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Signature

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PRODUCT FEATURES

Genesis Signature range offers unique textured finishes as well as a colour palette of deep tones to vibrant hues.

Genesis Signature's HR coating represents a pinnacle in surface technology, offering unparalleled durability and resilience against everyday wear and tear, scratches, and even graffiti.

The range also offers a sustainable alternative to traditional building materials.

KEY FEATURES



UNIQUE TEXTURED FINISHES

Genesis Signature redefines architectural aesthetics with its unique textures and finishes. Each product in the range has been meticulously crafted to turn a building's appearance into artistry and innovation.



PREMIUM SURFACE FINISHES

Genesis Signature's premium finishes elevate exterior and interior spaces to a level where every detail speaks of refinement and timeless elegance. Each surface is meticulously crafted to not only look exquisite, but also to endear a sense of luxurious refinement, enhancing the overall sensory experience of the environment.



RICH COLOURS

Genesis Signature offers a striking array of rich colours that redefine the visual impact of architectural design. From deep tones to vibrant hues that pop against the urban landscape, the colour palette of Genesis Signature is as diverse as it is enduring. Each façade panel is infused with pigments that are meticulously blended to achieve consistency and depth, ensuring that the façade retains its vibrant appearance over time. Whether opting for a sleek and modern finish, embracing warmth or designing bright joyous spaces, these colours complement various architectural styles.



HIGH RESISTANCE (HR) COATING

Genesis Signature's HR coating represents a pinnacle in surface technology, offering unparalleled durability and resilience against everyday wear and tear, scratches and even graffiti. Its scratch-resistant properties ensure that surfaces that will look beautiful for longer, while the innovative formulation equips it with anti-graffiti capabilities, enabling easy removal of unwanted markings without damaging the underlying surface. This combination of durability and maintenance ease makes Genesis Signature's HR coating an ideal choice for high-traffic areas, urban environments and architectural features where aesthetic longevity and functionality are paramount concerns.



ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY

Genesis Signature panels are composed primarily of natural materials such as cement, cellulose fibres and water, offering a sustainable alternative to traditional building materials. Moreover, fibre cement cladding is durable and weather-resistant, requiring minimal maintenance over its long lifespan. It contributes to energy efficiency by providing excellent thermal insulation, reducing heating and cooling demands. Installed as a rainscreen façade, Genesis Signature allows the buildings envelope to breathe, increasing thermal and energy efficiency, while also promoting healthier buildings.



EXTENDED WARRANTY

Genesis Signature offers a 20-Year warranty, subject to standard terms and conditions.

PRODUCT RANGE



ESSENCE

Properties

Length	2500 / 3050mm
Width	1250mm
Thickness	8mm
Weight	17kg/m ²
Surface	Smooth translucent / matte

ESSENCE



OASIS

Properties

Length	2500 / 3050mm
Width	1250mm
Thickness	8mm
Weight	17kg/m ²
Surface	Smooth translucent / matte

OASIS



CHANNEL

Properties

Length	2500 / 3050mm
Width	1250mm
Thickness	12mm
Weight	22.2kg/m ²
Surface	Linear groove translucent / matte

CHANNEL



SERENE

Properties

Length	2500 / 3050mm
Width	1250mm
Thickness	8mm
Weight	17kg/m ²
Surface	Smooth Opaque/Matte

SERENE



VELOUR

Properties

Length	2500 / 3050mm
Width	1250mm
Thickness	8mm
Weight	17kg/m ²
Surface	Translucent/matte natural textured

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LUMINA

Properties

Length	2500 / 3050mm
Width	1250mm
Thickness	8mm
Weight	17kg/m ²
Surface	Smooth reflective Opaque

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APPLICATIONS

Genesis Signature façade panels have been designed for use as external cladding on buildings. They are an ideal solution for Schools, Hospitals, Commercial Buildings and Residential Apartments that require a pre-finished and maintenance free façade.

Genesis Signature CFC façade boards provide architects with freedom to apply and exploit the visual opportunities on any building façade. With multiple options for colour, shading and texture, we have created countless possibilities when designing your stunning façade.

DESIGN

1. Compliance

All design and construction must comply with the appropriate requirements of the current National Construction Code (NCC), regulations and standards.

2. Slab and Footings

The slab and footings on which the building is situated must be designed and certified by a qualified structural engineer according to all relevant codes, regulations and standards.

3. Ground Clearance

Install Genesis Signature Facade boards with a minimum 150mm clearance to the earth on the exterior of the building or in accordance with local building codes if greater than 150mm is required. Also, maintain a minimum 50mm clearance between Genesis Signature Facade boards and roofs, decks, paths, steps and driveways. Adjacent finished grade must slope away from the building in accordance with local building codes, typically a minimum slope of 50mm over the first metre.

Do not install external cladding in areas where it may remain in contact with standing water or debris.

