansion and contraction.