

## EAVES AND SOFFITS

HARDIFLEX® EAVES LINING, ECLIPSA® EAVES LINING,  
HARDIFLEX® SHEETS, VILLABOARD® LINING , VERSILUX® LINING  
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# 1 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 GENERAL

The range of sheets available for eaves and soffit lining, and the way these lining sheets can be jointed, gives designers and builders a wide choice of low maintenance combinations to suit virtually any requirement. Sheets are manufactured in various thicknesses. Tables are provided throughout this manual to help you select the most appropriate sheet thickness for a particular application.

## 1.2 HARDIFLEX® EAVES LINING AND SHEETS

HardiFlex eaves lining square edged sheets come in a thickness of 4.5mm and are factory trimmed to three widths, 450, 600 and 750mm, to suit the most common widths of eaves overhangs.

For other eaves overhang widths, 900 and 1200mm width square edged HardiFlex sheets, in 4.5 and 6mm thicknesses and a variety of lengths, can be trimmed to length on site.

HardiFlex eaves lining and sheets are normally jointed with a PVC mould. Butt vee jointing is also possible in Queensland where bevel-edged sheet is available.

Hardiflex eaves lining and sheets are also suitable as panels in an exposed beam or rafter installation.

## 1.3 ECLIPSA® EAVES LINING

Eclipsa eaves lining are pre-finished eaves sheets available with colour matched accessories to remove the need for on-site painting. For more information refer to the Eclipsa eaves lining Installation Manual.

## 1.4 VERSILUX® LINING

With their smooth sanded finish, square edged Versilux lining, available in 4.5 (QLD only) and 6mm thicknesses, gives a quality decorative finish to any eaves, soffit or exposed beam installation. Available in 900mm and 1200mm widths and in five stock lengths, Versilux lining can be trimmed to length and jointed with PVC straight joint moulding or butt jointed.

## 1.5 VILLABOARD® LINING

For eaves and soffit lining, use 6mm or 9mm thick Villaboard lining. This product provides a similar surface to Versilux lining for a quality decorative finish, with the addition of a recessed long edge. This allows flush jointing and the omission of the PVC straight joint moulding.

## 1.6 HARDIGROOVE® LINING

HardiGroove lining is a v-grooved 7.5mm thick sheet which creates the traditional timber board look ideal for eaves and soffits.

The specifier or other responsible party for a project must ensure the information in these specifications is appropriate for the intended application and that specific design and detailing is undertaken for areas which fall outside the scope of these specifications.

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# 2 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

## 2.1 FRAMING

### 2.1.1 General

Sheets can be fixed to either timber or lightgauge steel framing. They can also be used with proprietary suspended metal framing systems normally used in commercial applications.

Frames should be straight and true to provide a flush face to receive the sheeting. A maximum tolerance of between 3mm and 4mm in any 3000mm length of frame will give the best results. Lining sheets will not straighten excessively warped or distorted frames and this warping may still be visible after the decorative coating is applied.

### 2.1.2 Timber

Use only seasoned timber. Unseasoned timber is prone to shrinkage and must not be used. Minimum thickness of framing must be 38mm.

Do not fix sheets to the bottom chord of roof trusses. Instead, fix to battens or furring channels.

### 2.1.3 Steel

The base metal thickness of a steel frame must be between 0.55mm and 1.6mm.

Sheets must not be fixed directly to drawn steel or hot-rolled steel sections. These members should be battened out with 38mm minimum finished width timber battens or lightgauge metal furring channels of a similar minimum width.

## 2.2 FIXING

### 2.2.1 General

Select the fastener suitable for the required framing from the Components Section 8, depending on the type of framing (timber or metal).

### NOTE

Fasteners must not be overdriven as this can reduce the holding capacity of the sheet. If nailing depth cannot be controlled adequately when gun nailing, under-drive fasteners then tap flush with a hammer. Adhesives must not be used to attach sheets to the frame.

**Class 3 external grade finish must be used for all external applications.**

Self-embedding head screws must not be used in 4.5mm thick sheets.

The required fastener spacings for sheets are given in the Tables provided under each section. Locate fasteners not less than 12mm from sheet edges and 50mm from sheet corners.

### 2.2.2 Coastal areas

Fasteners must have the appropriate level of durability required for the intended project. This is of particular importance in coastal areas, areas subject to salt spray and other corrosive environments.

Fasteners must be fully compatible with all other material that they are in contact with to ensure the durability and integrity of the assembly.

Contact fastener manufacturers for more information.

### 2.2.3 Fastening to timber

Hand nailing

For fixing 4.5mm thick lining and 6mm thick lining, use 2.0 x 30mm fibre cement nails.

For fixing 9mm thick lining use 2.8 x 40mm fibre cement nails.

For more information about gun nailing, refer to Table 1.

TABLE 1

GUN NAILING RECOMMENDATIONS				
COIL NAILER		NAILS		
Manufacturer	Name	Manufacturer	Name	Size
Hitachi	VH650 coil nailer	Otter	Galv. coil nail	38mm x 2.5mm dia. 45mm x 2.2mm dia. 50mm x 2.2mm dia.
Paslode	Impulse compact nailer (B20544)	Paslode	Impulse DekFast® 50mm Value Pack (B20561V)	50mm x 2.87mm dia.
			Impulse DekFast® 50mm Handy Pack (B20557)	50mm x 2.87mm dia.
Duo-Fast	KD665A coil nailer (Part No. D40040)	Duo-Fast	C27/32 GD coil nail (D41800)	32mm x 2.7mm dia.
Stanley-Bostitch	N80C coil nailer	Stanley-Bostitch	AC45P250 gal coil nail	45mm x 2.5mm dia.
Senco	SCN-60 coil nailer (fitted with adjustable depth of drive)	Senco	BTN 45 ADB Weatherex gal and Sencoted	45mm x 2.5mm dia.

### NOTES

- Fasteners with equivalent dimensions, (ie head size and shape, shank diameter and length to those above) are acceptable for use.
- All fasteners are to be galvanised or suitably coated for intended external application.
- Nailing guns must be fitted with flush drive attachments.
- Some nailing guns incorporate an adjustable head set to control nail depth (eg Duo-Fast coil nailer and Senco coil nailer.)
- When gun nailing, apply pressure to the face of the cladding by holding the cladding against the stud to reduce blow out at back of the sheet.

Nail gun manufacturers have supplied the information contained in this table. Should a nail gun model or nail shown in the table not be available, please contact the relevant nail gun manufacturer for advice. If the nail gun overdrives sheets, contact nail gun manufacturer for advice.

# 3 EAVES LINING

## 2.2.4 Fastening to steel

- (i) For steel framing of thickness 0.55mm to 0.75mm BMT, the best fixing results are given with 20mm Buildex FibreTEKS
- (ii) For steel framing of thickness 0.80mm to 1.6mm (and for all 9mm applications), use 8g 22mm HardiDrive® screws.

Fasteners should be driven as close as possible to the stud corners to avoid deflection of the stud flange.

## 2.2.5 Screw gun specification

Use variable speed screw guns with high torque, a maximum speed of 2500rpm, fitted with a depth control attachment.

## 2.3 CURVED LINING

Where a curved surface is required, 6mm Villaboard lining (or Versilux lining) can be bent along the length of the sheet to a preferred radius of 1800mm and, with care, a minimum radius of 1200mm.

9mm Villaboard lining may be curved to a preferred radius of 3000mm and, with care, to a minimum radius of 1800mm.

Villaboard lining and Versilux lining may be bent across the sheet width to the following minimum radii:-

- 6mm – 2400mm radius
- 9mm – 4000mm radius.

Framing is generally required at spacings as shown in Table 10 to maintain the smoothness of the curve.

For best results, form an open joint at the square ends of the sheets as shown in Figure 31. Joints along the recessed long edges can be taped and set in the standard manner, shown in Figure 25.

## 2.4 DURABILITY

All sheets should be dry before fixing to framing. This will improve jointing durability. Sheets should not be fixed into position before the roof covering is installed and made watertight.

When designing and planning, ensure no water can enter the eaves or ceiling or soffit cavity, either during or after construction.

Residual moisture or ponding on the back of eaves or soffit sheeting can cause damage to paint applied to the underside, including blistering, loss of adhesion, etc.

Metal framing should be protected against rusting.

## 3.1 GENERAL

Protection from the environment plays an important part in the thermal comfort and durability of houses, in both cool and hot climates. A simple method is to extend the roof well over the external walls of the typical house to form an eaves overhang or, if further extended, a verandah.

Since **control joints** may be necessary, see Clause 5.1.

## 3.2 BENEFITS

Incorporating eaves and overhangs provides a number of important benefits, into your structures such as:

- shading walls from excessive solar gain
- keeping direct sun off the window glazing
- allowing windows to be left open for comfort ventilation while still providing shelter from rain and
- protecting large areas of walling from rain, keeping wall surfaces relatively dry and free from staining and mould growth.

Unfortunately, the recent trend to reduce the width of traditional eaves and, in some instances to eliminate eaves altogether, usually to reduce costs, deprives the home owner of these benefits and increases running costs of comfort measures, such as air-conditioning. For further information see Sustainability and energy efficiency Design Manual.

## 3.3 TYPES OF EAVES

A number of techniques can be used to construct eaves on a dwelling:

- a) The traditional method of **boxed eaves** incorporates eaves/soffit bearers spanning between the fascia and the external wall of the building. The eaves lining sheets are fixed to, and supported by, the bearers and along the external wall and fascia. Sheet joints may occur on or off framing, however bearer spacing must be reduced for off frame jointing - See Clause 3.4.
- b) **Simple spanning eaves** are ideal for narrow eaves, because the lining sheets are supported by the fascia board groove and along the external wall, without the need for any intermediate support - See Clause 3.5.
- c) **Raked eaves** sheets are supported longitudinally by battens fixed to the underside of the roof truss top chords or roof rafters in the traditionally framed house - See Clause 3.6.

The use of prefinished metal fascia boarding with complementing metal eaves guttering is an increasingly common alternative to traditional grooved timber fascia boarding.

## 3.4 BOXED EAVES

### 3.4.1 Support and fixing

#### 3.4.1.1 All sheet edges supported on framing

For 4.5mm thick HardiFlex eaves lining and sheets, Versilux lining, 6mm HardiFlex sheets and Versilux lining for eaves widths to 1200mm, Tables 2 and 3 provide the maximum bearer and fastener centres for non-cyclonic and cyclonic wind loading classifications, where all sheet edges are supported on framing.

For boxed eaves, the long edges of eaves lining sheets are continuously supported along the fascia and external wall. The short edges of sheets are jointed on and supported by the bearers, either by fitting into PVC straight joints - see Clause 5.2, or butt jointing - see Clause 5.3. Fasten sheets at edges and intermediate bearers at spacings shown in Tables 2 or 3.

### 3.4.1.2 Off frame jointing of sheet edges

Where the short sheet edges are jointed off frame, use a PVC straight joint.

Adjust the maximum bearer centres at each side of the joint to be the lesser of :

- 450mm for 4.5mm thick sheets, and
- 600mm for 6mm thick sheets, and
- the bearer spacings shown in Tables 2 and 3.

Fastener spacings remain as shown in Tables 2 and 3.

### 3.4.2 Construction details

Refer to Figure 1 and Figure 2 for details relevant to brick veneer construction. The arrangement of framing for boxed eaves in other common forms of residential construction [ie framed and full brick (cavity brick)], is similar to that for brick veneer construction, so is not included in this manual.

**TABLE 2**

BOXED EAVES: MAXIMUM BEARER AND FASTENER SPACING - 4.5mm SHEETS					
Sheet edges supported on framing 4.5mm HardiFlex eaves lining and sheets; Versilux lining* and Eclipsa eaves lining					
MAXIMUM EAVES WIDTH (MM)	AS 4055 WIND CLASSIFICATION	WITHIN 1200MM OF THE EXTERNAL BUILDING CORNERS		ELSEWHERE IN BUILDING	
		Trimmer spacing (mm)	Fastener spacing (mm)	Trimmer spacing (mm)	Fastener spacing (mm)
To 600 maximum	N1	600	300	900	300
	N2	600	300	900	300
	N3/C1	450	250	600	300
	N4/C2	375	200	500	300
	N5/C3	300	175	450	225
	N6/C4	275	150	375	200
> 600 to 1200 maximum	N1	600	300	750	300
	N2	550	300	750	300
	N3/C1	450	250	600	300
	N4/C2	375	200	500	300
	N5/C3	300	175	400	250
	N6/C4	275	150	375	200

\* Versilux lining 4.5mm QLD only

#### NOTES FOR TABLES 2 AND 3:

1. Fastener spacings based on using 2.0 x 30mm galvanised fibre cement nails or wafer head screws.
2. Self embedding head screws must not be used in 4.5mm thick sheets.
3. Self embedding head drill point or wafer head screws may be used in 6mm sheets.
4. Locate fasteners not less than 12mm from sheet edges and 50mm from sheet corners.