4. Moisture Management

Genesis Signature façade boards acts as a rain screen. To achieve a particular level of weather-tightness and ensure occupant comfort and protection of the building frame, the designer must determine the appropriate moisture management detailing for the project.

It is the responsibility of the builders and designers to identify moisture related risks associated with any particular building design. It is the responsibility of the builder to ensure appropriate moisture management is provided during framed wall construction through effective use of flashings, sealants and vapour permeable membranes such as Vitrafix Wall Sarking weather barrier, building wraps, vapour retarders and damp proof course. Before installing panels, all wall openings, penetrations, intersections, connections, window sills, heads and jambs must incorporate appropriate flashing and waterproofing. Materials, components and the installation practices that are used to manage moisture in framed wall construction must, at a minimum, comply with the requirements of relevant standards, building codes and the manufacturer's specifications.

5. Movement Control Joints

When installing Genesis Signature Facade boards, the movement of the façade boards and the support structure must be considered in the overall design of the system. Movement joints in the panel layout should be aligned with movement control joints provided in the structural framing.

Horizontal Control Joints

A horizontal control joint is required beneath every floor junction to accommodate any expected deflection. The magnitude of the deflection must be verified by the project engineer.

Vertical Control Joints

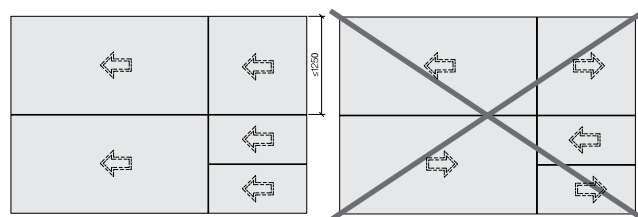
Vertical control joints to allow for differential movement are required every 12m along the façade, at supports of fascia trusses and at the junction of structural elements of different stiffness, such as between concrete walls and stud frames.

A control joint must also be installed when a masonry wall adjoins framed construction, and at the junction of framed additions or existing buildings, to allow for differential movement.

Vertical joints in panels must be aligned and extend for the full height of continuous panelling, although additional joints may be placed over openings for ease of installation.

6. Directional Grain

Genesis Signature panels are manufactured with a unique surface texture. This unique finish is enhanced by a process which adds a directional grain to the board - leaving the boards with a different appearance dependent on lighting and the angle of the board. When installed, all the arrows on the back side of the panel must face in the same direction.



HEALTH & SAFETY

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

Genesis Signature products may contain small quantities of sand, a source of respirable crystalline silica which may cause cancer. 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.

During installation or handling:

1. work in outdoor areas with ample ventilation;
2. minimise dust when cutting by using a dust-reducing circular saw attached to an appropriate, well maintained, filtered 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 a vacuum and filter, both of which are well maintained and appropriate for capturing fine (respirable) dust. Alternatively, use wet clean-up methods - never dry sweep. For further information, refer to our Safety Data Sheets.

FAILURE TO ADHERE TO OUR WARNINGS, SAFETY DATA SHEETS, AND INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS MAY LEAD TO SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH.

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. Position the cutting station in a well-ventilated area. Use a dust-reducing circular saw attached to an appropriate, well maintained, filtered vacuum appropriate for capturing fine (respirable) dust.

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) Paneltec recommends always using best practice cutting methods where feasible.
2. NEVER use a power saw indoors.
3. ALWAYS use a saw blade that is purpose-made for cutting fibre cement products.
4. NEVER dry sweep - Use wet suppression or appropriate vacuum and filter.
5. NEVER use grinders.
6. ALWAYS follow tool manufacturers' safety recommendations.

Dust Masks and Respirators

Paneltec recommends the use of P2 respirators as best practice. As a minimum, an AS/NZS1716 P1 respirator must be used when doing any activity that may create dust. For more extensive guidance and options for selecting respirators for workplaces please refer to New Zealand Standard 1715:2009 "Selection, Use and Maintenance of Respiratory Protective Equipment". P1 or P2 respirators should be used in conjunction with the above cutting practices to minimise dust exposure.

For further information, refer to Safety Data Sheet (SDS). 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 Paneltec for further information.

Paneltec approved and trained installers are recommended to install Geneis, contact Paneltec for a list of installers in your area.

STORAGE & HANDLING

Storage

1. Genesis Signature façade boards are delivered on pallets with a plastic protection cover. If undamaged, the plastic cover provides protection against dust and weather conditions during transportation. Always store Genesis Signature products on a flat, dry and level surface and support at 300mm maximum centres.
2. Do not stack the pallets more than two high, and ensure protective material is placed between the pallets.
3. If the pallets are stored outside, the plastic cover should be removed and replaced with a heavy-duty waterproof tarpaulin. Ensure ventilation around the tarpaulin to ensure condensation is reduced.
4. If the Genesis Signature Facade boards are stored on site for more than 2 weeks, they should be kept indoors in a dry and well-ventilated location.

Lifting Genesis Signature façade boards

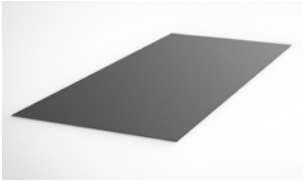
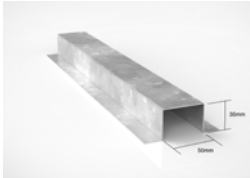
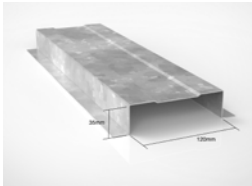
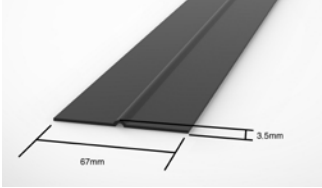

When lifting Genesis Signature façade boards, consider your lifting procedures in terms of both safety and avoiding damage to the boards.

1. Always lift panels cleanly off each other, do not slide panels over one another as scratching and damage may occur.
2. Panels should be carried horizontally on edge by at least two people.
3. When lifting large boards, use mechanical lifting gear if possible. If this lifting gear uses suction/vacuum, be careful not to apply too much suction, as this may damage the surface or leave permanent marks.







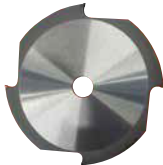
Transport

1. Moving panels that are stacked or palletized should be done with a forklift or crane
2. If using a forklift, ensure tines are wide enough apart to adequately support the panels
3. If using a crane, use wide, soft lifting straps that will not damage the panels
4. Panels should be strapped and secured to pallets before transporting or handling with a forklift or crane

PRODUCTS & ACCESSORIES

	Description	Size / Qty		
		Width	Length	Thickness
	Genesis Signature Façade Board Through colour, pre-finished Compressed Fibre Cement board.	Standard		
		1250	2500	8
		1250	3050	8
	Genesis Intermediate Top Hat Metal top hat installed vertically for intermediate sheet support. 50 x 35 x 1.10 mm BMT	T5035 - 6m		
	Genesis Joining Top Hat Designed to span vertically across the building structure to support the façade panels at vertical joints. 120 x 35 x 1.10 mm BMT	T12035 - 6m T12035S - 3m		
	Genesis 3.5mm Back Flashing Used as a weather seal for horizontal joints between Genesis boards. 3.5mm x 0.48 BMT	3m		
	Genesis Ventilated Profile Used at the base of wall to exclude vermin and allow ventilation. Available as Small (50 x 30 x 2400mm); Medium (70 x 30 x 2400mm); and Large (100 x 30 x 2400mm). All profiles have a 4.5mm diameter perforated hole size.			

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	Description	Size / Qty
	Genesis Façade Gasket Tape EPDM closed cell foam gasket tape with single sided self-adhesive. For use on vertical top hats.	48 x 3mm x 25m Roll 25 x 3mm x 25m Roll
	Genesis Fibre Cement Drill Bit For use when pre-drilling Genesis boards.	9 x 35/70mm
	Genesis Centering Drill Used for pre-drilling top hats.	9G/4.9mm
	Genesis Stainless Steel Rivet Used to face fix Genesis boards. Colour coded to match board. the entire range of rivets come with washers attached. The fixed point sleeves are sold separately in a box of 100.	4.8 x 20mm SS Rivet w/washer Sleeve for SS Rivet
	Genesis Stand-Off Nosepiece Special nosepiece that must be used for Genesis Signature Façade Rivets.	Stand-off nosepiece
	Genesis Edge Sealer For use with Genesis Signature, to seal edges after cutting.	250mL Edge Sealer Kit
	Genesis Saw Blade Saw blade designed for fast and clean cutting of Genesis façade boards using a plunge or circular saw.	160mm Dia x 4T x 20mm