**TABLE 3**

BOXED EAVES: MAXIMUM BEARER AND FASTENER SPACING - 6mm SHEETS (INCLUDING 7.5mm HARDIGROOVE LINING)					
Sheet edges supported on framing 6.0mm HardiFlex eaves lining and sheets; Versilux lining and 7.5mm HardiGroove lining.					
MAXIMUM EAVES WIDTH (MM)	AS 4055 WIND CLASSIFICATION	WITHIN 1200MM OF THE EXTERNAL BUILDING CORNERS		ELSEWHERE IN BUILDING	
		Trimmer spacing (mm)	Fastener spacing (mm)	Trimmer spacing (mm)	Fastener spacing (mm)
To 600 maximum	N1	1050	300	1200	300
	N2	950	300	1200	300
	N3/C1	600	250	1200	300
	N4/C2	500	200	750	300
	N5/C3	450	150	600	225
	N6/C4	400	125	500	200
> 600 to 1200mm maximum	N1	850	300	1100	300
	N2	750	300	1100	300
	N3/C1	650	225	900	300
	N4/C2	550	175	750	250
	N5/C3	450	150	600	225
	N6/C4	400	125	550	175

### 3.5 SIMPLE SPANNING EAVES

#### 3.5.1 Support and fixing

For eaves up to 600mm wide, 6mm HardiFlex sheets and Versilux lining can span between fascia and external wall, without the need for soffit bearers, for wind loading classifications to N4/C2/W50N/W50C.

The allowable clear sheet spans and fastener spacings for design wind load classifications for 6mm HardiFlex sheets and Versilux lining from the fascia to the external wall are shown in Table 4.

For simple spanning eaves, the long edges of eaves lining sheets must be continuously supported along the fascia and external wall, ie captive in fascia recess and/or fixed to continuous framing.

The short edges of sheets are jointed using PVC straight joints. See Clause 5.2.

#### 3.5.2 Construction details

Refer to Figure 3 and Figure 4 for details relevant to brick veneer construction. The framing arrangement for simple spanning eaves in the other common forms of residential construction is similar to that of brick veneer construction, is not included.

The example shown indicates a metal fascia system. Where a grooved deep timber fascia board is used without trimmers, a longitudinal nailing strip may need to be added to support the eaves sheeting if the fascia board curls. Alternatively, secure the sheet to a timber mould fixed to the fascia.

TABLE 4

SIMPLE SPANNING EAVES - 6mm SHEET		
Maximum eaves width and fastener spacings 6mm HardiFlex sheets and Versilux lining		
WIND CLASSIFICATION	WITHIN 1200mm OF THE EXTERNAL BUILDING CORNERS	
To AS 4055	Max. batten spacing (mm)	Max. fastener spacing (mm)
N1	600*	200
N2	450	200
N3/C1	400	200
N4/C2	350	200

#### NOTES

1. Fastener spacings based on using 2.0 x 30mm galvanised fibre cement nails.
2. Locate fasteners not less than 12mm from sheet edges and 50mm from sheet corners.
3. \*600mm wide simple-spanning eaves in N1 wind classifications under Serviceability Limit State wind loads, may result in deflections up to 11mm (span/55). In addition the edges of the fibre cement sheet should have adequate bearing in the recess groove of the fascia.

### 3.6 RAKED EAVES

#### 3.6.1 Support and fixing

For raked eaves, the long edges of eaves lining sheets must be continuously supported along the fascia or first batten and external wall. Where the fascia recess is used to support the external sheet edge, the maximum spacing to the first batten is 300mm and 100mm if not supported in the fascia recess. Subsequent maximum batten spacings are as per Tables 5 and 6 for 4.5mm thick and 6mm thick sheets respectively.

The short edges of sheets are jointed using PVC straight joints. See Clause 5.2.

#### 3.6.2 Construction details

Refer to Figure 5 and Figure 6 for details relevant to brick veneer construction. The framing arrangement for raked eaves in other common forms of residential construction is similar to that of brick veneer construction so is not included.

Figure 5 shows the eaves lining fixed to battens on the underside of the overhanging rafters. Alternatively, the lining can be fixed to battens located on top of the rafters. In this instance, ensure the roof space is protected against bird entry.

**TABLE 5**

<b>RAKED EAVES - 4.5mm SHEETS</b>				
Maximum batten and fastener spacings 4.5mm HardiFlex eaves lining and 4.5mm HardiFlex sheets, Versilux lining* and Eclipsa eaves lining				
<b>WIND CLASSIFICATION</b>	<b>WITHIN 1200MM OF THE EXTERNAL BUILDING CORNERS</b>		<b>ELSEWHERE IN BUILDING</b>	
To AS 4055	Max. batten spacing (mm)	Max. fastener spacing (mm)	Max. batten spacing (mm)	Max. fastener spacing (mm)
N1	450	300	450	300
N2	350	300	450	300
N3/C1	300	300	400	300
N4/C2	250	250	350	300
N5/C3	200	200	300	275
N6/C4	175	175	250	250

\* Versilux lining 4.5mm QLD only

**NOTES**

1. Fastener spacings based on using 2.0 x 30mm galvanised fibre cement nails or wafer head screws.
2. Use Buildex FibreTEKS bugle head
3. Locate fasteners not less than 12mm from sheet edges and 50mm from sheet corners.

**TABLE 6**

<b>RAKED EAVES - 6mm SHEETS (INCLUDING 7.5mm HARDIGROOVE LINING)</b>				
Maximum batten and fastener spacings 6mm HardiFlex sheets, Versilux lining and 7.5mm HardiGroove lining				
<b>WIND CLASSIFICATION</b>	<b>WITHIN 1200MM OF THE EXTERNAL BUILDING CORNERS</b>		<b>ELSEWHERE IN BUILDING</b>	
To AS 4055	Max. batten spacing (mm)	Max. fastener spacing (mm)	Max. batten spacing (mm)	Max. fastener spacing (mm)
N1	500	300	600	300
N2	500	300	600	300
N3/C1	450	300	600	300
N4/C2	400	150	450	300
N5/C3	300	200	450	200
N6/C4	300	100	375	200

**NOTES**

1. Fastener spacings based on using 2.0 x 30mm galvanised fibre cement nails.
2. Locate fasteners not less than 12mm from sheet edges and 50mm from sheet corners.



# 4 SOFFITS

## 4.1 GENERAL

This section covers soffits for both residential and commercial applications. See Clause 1.1 to select the most suitable lining material for your particular applications.

**Residential:** Includes verandahs, carports and larger covered areas associated with the sprawling style of residences popular today.

**Commercial:** Buildings of a commercial nature frequently incorporate elements such as awnings, balconies, covered ways and arcades that require soffit lining. These coverings might include three dimensional effects such as bulkheads, light wells, changes in level or curved surfaces, to add interest and flexibility.

## 4.2 LAYOUT

### 4.2.1 General installation

- Since control joints may be necessary, see Clause 5.1.
- Fix sheets from the centre, working towards the outside to prevent drumminess.
- Ensure that the sheet is held hard against the framing during nailing or screwing to minimise breakout from the back of the sheet.

### 4.2.2 HardiFlex eaves lining and sheets; Versilux lining

#### 4.2.2.1 Using JH PVC straight jointers

Sheets may be installed across or parallel to the framing members. The sheet edges spanning across the framing are jointed using PVC straight jointers and the sheet edges parallel to framing must coincide with, and be supported on, the centre line of framing to form a butt joint - see Figure 7 and Clause 5.2.

Where JH PVC straight jointers are required on all edges, fixing legs on the jointer should be trimmed at corner joint junctures to ensure an acceptable aesthetic appearance.

#### 4.2.2.2 Using butt joints

Where butt jointing is used, all sheet edges must coincide with, and be supported on, the framing (ie trimmers must be provided between joists at sheet joints). Locate butt joints on the centre line of framing so that edges are adequately supported. See Figure 8 and Clause 5.3.

#### 4.2.2.3 Under metal roofing

Where Versilux lining is used under metal roofing, insulation should be installed directly under the roof sheeting to reduce temperature build-up in the false ceiling space.

#### (a) Typical

Where the sheeting is fixed to independent framing located an average of 600mm below the roof framing, sheets can be jointed using any of the non-set type joints, see Clauses 5.2 and 5.3.

#### (b) Directly under roof

Where sheeting is fixed to furring channels or timber battens fastened directly to the roof framing, sheet lengths must not exceed 2.4m. For control joints spacing see Clause 5.1.1 (b) (iii).

Ventilation slots or openings should be introduced to the lining along perimeter of the soffit to allow heated air to escape.

#### NOTE

Edge clearance to sheets must be increased to 20mm.

### 4.2.3 Villaboard lining

Install Villaboard lining sheets across the framing (ie the long edges of the sheet are at right angles to the framing members.)

Sheets must be laid in a staggered pattern so that adjacent butt joints are not located on the same framing member - see Figure 9.

Locate butt joints on the centre line of framing so that edges are adequately supported. Set flush joints in accordance with Clause 7.4.

Where large openings (eg light wells) occur in soffits, end joints must not coincide with the corners of these openings - see Figure 10.

#### Limitation:

- Because Villaboard lining requires the use of setting plaster for the joints, it is not recommended where soffits are directly under metal awnings or uninsulated metal roofing since the plaster set joints are likely to crack. In these cases, use Versilux lining for the lining system and refer to Clause 4.2.2.3.

### 4.2.4 Suspended system

#### 4.2.4.1 General

Suspended framing systems are used to carry ceilings located close to, or some distance below, primary structural framing systems supporting a roof or suspended floor.

This kind of false ceiling provides an ideal space for installing essential building services such as air conditioning ductwork, sprinkler pipes and electrical wiring.

#### 4.2.4.2 Description of system

The layout and framing requirements described in Clauses 4.2 Layout and 4.3 Support and fixing can be achieved by using proprietary systems, such as that supplied by Rondo Building Services Pty Ltd. The framing supplier will normally provide all necessary design information required to construct the suspended soffit system to resist wind loading, and any additional framing protection required for installations situated in coastal and heavy industrial areas.

These systems usually employ suspended cross rails to which furring channels are fixed. Figure 11 shows typical detailing of the frame at a control joint. See also Clause 5.1 Control joints.

#### NOTES

1. Where furring channels run in the same direction as the control joint, one channel must occur on each side of the joint.
2. Where furring channels run at right angles to the control joint, each channel must break at the control joint.

A special jointing clip which provides a slip joint is used as shown, in lieu of providing an additional cross-rail.

## 4.3 SUPPORT AND FIXING

Refer to Section 2 for general requirements then to Table 7 for 4.5mm HardiFlex eaves lining and sheets and Versilux lining, Table 8 for 6.0mm HardiFlex sheets, Villaboard lining and Versilux lining or Table 9 for 9mm Villaboard to find the sheet and thickness to be used for required maximum framing and fastener spacings.

Where framing is to be suspended, a proprietary metal framing system may provide a suitable alternative to timber framing. See also Clause 4.2.4 Suspended system.



TABLE 7

SOFFIT LINING - 4.5mm SHEETS					
Maximum framing and fastener spacings 4.5mm HardiFlex eaves lining and sheets and Versilux lining (See note 6)					
WIND CLASSIFICATION		WITHIN 1200MM OF THE EXTERNAL BUILDING CORNERS		ELSEWHERE IN BUILDING	
To AS 4055-1992	To QLD standard	Max. batten spacing (mm)	Max. fastener spacing (mm)	Max. batten spacing (mm)	Max. fastener spacing (mm)
N1	W28N	450	300	450	300
N2	W33N	350	300	450	300
N3/C1	W41N and C	300	300	400	300
N4/C2	W50N and C	250	250	350	300

TABLE 8

SOFFIT LINING - 6.0mm SHEETS (INCLUDING 7.5mm HARDIGROOVE LINING)					
Maximum framings and fastener spacings 6mm HardiFlex sheets, Villaboard lining, Versilux lining and 7.5mm HardiGroove lining					
WIND CLASSIFICATION		WITHIN 1200MM OF THE EXTERNAL BUILDING CORNERS		ELSEWHERE IN BUILDING	
To AS 4055-1992	To QLD standard	Max. batten spacing (mm)	Max. fastener spacing (mm)	Max. batten spacing (mm)	Max. fastener spacing (mm)
N1	W28N	500	300	600	300
N2	W33N	500	300	600	300
N3/C1	W41N and C	450	300	600	300
N4/C2	W50N and C	400	150	450	300
N5/C3	W60N and C	300	200	450	200
N6/C4	W70N and C	300	100	375	200

TABLE 9

SOFFIT LINING - 9.0mm SHEETS					
Maximum framing and fastener spacings 9.0mm Villaboard lining					
WIND CLASSIFICATION		WITHIN 1200MM OF THE EXTERNAL BUILDING CORNERS		ELSEWHERE IN BUILDING	
To AS 4055-1992	To QLD standard	Max. batten spacing (mm)	Max. fastener spacing (mm)	Max. batten spacing (mm)	Max. fastener spacing (mm)
N1	W28N	600	300	600	300
N2	W33N	600	300	600	300
N3/C1	W41N and C	600	250	600	300
N4/C2	W50N and C	450	200	600	250
N5/C3	W60N and C	450	150	600	200
N6/C4	W70N and C	400	125	450	200

## NOTES FOR TABLES 7, 8 AND 9:

1. Fastener spacings for 4.5mm and 6mm based on using 2.0 x 30mm galvanised fibre cement nails or wafer head screws.
2. Fastener spacings for 9mm based on using 2.8mm x 40mm galvanised fibre cement nails.
3. Self-embedding head screws must not be used in 4.5mm thick sheets.
4. Self-embedding head drill point or wafer head screws may be used in 6mm or 9mm sheets.
5. Locate fasteners not less than 12mm from sheet edges and 50mm from sheet corners.
6. Versilux lining 4.5mm QLD only.