INSTALLATION OVERVIEW

Installation Overview

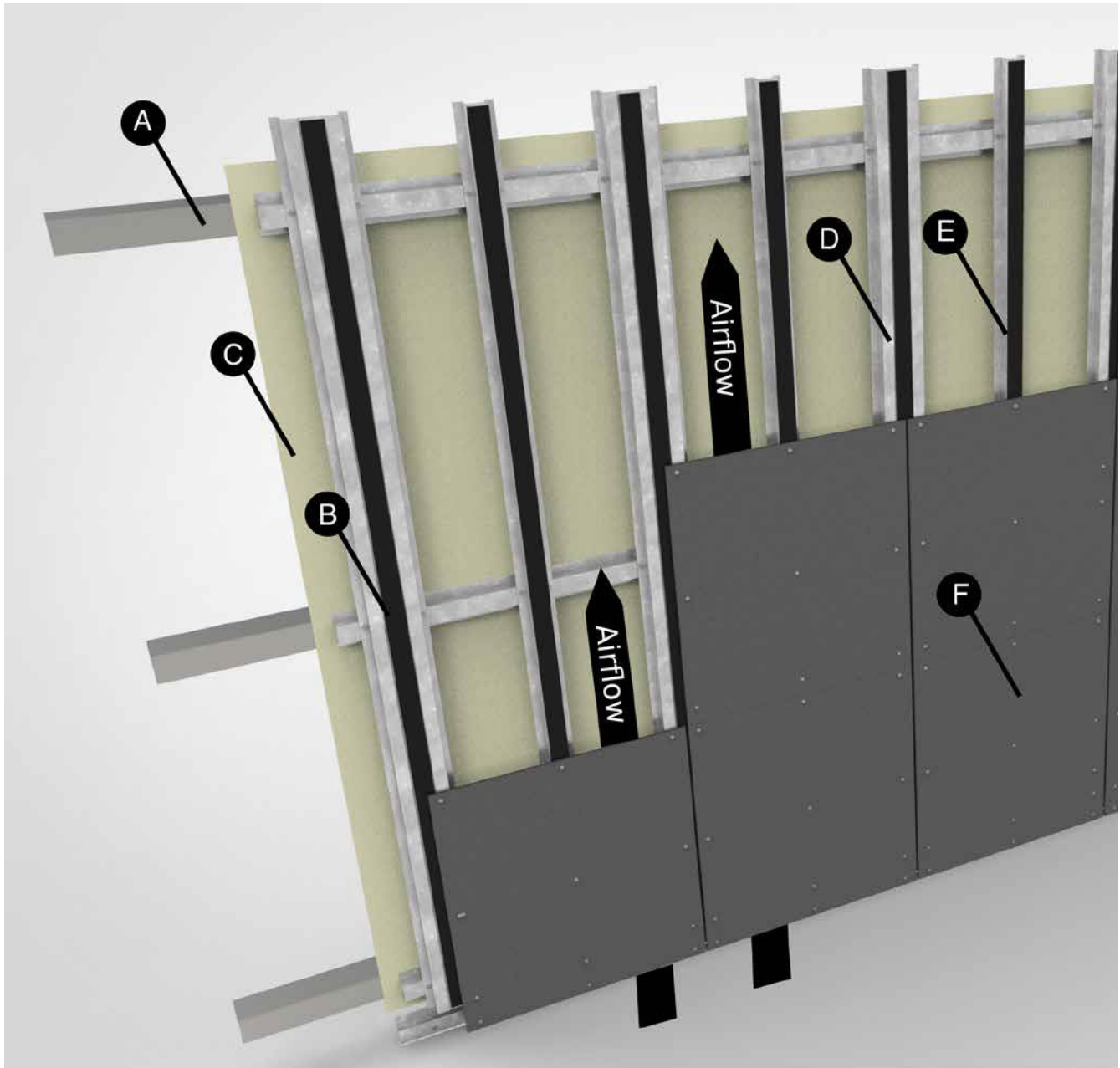


Figure 1.

- A. Structural Support
- B. Genesis Gasket Tape
- C. Vitrafix Sarking
- D. Genesis Joining Top Hat
- E. Genesis Intermediate Top Hat
- F. Genesis Signature Façade Board

VENTILATION

Genesis Signature façade boards are installed as a naturally ventilated façade, resulting in a temperature difference between the face of the cladding panel and the air cavity behind. This in turn creates a variation in air density causing air to flow upwards within the cavity resulting in a chimney effect.

Air enters at the base of the cladding creating an airflow that transports heat from the cavity out through openings at the top of the wall, reducing humidity and increasing the efficiency of insulation.

Benefits of ventilated façades:

Thermal

Significant reductions in HVAC reliance through:

- A reduction in the amount of heat the building absorbs in hot weather conditions from the partial reflection of solar radiation by the outside façade, and the naturally ventilated air cavity.
- In cold weather conditions ventilated walls retain heat, resulting in a lower reliance on heating. HVAC electricity consumption typically accounts for around 40% of total building consumption.

Acoustic

Ventilated façade systems provide an increase in the reflection of external noise, with some projects achieving an average reduction of up to 8dB. With the primary external noise sources affecting buildings being road traffic noise, a reduction of this level can greatly improve occupant comfort.

Structural

Ventilated façades don't suffer from mould, fungi and rot, making them extremely durable and virtually maintenance free. The natural bottom-to-top airflow through the cavity assists in eliminating moisture accumulation on the façades, helping to prolong the structural integrity and ultimately the lifespan of a building.

Ventilation cavities are required at the top and bottom of the façade as well as under and over openings such as doors, windows and cut outs.

These openings need to be protected against the entry of birds and vermin into the cavity space.

Effective protection is normally achieved by fitting a perforated profile to the opening. Perforations must be sized correctly in order to allow air flow and prevent entry of vermin.

A minimum ventilation gap of 20mm is required, or equivalent to 200cm² per meter.

If perforated profiles are used, a minimum ventilation area of 200cm² per meter is required.

The opening at the base is also required to drain moisture from within the façade cavity.



Figure 2. Ventilation air flow

PANEL AND TOP HAT LAYOUT

Panel & Top Hat Layout

Genesis Signature façade boards can be installed upright horizontally or vertically. The panel layout will determine the location of the Genesis Joining Top Hat and Genesis Intermediate Top Hat. The vertical expressed joints may be aligned or offset in a brick pattern layout.

KEY

JTH: Genesis Joining Top Hat

ITH: Genesis Intermediate Top Hat

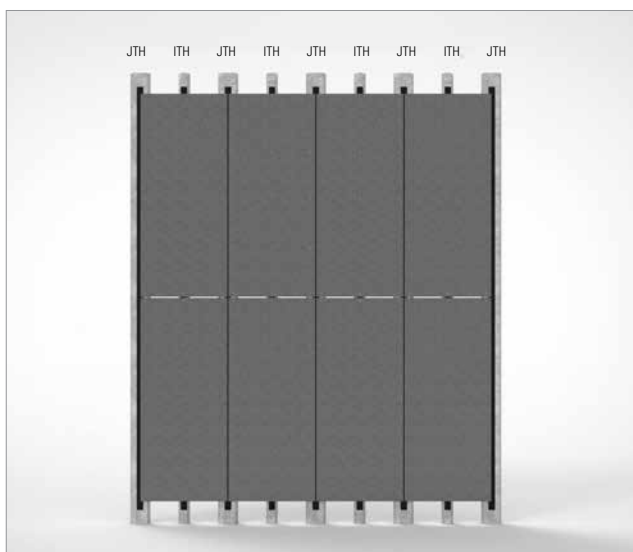


Figure 3. Vertical Layout Aligned Grid Pattern.

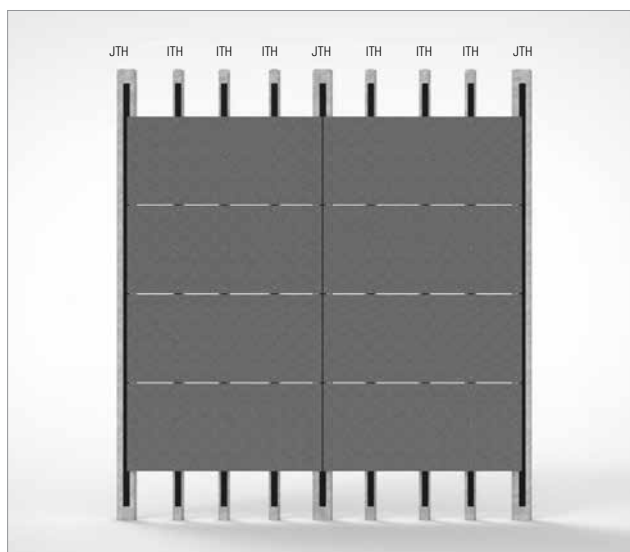


Figure 4. Horizontal Layout Aligned Grid Pattern.

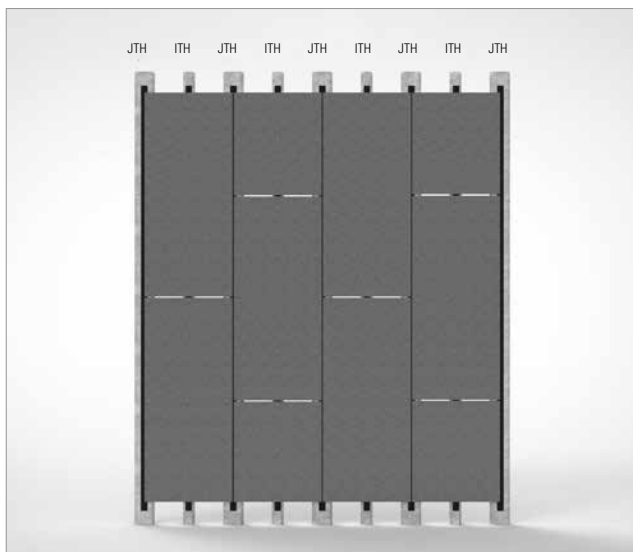


Figure 5. Vertical Layout Brick Grid Pattern.