# 5 JOINTS

## 5.1 CONTROL JOINTS

### 5.1.1 General

A control joint must be used where a joint or gap is necessary to absorb movement and thus prevent cracking of the sheeting.

It is important to carefully plan the sheet set out and framing arrangement in conjunction with the required control joints to arrive at an acceptable functional and aesthetic solution.

Control joints would typically be used in the following situations:

#### a) Eaves:

- (i) For long narrow eaves with butt jointed sheeting located at approximately 10m spacings.
- (ii) For eaves located opposite vertical movement joints in HardiTex base sheet clad construction.

#### b) Soffits:

- (i) Non-set soffits. A 0.5mm gap between sheets is recommended.
- (ii) Set soffits. For set soffits, a 2mm to 6mm control joint located at 4.2m maximum spacing is recommended.

Where control jointing in a Villaboard lining installation is not acceptable at 4.2m spacings, a bay configuration as shown in Figure 12 can be considered, with provision for movement at the bay perimeter.

Framing members to which the Villaboard lining is fixed must not continue across this control joint at the bay perimeter.

- (iii) Soffits directly under metal roofing. For soffits directly under metal roofing, Versilux sheets are recommended.

Where Villaboard lining is used:

For insulated roofs the maximum spacing for a control joint is 3.6m.  
For uninsulated roofs the maximum spacing for a control joint is 2.4m as shown in Figure 13.

- (iv) Existing structures. Where a new installation intersects with an existing structure or where a control joint is required by the design of the structure.

### 5.1.2 Non-set joints

#### a) Typical

For this typical joint, a framing member is required each side to support the sheet edges - see Figure 14.

In bushfire prone areas, a pressed metal expansion strip should be included behind the sheets to prevent sparks and ignited material from entering the space below the roofing.

#### b) On top hats

For this joint, two abutting top hats fixed to roof purlins are required, one supporting each side of the sheet edges, but with only one edge fixed, with the other top hat taking the fixing of the previously noted unfixed sheet. See Figure 15. The maximum cantilever distance from fixing to sheet edge is 100mm.

#### c) With socket

For this joint, a 50mm wide strip of HardiFlex sheet or Versilux lining is bonded to the top of one soffit lining sheet with James Hardie joint sealant. The socket must be free to move over the face of the opposite sheet. See Figure 16. The socket should be stopped 5mm short of the face of the interrupting top hats.

### 5.1.3 Set joints

For this joint a framing member is required each side to support the sheet edges - See Figure 17.

This joint uses a proprietary system, Rondo P35 control joint bead, manufactured by Rondo Building Services Pty Ltd. Where a recessed edge of a Villaboard lining forms the joint, the perforated leg of the accessory shown in Figure 17 is positioned in the recess instead of on the face of the non-recessed edge.

See Figure 18 for typical location and spacing of control joints in a bulkhead installation.

## 5.2 PVC STRAIGHT JOINT

### 5.2.1 General

The JH PVC straight jointer mould is suitable for jointing HardiFlex eaves lining and sheets and Versilux lining. The moulding is installed progressively with the sheets. It can be used on, or transverse to, the framing members.

### 5.2.2 On-frame jointing

Fit the JH PVC straight jointer over the edge of the just-installed sheet and fasten the jointer to the framing at 200mm max. spacings. See Figure 19 for timber framing and Figure 20 for metal framing.

### 5.2.3 Transverse to the frame jointing

JH PVC straight jointers are installed progressively with the sheets. See Figure 21.

## 5.3 BUTT JOINT

### 5.3.1 General

Use butt jointing where an exposed joint appearance is acceptable. Butt the sheets together over the framing member leaving a 0.5mm gap [see Clause 5.1.1(b)] and fix sheets at spacings given in applicable table. See Figure 22.

### 5.3.2 Vee joint

The use of a bevel edged sheet will exaggerate the simple butt joint, giving a butt vee joint. See Figure 23.

### 5.3.3 Expressed jointing

Where you want the soffit to have directional emphasis, joints can be expressed by leaving a gap of the desired width between square cut sheet edges. The gap can be backed with self adhesive plastic tape to cover the framing member and eliminate the need to paint the back of the recess. See Figure 24.

## 5.4 FLUSH JOINTING

### 5.4.1 General

Flush jointing is used with Villaboard lining to set both the long side recessed edges and short side square edges of the sheet.

Flush jointing of Villaboard lining, with its recessed edges on the two long sides, requires the use of perforated paper reinforcing tape, embedded in plaster based jointing compounds for use with plasterboard. Self adhesive fibreglass tapes or woven linen tapes should not be used.

The use of these plasterboard bedding and topping compounds, in powder or ready mix form, is suitable for flush jointing Villaboard lining installed in well-protected situations.

In situations where there is a risk of water or moisture (condensation) impinging on sheet surfaces, ie in typical soffit applications James Hardie HardiStop® (base and top coats) jointing system is recommended.

#### **NOTE**

This material is harder to sand than plasterboard compounds and therefore should be carefully applied to ensure little or no sanding is necessary.

Prepare bedding and topping compounds (traditional plasterboard plaster or James Hardie Hardistop® jointing system compounds) strictly in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Only prepare as much material as you can apply in the specified working life. If working with plasterboard compounds in conditions that are hot and dry, dampen the area around the joint prior to working.

#### **5.4.2 Sanding**

Ensure that when the finishing coat is dry, joints and fasteners are sanded over with a 120 grit sand paper fitted to a flat sanding tool. Sand in the same direction as joints and avoid heavy pressure which may scuff the set surfaces. Clean sanded areas thoroughly with a damp cloth to remove all loose dust.

#### **5.4.3 Recessed sheet edge**

See Figure 25 for completed joint.

##### **A. First coat**

1. Apply the bedding compound (plaster cement or HardiStop® base coat) using a 150mm wide broad knife.
2. Evenly fill the joint recess formed by adjacent sheet edges to the face of the sheets.
3. Firmly embed the perforated paper tape centrally into the joint using the broad knife. Ensure that there are no voids under the tape and remove excess compound.
4. Immediately cover tape with a thin layer of compound applied with the broad knife.
5. Cover all fastener heads with bedding compound. Allow to dry before applying a second coat.

##### **B. Second Coat**

6. When the first coat is dry, use a 200mm wide 'second coat trowel' to apply the second coat.
7. Apply this coat approximately 180mm wide, laid down over the recess and feather the edges. Allow to dry.
8. Apply a second coat over fastener heads, overlapping the first by 25mm. Allow to dry before applying finishing coat.

##### **C. Finishing Coat**

9. Using a straight trowel, apply a coat of topping cement (or Hardistop® top coat) 280mm wide centrally over the joint and feather out the edges.
10. Apply a finishing coat to fastener heads, feathering out the edges. Allow to dry before sanding, usually 24 hours.

#### **5.4.4 Square sheet edge**

See Figure 26 for completed joint.

Butt joints formed by placing together the square sheet edges should be taped and set as previously described for flush joints. However, to provide a flatter, less obvious finish, due to the jointing material layers, each coat is widened, to finish with a joint approximately 500mm wide.

#### **5.4.5 Bulkhead internal corners**

1. Apply bedding compound to both sides of the corner using a 70mm broad knife.
2. Fold paper tape to form an angle and embed into the corner using a 100mm corner tool, cover with a skim coat.
3. Allow tape coat to dry, then apply a thin finishing coat by laying additional compound over the angle and smoothing with the corner tool.

#### **5.4.6 Bulkhead external corners**

1. Fit a James Hardie external corner or PVC cellular corner mould over the corner angle and ensure it is straight before fixing with clouts at 300mm centres or pop rivets to steel framing.
2. Apply bedding compound to both sides of the corner angle to a width of 150mm using a broad knife. Allow to dry before applying a second coat.
3. Using a straight trowel, build up the edges to 250mm from the corner. Allow to dry.
4. When dry, use the straight trowel to apply a thin finishing coat, 300mm wide, to both sides of the corner angle, feathering out the edges. See Figure 27 for completed joint.

# 6 SAFE WORKING PRACTICES

## WARNING - DO NOT BREATHE DUST AND CUT ONLY IN WELL VENTILATED AREA

James Hardie products contain sand, a source of respirable crystalline silica which is considered by some international authorities to be a cause of cancer from some occupational sources. Breathing excessive amounts of respirable silica dust can also cause a disabling and potentially fatal lung disease called silicosis, and has been linked with other diseases. Some studies suggest smoking may increase these risks. During installation or handling: (1) work in outdoor areas with ample ventilation; (2) minimise dust when cutting by using either 'score and snap' knife, fibre cement shears or, where not feasible, use a HardiBlade® saw blade and dust-reducing circular saw attached to a HEPA vacuum; (3) warn others in the immediate area to avoid breathing dust; (4) wear a properly-fitted, approved dust mask or respirator (e.g. P1 or P2) in accordance with applicable government regulations and manufacturer instructions to further limit respirable silica exposures. During clean-up, use HEPA vacuums or wet cleanup methods - never dry sweep. For further information, refer to our installation instructions and Material Safety Data Sheets available at [www.jameshardie.com.au](http://www.jameshardie.com.au). FAILURE TO ADHERE TO OUR WARNINGS, MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS, AND INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS MAY LEAD TO SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH.

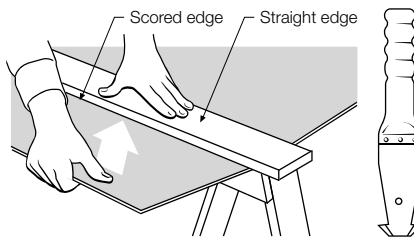
## WORKING INSTRUCTIONS

Refer to recommended safe working practices before starting any cutting or machining of product.

### Score and snap

Score and snap is a fast and efficient method of cutting James Hardie building products using James Hardie's special tungsten tipped score and snap knife.

Preferably score on the face side of the product. Score against a straight edge and repeat the action to obtain adequate depth for clean break – normally one third of sheet thickness. Snap upwards to achieve break. Smooth any rough edges with a rasp.



## JAMES HARDIE RECOMMENDED SAFE WORKING PRACTICES

### CUTTING OUTDOORS

1. Position cutting station so wind will blow dust away from the user or others in working area.
2. Use one of the following methods based on the required cutting rate:

#### Best

- Score and snap
- Hand guillotine
- Fibreshear

#### Good

- Dust reducing circular saw equipped with HardiBlade® saw blade and HEPA vacuum extraction.

### CUTTING INDOORS

- Cut only using score and snap, hand guillotine or fibreshears (manual, electric or pneumatic).
- Position cutting station in a well-ventilated area.

### DRILLING/OTHER MACHINING

When drilling or machining you should always wear a P1 or P2 dust mask and warn others in the immediate area.

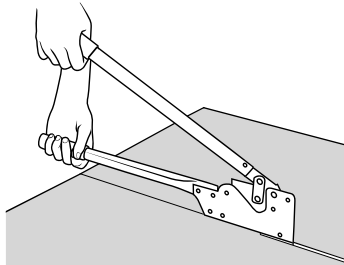
### IMPORTANT NOTES

1. For maximum protection (lowest respirable dust production), James Hardie recommends always using "Best" - level cutting methods where feasible.
2. NEVER use a power saw indoors.
3. NEVER use a circular saw blade that does not carry the HardiBlade® logo.
4. NEVER dry sweep - Use wet suppression or HEPA vacuum.
5. NEVER use grinders.
6. ALWAYS follow tool manufacturers' safety recommendations.

P1 or P2 respirators should be used in conjunction with above cutting practices to further reduce dust exposures. Additional exposure information is available at [www.jameshardie.com.au](http://www.jameshardie.com.au) to help you determine the most appropriate cutting method for your job requirements. If concern still exists about exposure levels or you do not comply with the above practices, you should always consult a qualified industrial hygienist or contact James Hardie for further information.

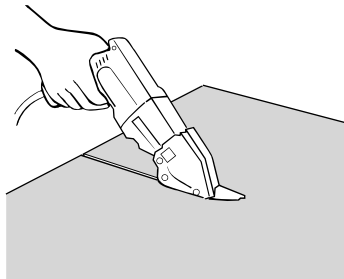
### Hand guillotine

Make guillotine cut on the off-cut side of line to allow for the thickness of the blade.



### Fibreshear

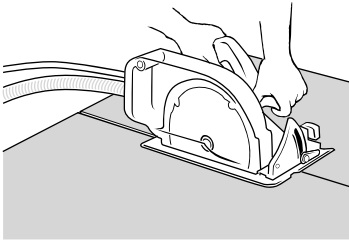
An electrically powered, fast, clean and effortless way of cutting James Hardie building products, especially around curves such as archways. Make fibreshear cut on the 'off-cut' side of the line to allow for the thickness of the shear.