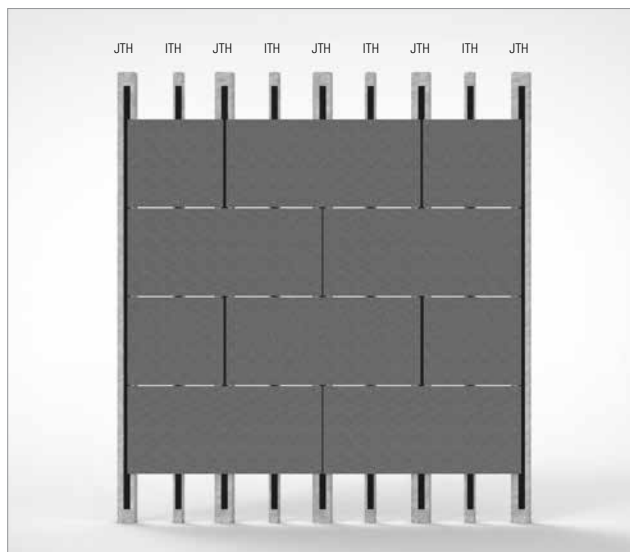


Figure 6. Horizontal Layout Brick Grid Pattern.

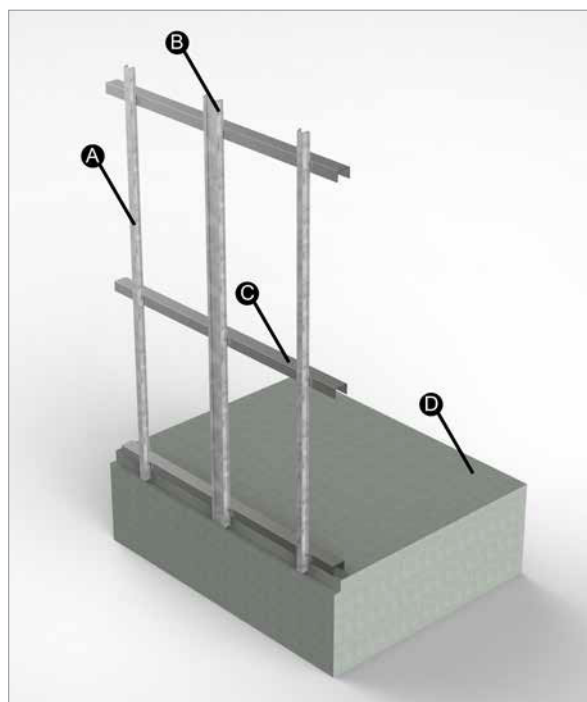
TOP HAT SPACING

Genesis Joining and Genesis Intermediate Top Hats

Design Wind Pressure (Ultimate) kPa	Maximum span of vertical Genesis Top Hats			
	Spacing of Vertical Top Hats (mm)			
	300	400	450	630
1.0	2450	2250	2150	1950
1.5	2150	1950	1900	1700
2.0	1950	1800	1700	1550
2.5	1800	1650	1600	1350
3.0	1700	1550	1450	1200
3.5	1600	1400	1350	1100
4.0	1550	1300	1200	NA
4.5	1450	1200	1150	NA
5.0	1350	1150	1050	NA
5.5	1300	1100	1000	NA
6.0	1200	1000	950	NA
6.5	1150	950	NA	NA
7.0	1100	950	NA	NA

Table 2.

- Note:**
- The design capacities of the Genesis Signature façade system are in limit state format and intended for use with AS/NZS 1170.2. To obtain equivalent permissible load capacity, divide the "ultimate wind capacity" in Table 6.04 or Table 6.06 by 1.5.
 - Indicates values suitable only where Genesis Signature boards are fixed to three or more top hats.
 - Cantilever maximum 0.2 x adjacent span
 - Genesis Intermediate and Genesis Joining Top Hats connection to horizontal Genesis Horizontal Top Hat or structural steel support of minimum 1.10mm BMT use 2 x 12g-14TPI x 20mm screws.



- A. Genesis Intermediate Top Hat
- B. Genesis Joining Top Hat
- C. Steel Framing
- D. Concrete Flooring

Figure 7.