# 7 PRODUCT INFORMATION

## HardiBlade® saw blade

The HardiBlade® saw blade used with a dust-reducing saw and HEPA vacuum extraction allows for fast, clean cutting of James Hardie fibre cement products. A dust-reducing saw uses a dust deflector or a dust collector which can be connected to a vacuum system. When sawing, clamp a straight-edge to the sheet as a guide and run the saw base plate along the straight edge when making the cut.



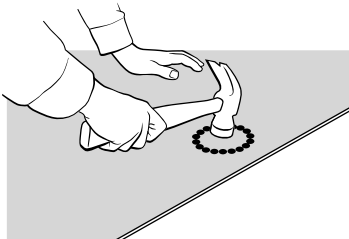
## HOLE-FORMING

### For smooth clean cut circular holes:

- Mark the centre of the hole on the sheet.
- Pre-drill a pilot hole.
- Using the pilot hole as a guide, cut the hole to the appropriate diameter with a hole saw fitted to a heavy duty electric drill.

### For irregular holes:

- Small rectangular or circular holes can be cut by drilling a series of small holes around the perimeter of the hole then tapping out the waste piece from the sheet face.
- Tap carefully to avoid damage to sheets, ensuring the sheet edges are properly supported.



## STORAGE AND HANDLING

To avoid damage, all James Hardie building products should be stored with edges and corners of the sheets protected from chipping.

James Hardie building products must be installed in a dry state and protected from rain during transport and storage. The product must be laid flat under cover on a smooth level surface clear of the ground to avoid exposure to water, moisture, etc.

## QUALITY

James Hardie conducts stringent quality checks to ensure any product manufactured falls within our quality spectrum. It is the responsibility of the builder to ensure the product meets aesthetic requirements before installation. James Hardie will not be responsible for rectifying obvious aesthetic surface variations following installation.

## 7.1 GENERAL

HardiFlex eaves lining, HardiFlex sheets, Villaboard lining and Versilux lining, Eclipsa eaves lining and HardiGroove lining (eaves and soffits) are a cellulose fibre reinforced cement building product. The basic composition is Portland cement, ground sand, cellulose fibre and water.

Eaves and soffits are manufactured to AS/NZS 2908.2 'Cellulose-Cement Products Part 2: Flat Sheets' (ISO 8336 'Fibre Cement Flat Sheets').

Eaves and soffits are classified Type A, Category 2 in accordance with AS/NZS 2908.2 'Cellulose-Cement Products'.

For Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) visit [www.jameshardie.com.au](http://www.jameshardie.com.au) or Ask James Hardie™ on 13 11 03.

## 7.2 DURABILITY

### 7.2.1 Resistance to moisture/rotting

Eaves and soffits have demonstrated resistance to permanent moisture induced deterioration (rotting) by passing the following tests in accordance with AS/NZS 2908.2:

- Water permeability (Clause 8.2.2)
- Warm water (Clause 8.2.4)
- Heat rain (Clause 6.5)
- Soak dry (Clause 8.2.5)

### 7.2.2 Resistance to fire

Eaves and soffits are suitable where non-combustible materials are required in accordance with C1.12 of the Building Code of Australia.

Eaves and soffits have been tested by CSIRO and is classified as a Group 1 material in accordance with Specification C1.10a of the BCA.

Eaves and soffits have the following early fire hazard indices (tested to AS 1530 Part 3).

### EARLY FIRE HAZARD INDICES (TESTED TO AS 1530) PART 3

Ignition index	0
Flame spread index	0
Heat evolved index	0
Smoke developed index	0 - 1

### 7.2.3 Resistance to termite attack

Based on testing completed by CSIRO Division of Forest Products Report Numbers FP349 and FP274 James Hardie fibre cement has demonstrated resistance to termite attack.

## 7.3 ALPINE REGIONS

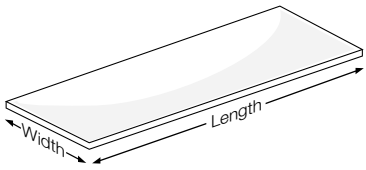
In regions subject to freeze/thaw conditions, fibre cement external cladding must be painted. In addition, fibre cement cladding must not be in direct contact with snow and/or ice build up for extended periods, e.g. external walls in alpine regions subject to snow drifts over winter.

Tested for resistance to frost in accordance with AS/NZS 2908.2 Clause 8.2.3.

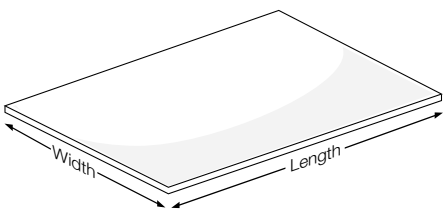
# 8 COMPONENTS

The checklist on the following four pages describes the components required to install the Eaves lining and soffit systems outlined in this manual, and includes acceptable options.

## HARDIFLEX EAVES LINING

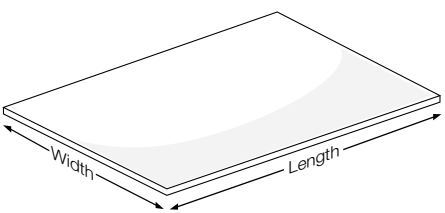
	Surface: flat, smooth surface, square sheet edge		
	<b>Mass:</b> (for 4.5mm thick) <b>6kg/m<sup>2</sup></b>		
	Length (mm):	Width (mm):	Thickness (mm):
	2400	450/600/750	4.5

## HARDIFLEX SHEETS

	Surface: flat, smooth surface, square sheet edge (bevel edge available in Queensland only)		
	<b>Mass:</b> (for 4.5mm thick) <b>6kg/m<sup>2</sup></b> (for 6.0mm thick) <b>8.1kg/m<sup>2</sup></b>		
	Length (mm):	Width (mm):	Thickness (mm):
	1800	900 1200	4.5 4.5/6.0
	2100	1200	4.5
	2400	900 1200	4.5/6.0 4.5/6.0
	2700	900 1200	4.5 4.5/6.0
	3000	900 1200	4.5 4.5/6.0

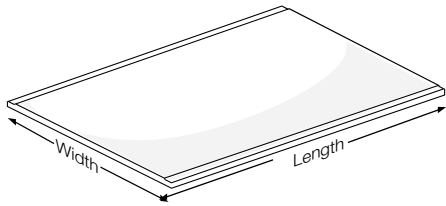
Selling unit: square metre (m<sup>2</sup>)  
Mass includes timber packing

## VERSILUX LINING

	Surface: smooth surface, square sheet edge (bevel edge available in Queensland only)		
	<b>Mass:</b> (for 4.5mm thick) <b>6.2kg/m<sup>2</sup></b> (for 6.0mm thick) <b>8.3kg/m<sup>2</sup></b>		
	Length (mm):	Width (mm):	Thickness (mm):
	2400	900† 1200	4.5*/6.0 4.5*/6.0
	2700	1200	4.5*/6.0/9.0**
	3000	900 1200	4.5*/6.0*† 4.5*/6.0
	3600	900 1200	4.5* 4.5*/6.0

Selling unit: square metre (m<sup>2</sup>)  
\* Available in QLD only  
\*\* Available in QLD and WA only  
† Not available in WA  
Mass includes timber packing

## VILLABOARD LINING



Surface: flat, smooth sanded recessed edge sheet

**NOTE:**

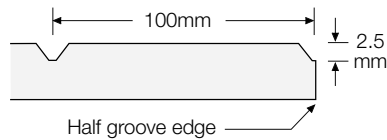
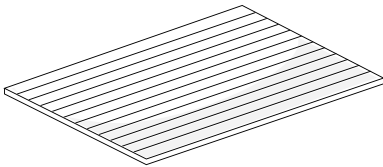
6mm sheet preferred for soffits and eaves; 9mm thick sheet not normally required; 12mm thickness unsuitable for soffit applications unless used with surface mounted fixings with washers.

**Mass:** (for 6mm thick) **8.3kg/m<sup>2</sup>** (for 9mm thick) **12.4kg/m<sup>2</sup>** (for 12mm thick) **16.6kg/m<sup>2</sup>**

Length (mm):	Width (mm):	Thickness (mm):
1800	1200	6.0
2400	900	6.0
	1200	6.0/9.0
	1350	6.0
2700	1200	6.0/9.0
3000	900	6.0
	1200	6.0/9.0/12.0
	1350	6.0
3600	1200	6.0/9.0
	1350	6.0
4200	1200	6.0
	1350	6.0

Selling unit: square metre (m<sup>2</sup>)  
Mass includes timber packing

## HARDIGROOVE LINING

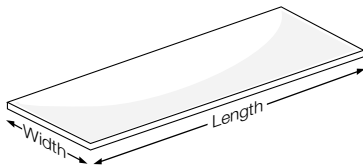


HardiGroove lining is a v-grooved internal lining board with the look of timber and with the durability of fibre cement.

Individual batten widths are 100mm

Sheet size: 2700mm x 1200mm x 7.5mm

## ECLIPSA EAVES LINING



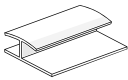



Surface: flat, smooth surface, pre-painted, square sheet edge

**Mass:** (for 4.5mm thick) **6kg/m<sup>2</sup>**

Length (mm):	Width (mm):	Thickness (mm):
2400	450/600/750/1200	4.5



## HARDIFLEX EAVES LINING, HARDIFLEX SHEETS, VILLABOARD AND VERSILUX LINING COMPONENTS

	<p><b>JH PVC straight jointer</b> Plastic jointing strip Suitable for: HardiFlex eaves lining sheets HardiFlex sheets Versilux lining</p>	<p>Selling unit: for 4.5mm sheet: 2400mm length / 3000mm length; Selling unit: for 6mm sheet: 3000mm length</p>
	<p><b>JH PVC cap mould</b> Plastic terminating strip for exposed edges Suitable for: HardiFlex eaves lining sheets HardiFlex sheets Versilux lining</p>	<p>Selling unit: for 4.5mm sheet: 2400mm length; Selling unit; for 6mm sheet: 3000mm length</p>
	<p><b>HardiStop® base coat</b> Water resistant base for the HardiStop® jointing system</p>	<p>15kg pail Selling unit: each</p>
	<p><b>HardiStop® top coat</b> Water resistant top coat for the HardiStop® jointing system</p>	<p>10kg pail Selling unit: each</p>
<p><b>HardiDrive® grey external grade screws</b> For light gauge steel frames 0.8mm to 1.6mm BMT <b>NOTE:</b> In coastal and other areas subject to salt, spray, contact your fastener manufacturer for fasteners with suitable corrosion resistance.</p>		<p>8g x 32mm For detailed information, see sections 2.1 Framing and 2.2 Fixing</p>
<p><b>COMPONENTS NOT SUPPLIED BY JAMES HARDIE</b></p>		
<p><b>Fibre cement nails</b> Galvanised nails for timber</p>		<p>2.0mm x 30mm for 4.5mm and 6.0 thick lining</p>
<p><b>Buildex FibreTEKS®</b> 20mm for light gauge steel frames 0.55mm to 0.75mm BMT ® denotes a registered mark of Buildex</p>		
<p><b>Perforated paper tape</b> For flush jointing recessed edge and finishing internal corners</p>		
<p><b>Rondo P35 control joint bead</b></p>		<p>For bedding onto Villaboard lining where a control joint is required.</p>
<p><b>PVC self adhesive tape - 18mm black</b></p>		<p>For backing open joints</p>
<p><b>Pressed metal expansion strip</b></p>		<p>For expressed joints in bushfire prone areas</p>

# 9 DETAILS

## 9.1 GENERAL

This section contains general details relating to the use of James Hardie products in eaves and soffit applications. These details are referenced throughout this general specification.

## 9.2 EXTERNAL CORNERS

External corners may occur at bulkheads, light wells, etc.

A James Hardie stainless steel external corner angle should be fixed over the sheet edges, nailed or screwed at 250mm centres on each side. Proceed to set the angle following steps 2, 3 and 4 of Clause 5.4.6 and complete sanding the plaster as per Clause 5.4.2, alternatively use James Hardie Hardistop® system - see Figure 27.

## 9.3 INTERNAL ANGLES

See Clause 5.4.5.

## 9.4 COLUMNS AND WALLS ABUTMENTS

### 9.4.1 General

Soffit sheeting must be free to move independently to other building elements it abuts. This is critical with any soffit lining, particularly for flush jointed sheeting, otherwise cracking may occur.

### 9.4.2 Column abutment

See Figure 28 for typical detailing to allow freedom of movement at abutment of soffit sheeting and an Artista® column.

### 9.4.3 Wall abutment

See Figure 29 for typically detailing at a wall face to allow freedom of movement.

## 9.5 CEILING CORNICE

Where required with an external soffit, a conventional set plaster cornice may be used with Villaboard lining, provided the cornice is well protected from moisture. See Figure 30.

### NOTE

Plaster cornice is to be attached to the ceiling only, using cornice setting compound.

TABLE 10

CURVED LINING	
BATTEN SPACING (mm)	RANGE OF RADII (mm)
150	1200
200	Above 1200 to 1800
300	Above 1800 to 3000
400	Above 3000 to 20000
*450	
*600	Above 20000

\* NOTE: Or at one third of the sheet width, whichever is the lesser.

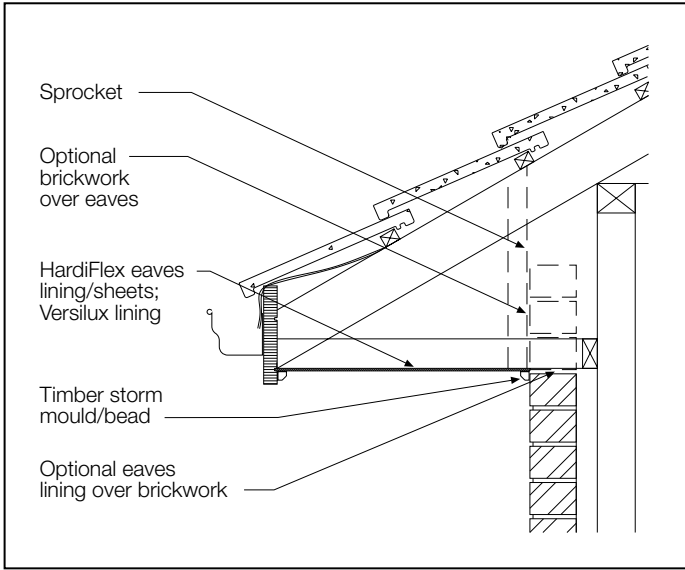


FIGURE 1 BOXED EAVES - BRICK VENEER WALL

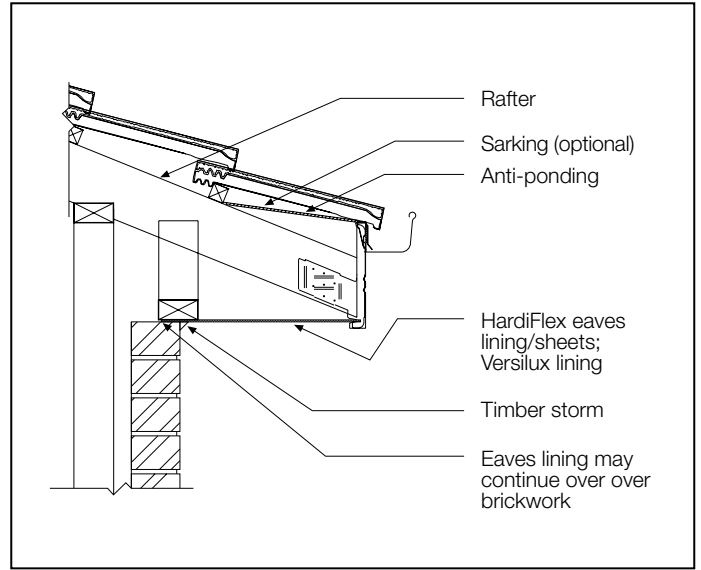


FIGURE 3 SIMPLE SPANNING EAVES - BRICK VENEER WALL

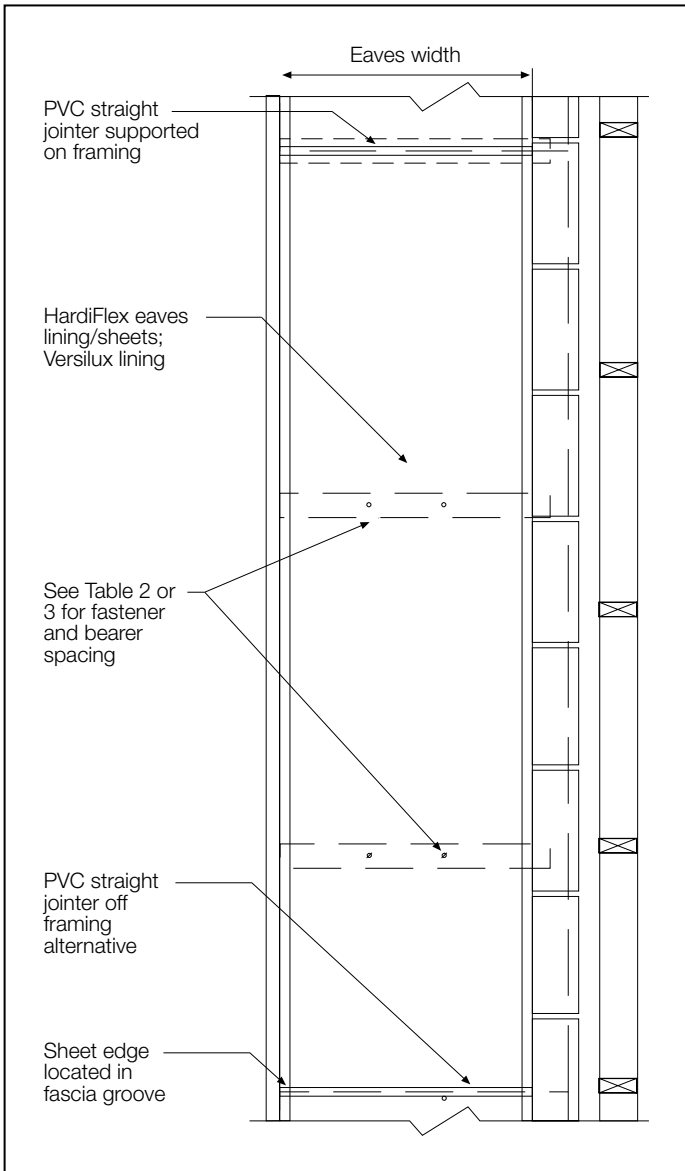


FIGURE 2 BOXED EAVES - PLAN

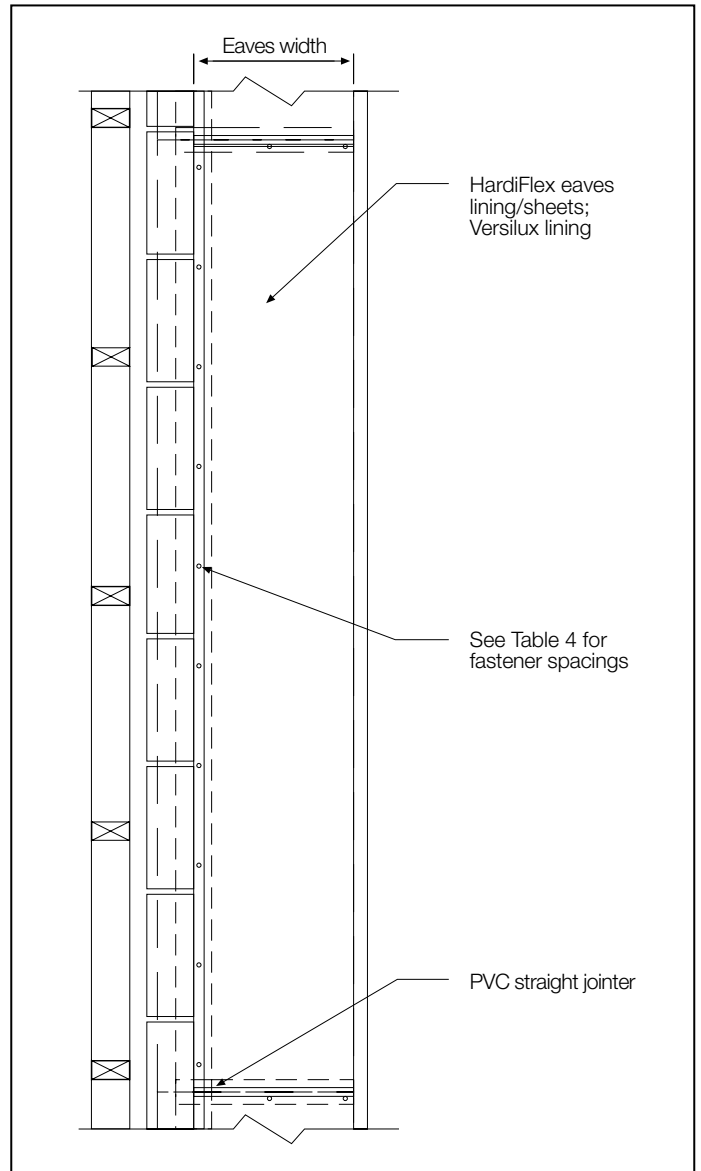


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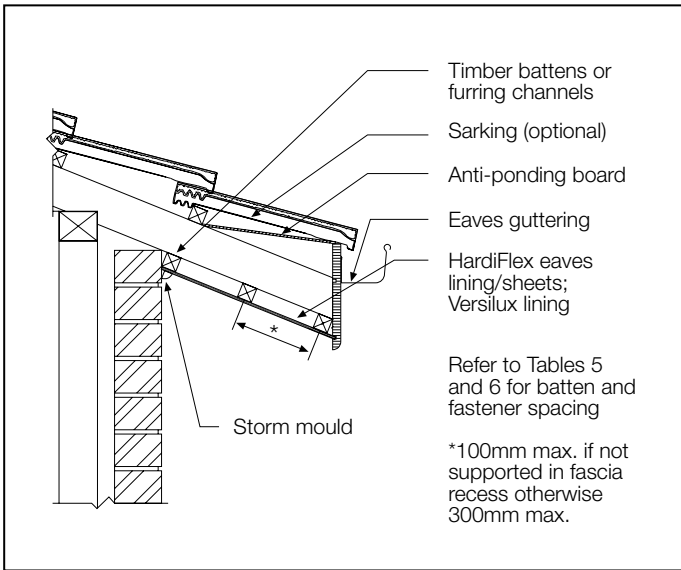


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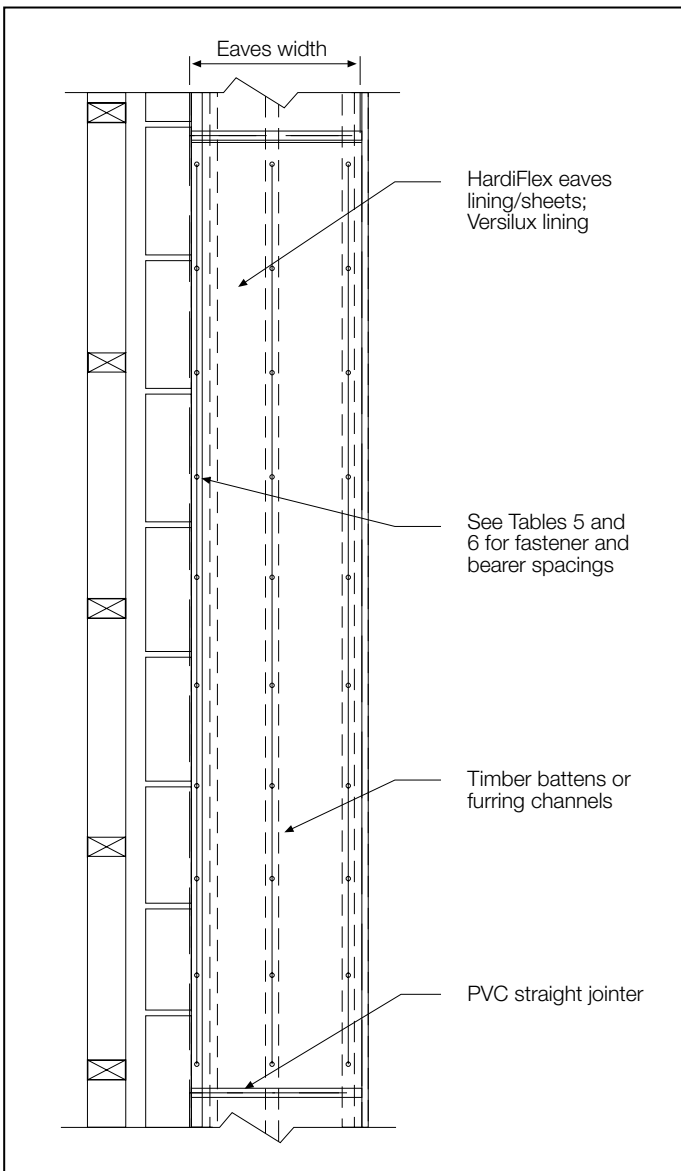