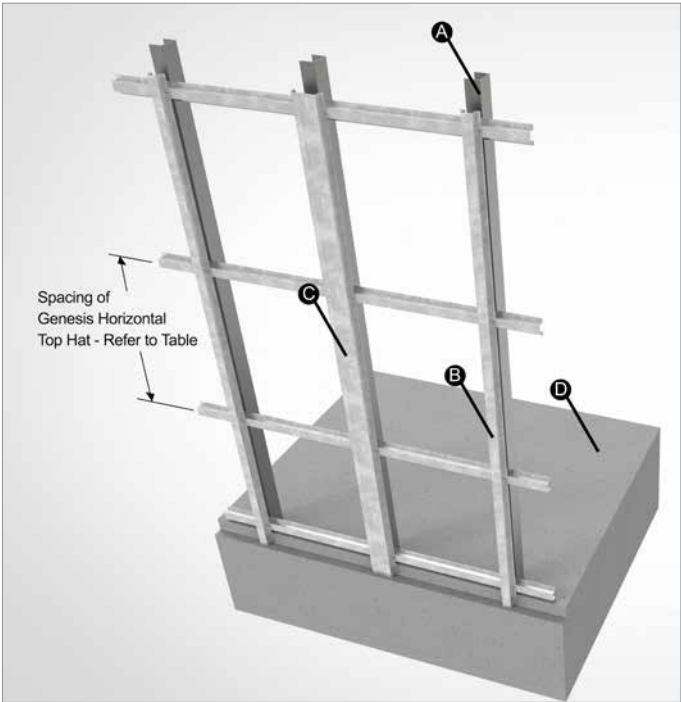
TOP HAT SPACING

Genesis Horizontal Top Hat

Spacing of Genesis Horizontal Top Hat fixed to three or more studs				
Design Wind Pressure (Ultimate) kPa	Studs 0.75BMT Stud Spacing (mm)		Studs 1.10BMT Stud Spacing (mm)	
	450	600	450	600
	1.0	1768	1473	1974
	1.5	1179	982	1316
	2.0	884	737	987
	2.5	707	589	790
	3.0	589	491	658
	3.5	505	421	564
	4.0	442	368	494
	4.5	393	327	439
	5.0	354	295	395
	5.5	322	268	359

Table 1.

Note: Genesis Horizontal Top Hats connection to steel stud frame of minimum 0.75mm BMT use 2 x 14g hex head screws at each stud.



- A. Structural Steel
- B. Genesis Intermediate Top Hat
- C. Genesis Joining Top Hat
- D. Concrete Flooring
- E. Genesis Horizontal Top Hat

Figure 8.

TOP HAT INSTALLATION

Genesis Signature façade boards can be installed on the Genesis top hat fixing system. Certification for the structural stability of any supporting frame should be in accordance with local building regulations and must be obtained by the building owner or official representatives, such as the project engineer.

The Genesis Signature system includes the Genesis Joining Top Hat and the Genesis Intermediate Top Hat.

- Before installing on a load bearing wall, ensure the wall is plumb and straight and that the support system can be mounted safely.
- Horizontal tolerance (+/- 1.5mm over 1m)
- Vertical tolerance (+/- 0.5mm over 600mm)
- Top hats must be installed in accordance with Table 1 and Table 2.
- Top hats must be installed vertically and must be broken at floor levels.
- Top hats must be fixed to the structure as per the structural engineer specifications.
- Genesis Signature façade boards must never cross a joint in the top hat subframe. Ensure the top hat joints align with the panel joints.
- Ensure a minimum 20mm gap between the top hats (see Figure 9)
- Install vertical gasket to central section of the Genesis Top Hats for the full extent of panels. Be careful not to stretch the gasket when installing. When joining gasket, cut ends cleanly and push together before adhering.

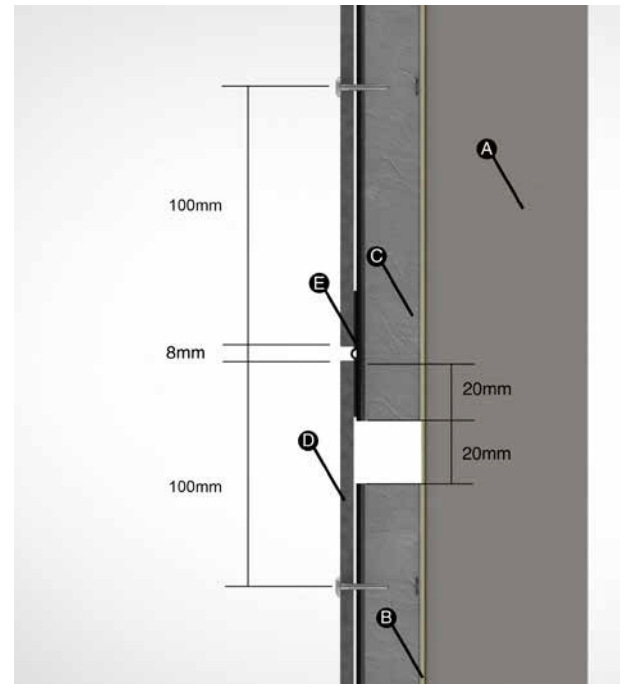


Figure 9.