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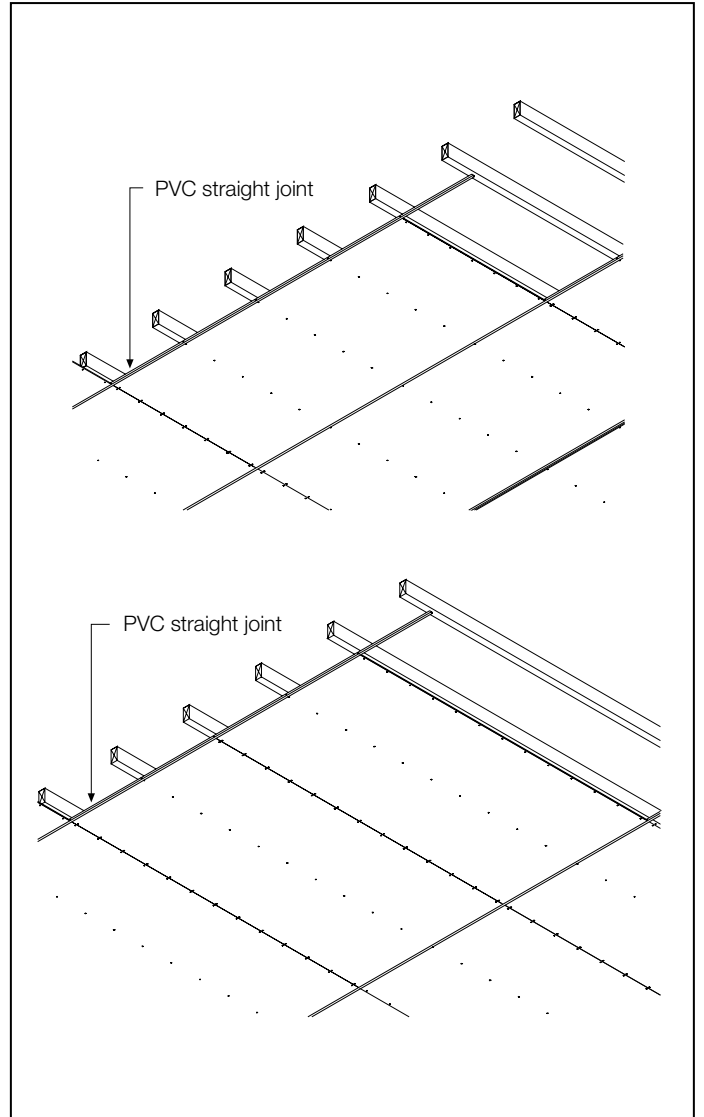


FIGURE 7 SHEET LAYOUT WITH PVC STRAIGHT JOINTS

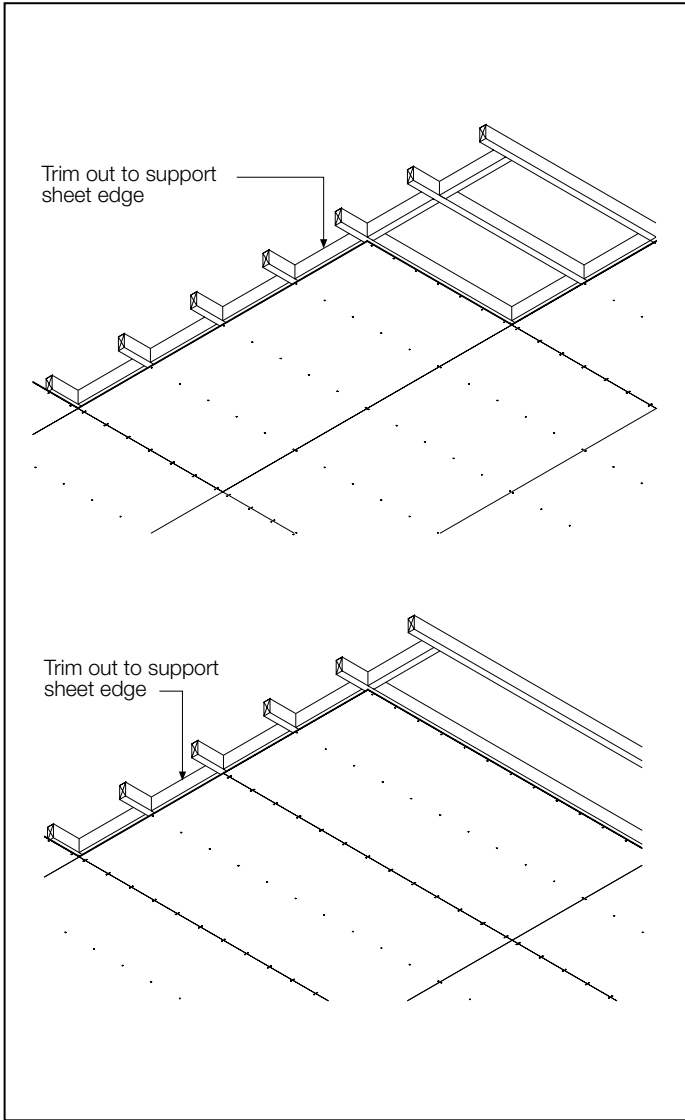


FIGURE 8 SHEET LAYOUT FOR BUTT JOINTS

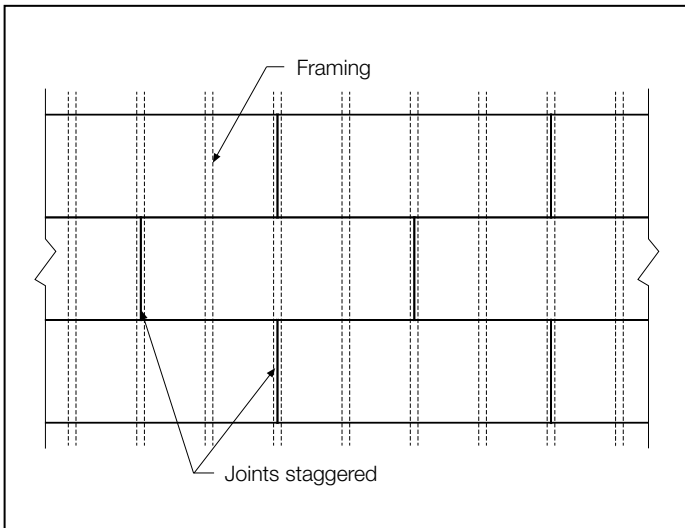


FIGURE 9 SHEET LAYOUT

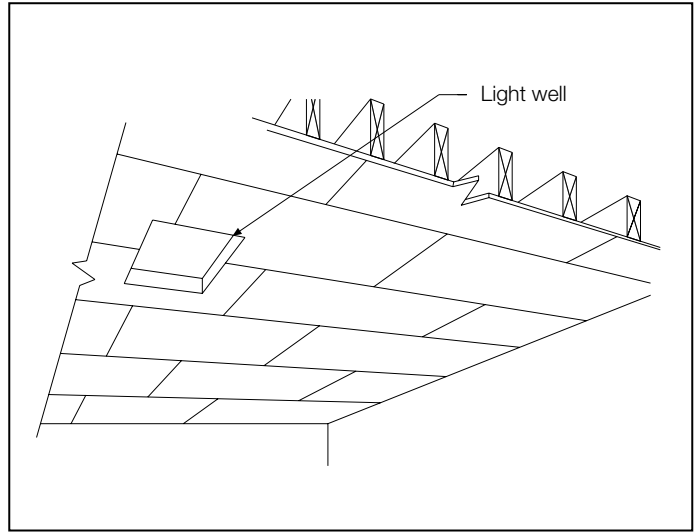


FIGURE 10 ARRANGEMENT AT LARGE OPENING

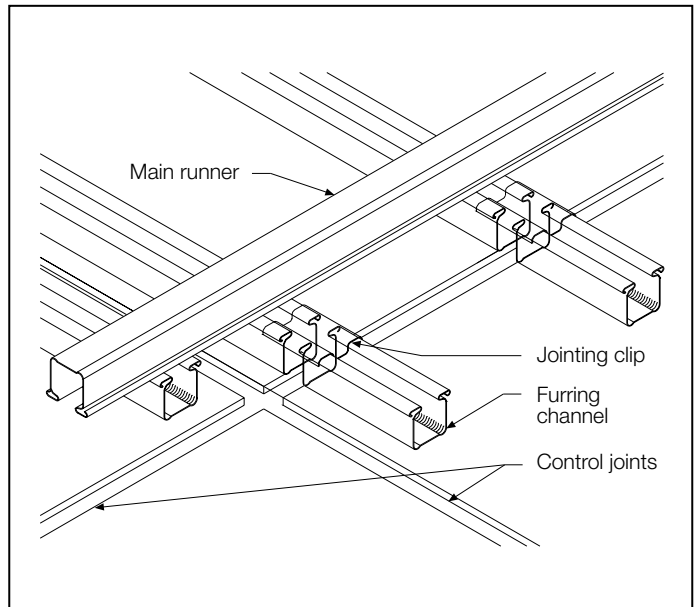


FIGURE 11 PROPRIETARY SUSPENSION SYSTEM

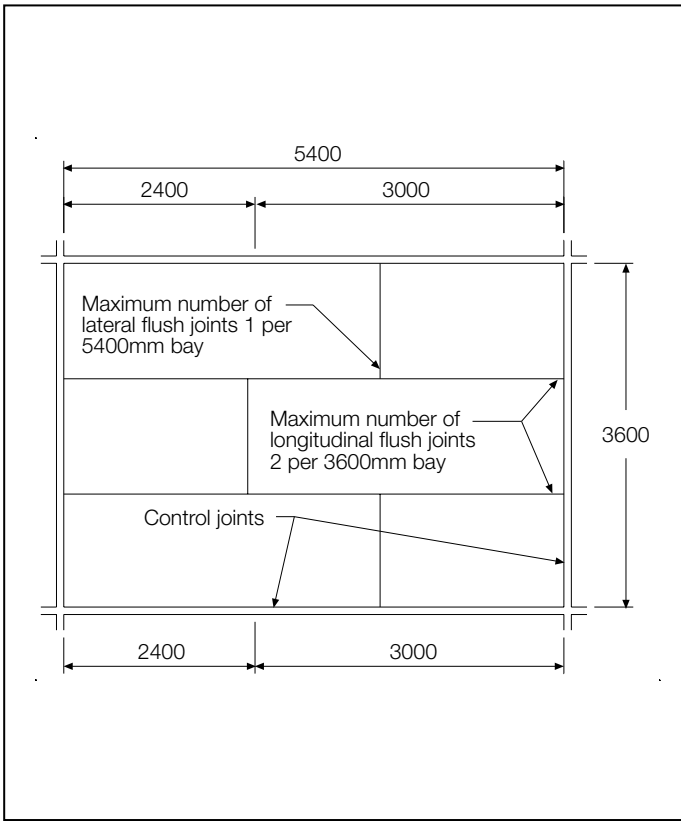


FIGURE 12 VILLABOARD LINING CEILING LAYOUT BAY CONFIGURATION

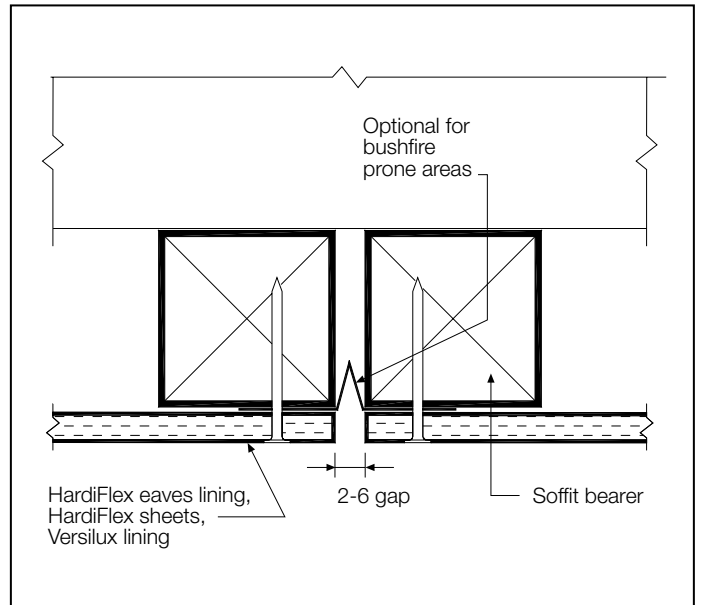


FIGURE 14 NON - SET JOINT

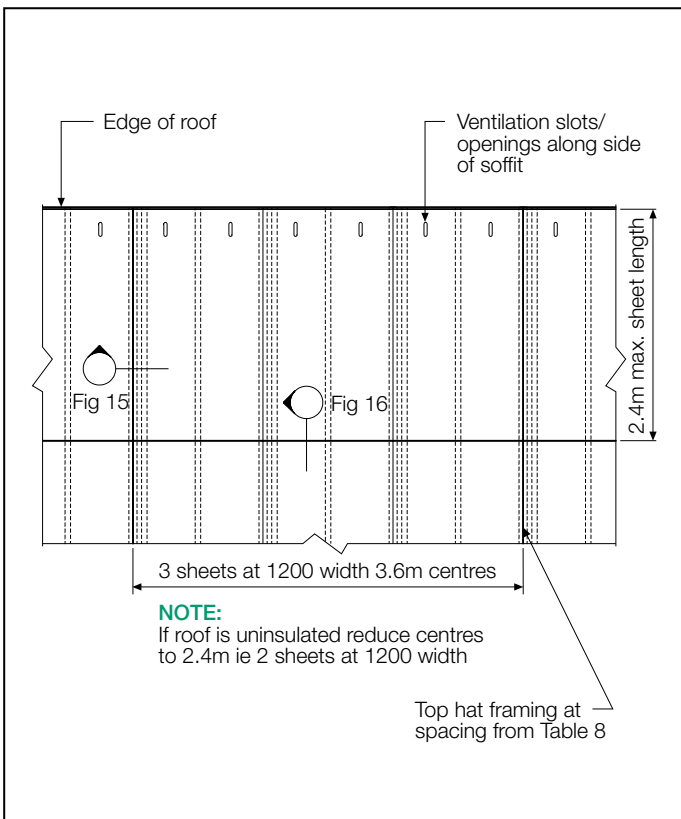


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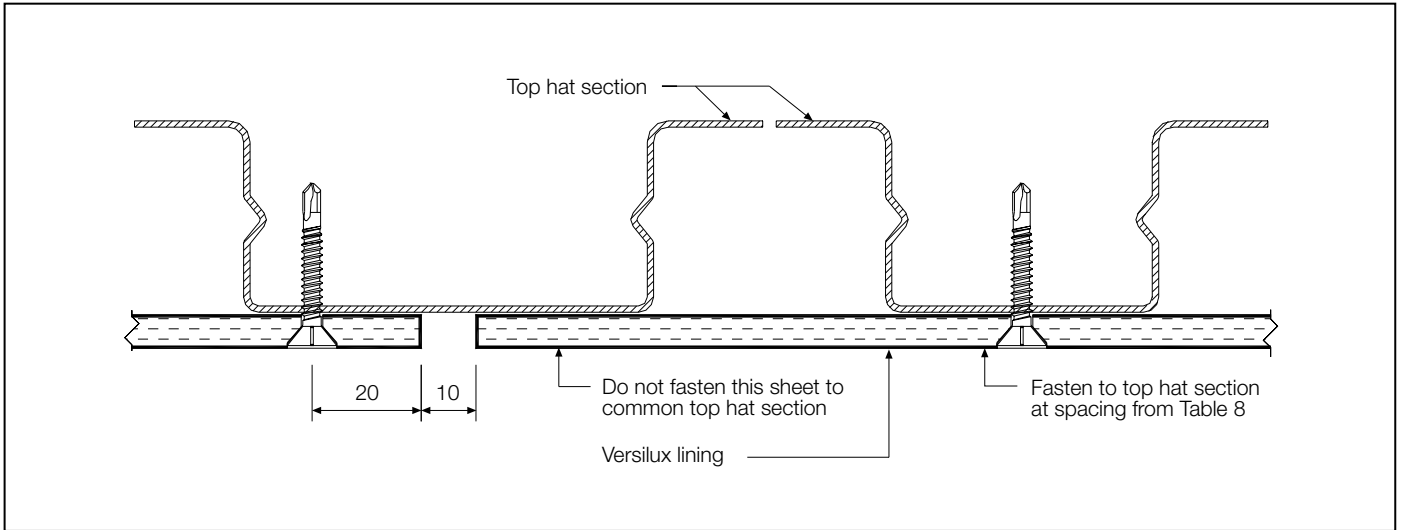


FIGURE 15 NON-SET JOINT ON TOP HAT SYSTEM

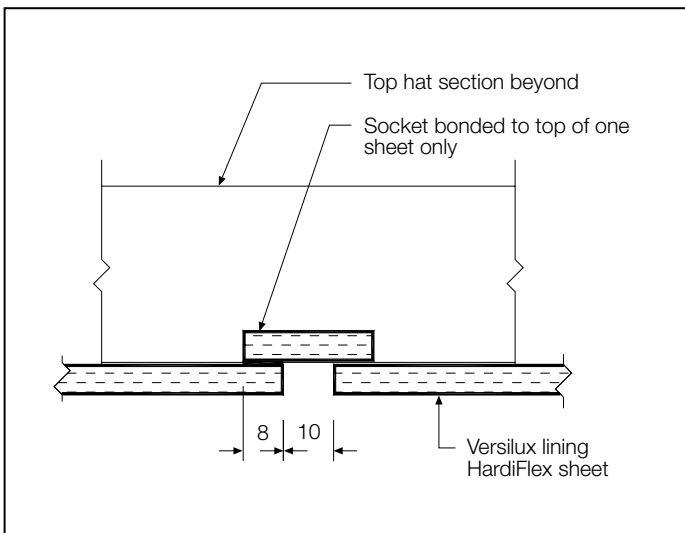


FIGURE 16 NON-SET JOINTED SOCKET - TOP HAT SYSTEM JOINT

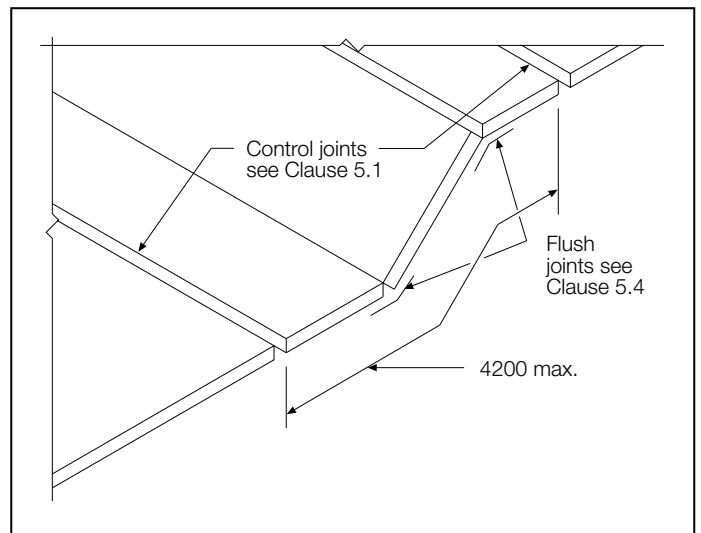


FIGURE 18 BULKHEAD WITH RAKING TRANSITION

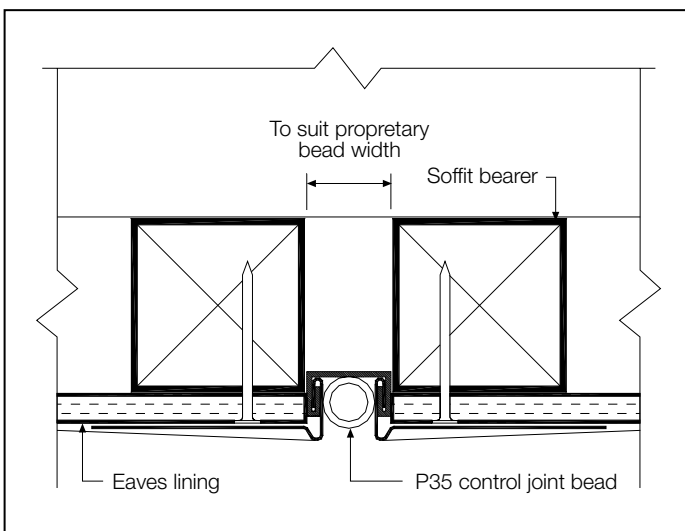


FIGURE 17 SET JOINTED SOFFIT OR EAVES

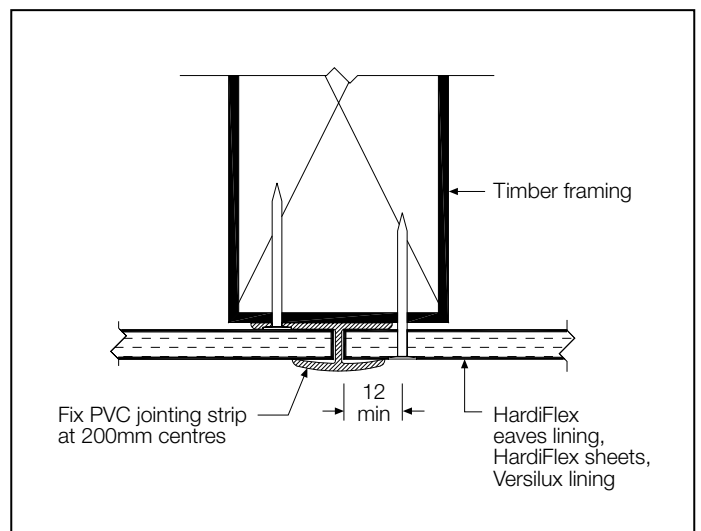


FIGURE 19 PVC STRAIGHT JOINT FIXED TO TIMBER FRAMING



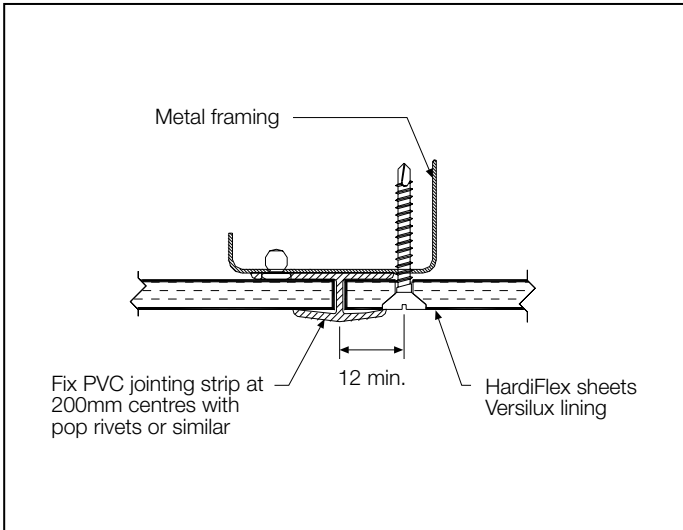


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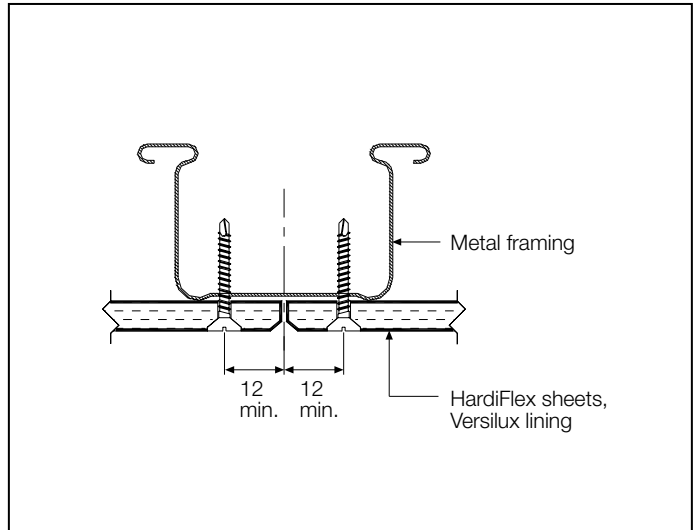


FIGURE 23 BUTT VEE JOINT

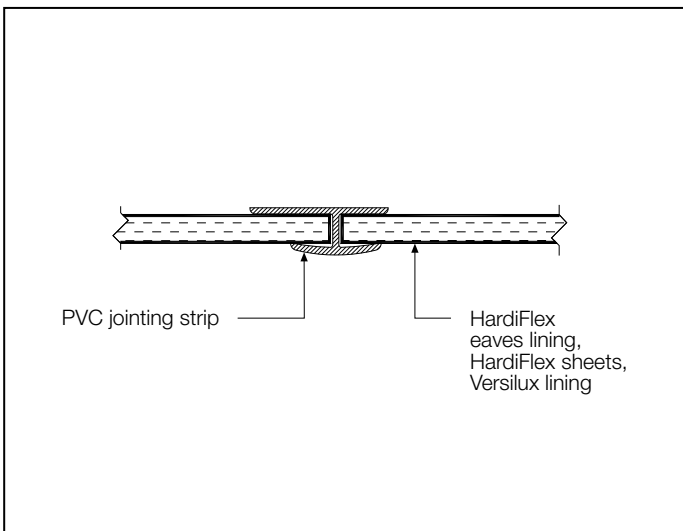


FIGURE 21 PVC STRAIGHT JOINT LOCATED OFF FRAMING

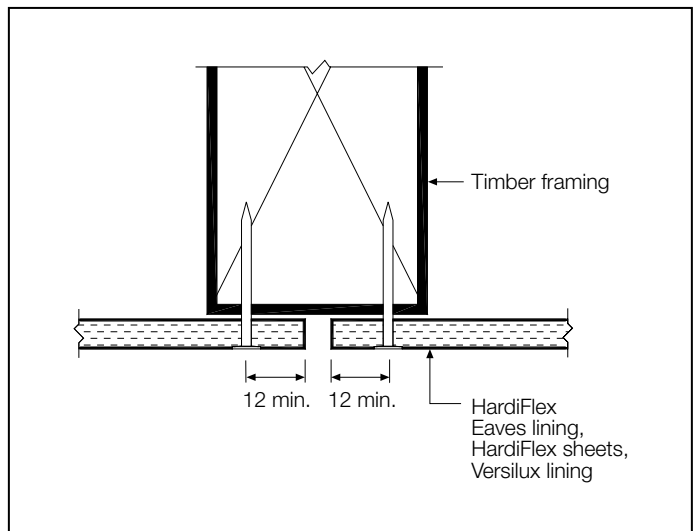


FIGURE 24 EXPRESSED JOINT ON TIMBER FRAMING

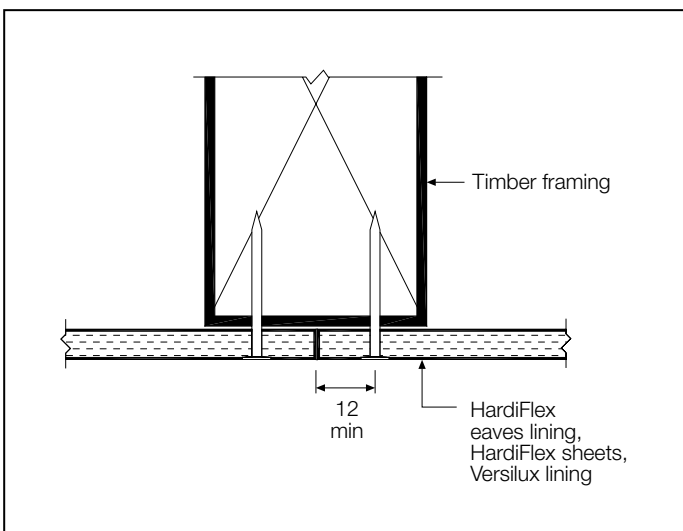


FIGURE 22 BUTT JOINT

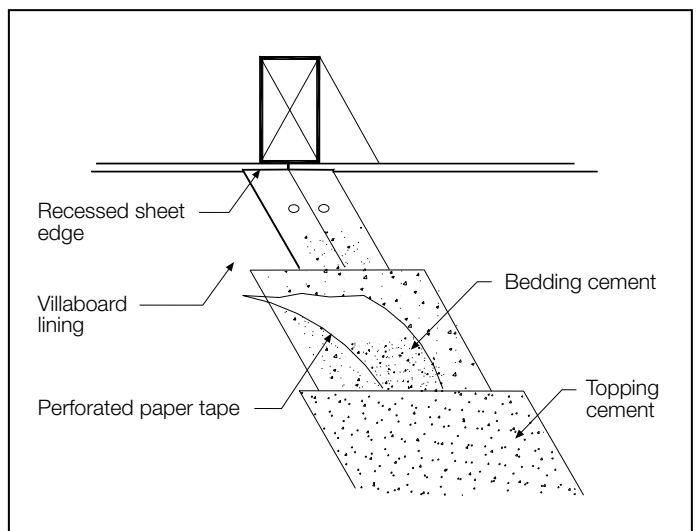


FIGURE 25 FLUSH JOINT TREATMENT

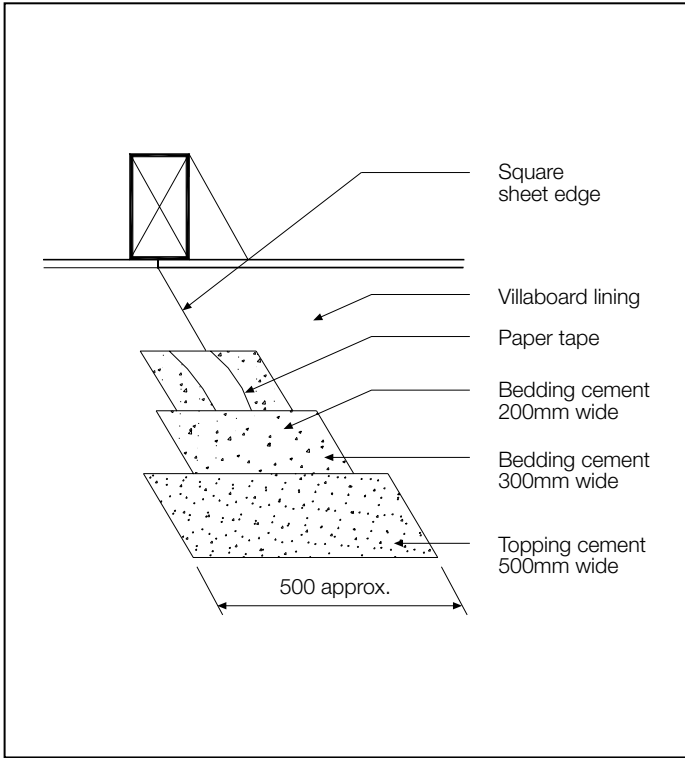


FIGURE 26 BUTT JOINT TREATMENT

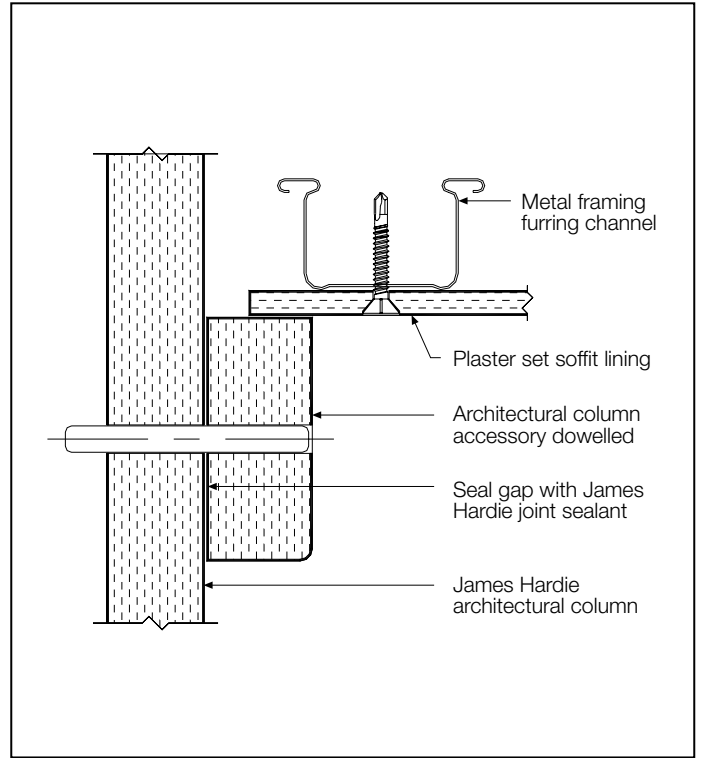


FIGURE 28 JUNCTION WITH COLUMN

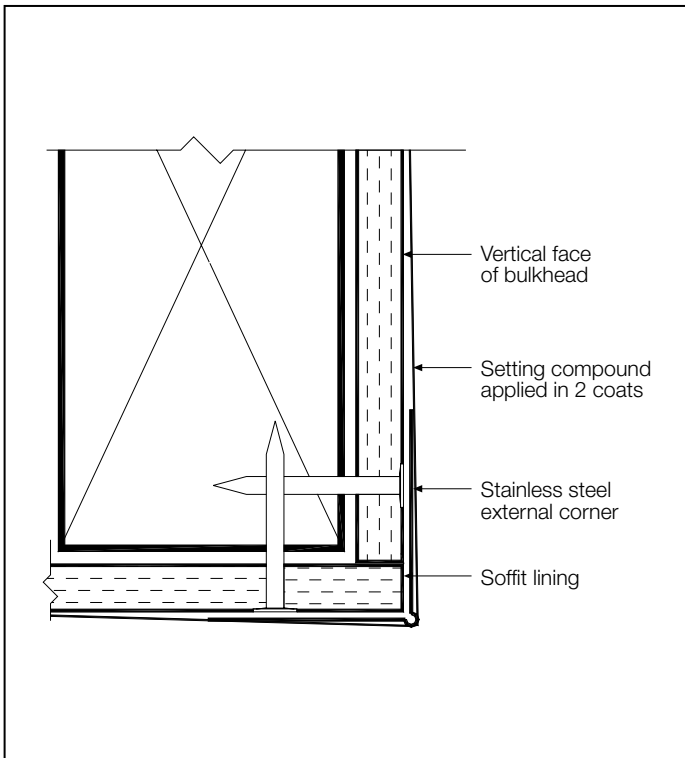


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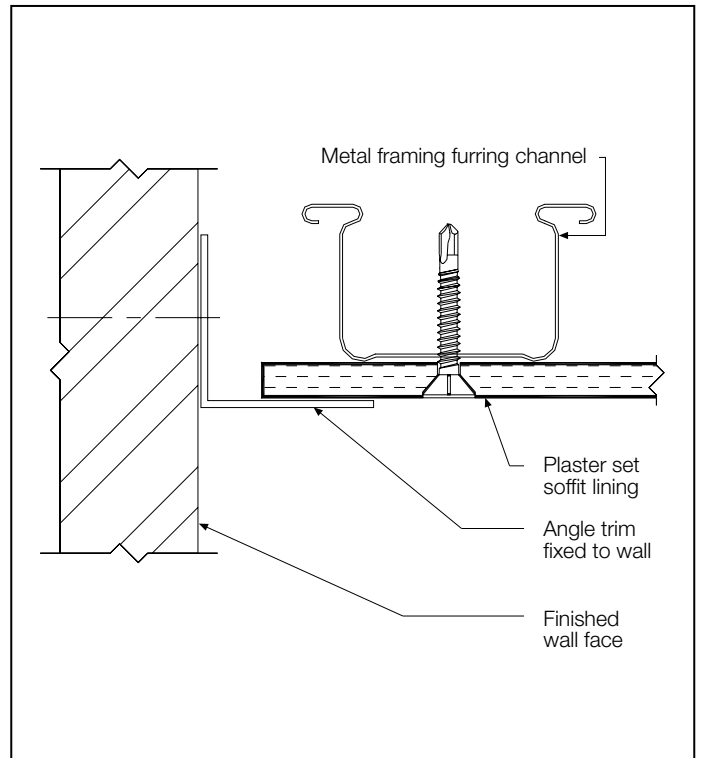


FIGURE 29 JUNCTION WITH WALL

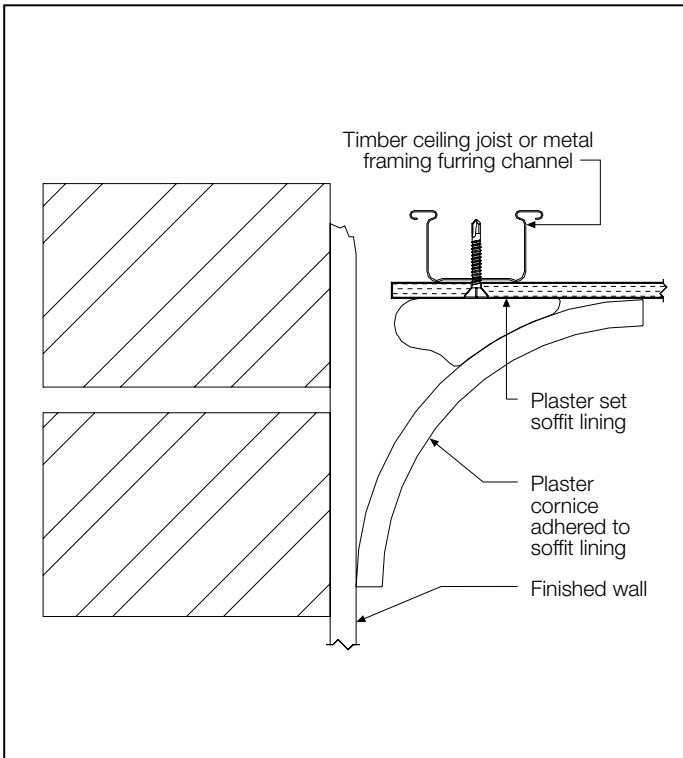


FIGURE 30 CEILING CORNICE

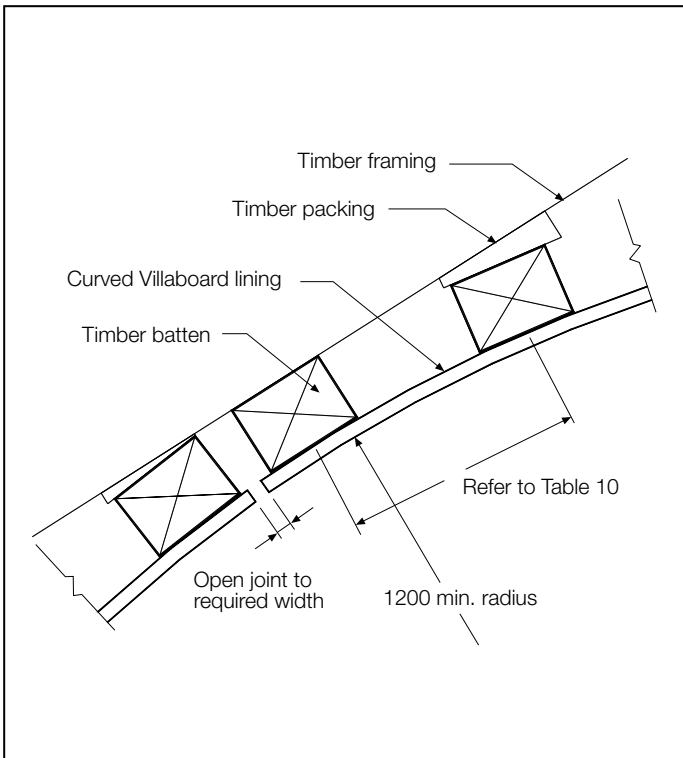


FIGURE 31 CURVED SOFFIT

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