- A. Steel Frame
- B. Vitrafix Sarking
- C. Genesis Intermediate Top Hat
- D. Genesis Façade Board
- E. Genesis 3.5mm Back Flashing

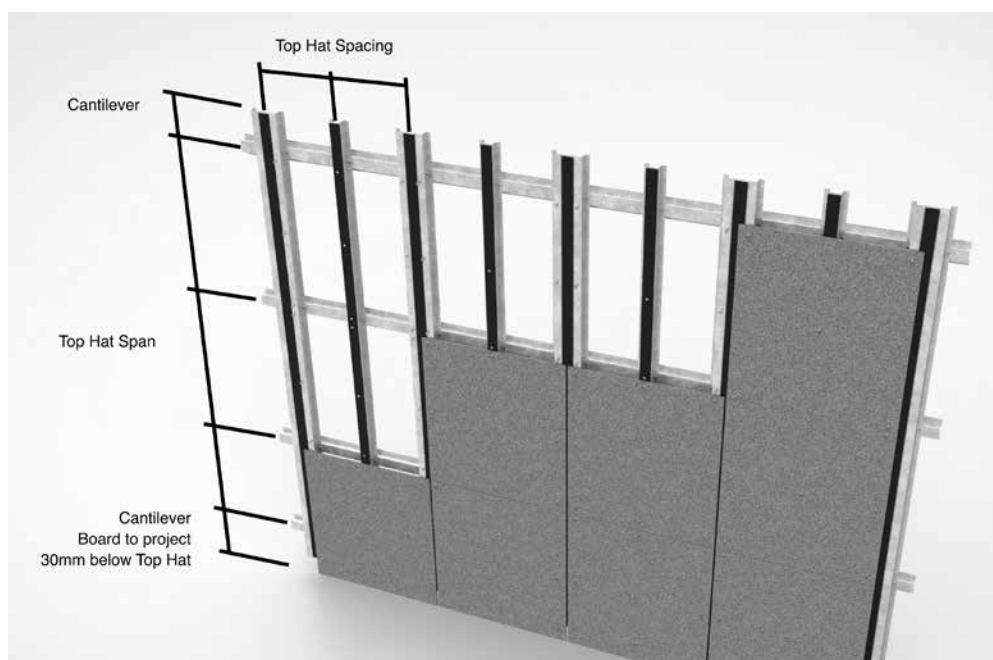
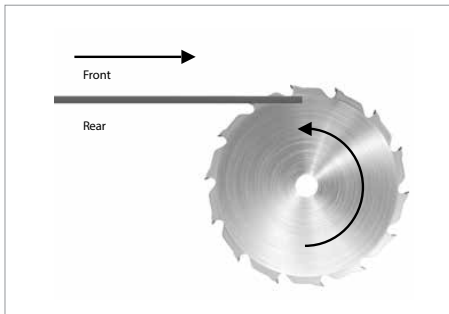


Figure 10.

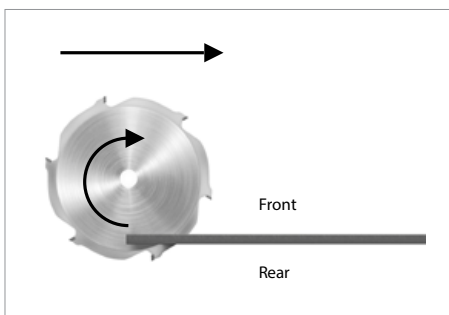
CUTTING

When cutting Genesis Signature façade boards, it is important to use the correct blade. Paneltec recommends using a special purpose fibre cement saw blade used with a dust-reducing saw. A dust-reducing saw uses a dust deflector or a dust collector which can be connected to a vacuum extraction system.

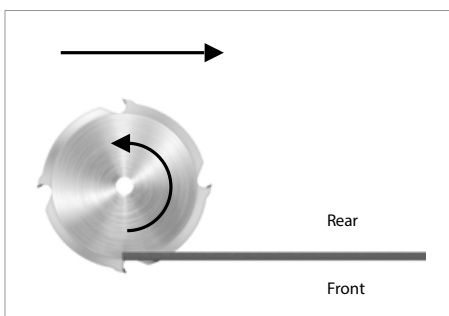
To achieve the best quality cut and to know which side to cut from, ensure to follow these instructions. The direction varies depending on which saw you use.



When using a table saw, place the board with the FACE UP on the table and cut from the rear of the board.



When using a mitre saw or drop saw, cut the board from the front.



When using a circular saw or dive saw, cut the board from the rear.

Once boards are cut, edges should be bevelled with sand paper to reduce the possibility of damage and improve the panel appearance. Use 80-grit sand paper on a block of flat timber or board to sand edges.

Dust from cutting or drilling must be removed immediately after the work has been completed, otherwise it can mark the surface of the boards.

All cut edges on Genesis boards must be sealed with Genesis Edge Sealer to ensure protection of the cut edges.

EDGE SEALING

Genesis Edge Sealer should be used to protect all edges of boards when cut on-site. Factory-cut edges are always factory pre-sealed.

Before Treating Boards

The boards must be dry, and edges clean and free from dust and dirt before applying the Edge Sealer. It is useful to roughen the edges with sandpaper (grade 80). Edges must be sealed immediately after cutting.

Application Conditions

Board and air temperature should be between + 5°C to + 30°C and relative humidity should be below 85%.

Application

If application is not to be carried out in a well-ventilated room or outdoors, use respiratory equipment. Wear goggles and gloves while applying Edge Sealer as set out in the safety data sheet.

If there is protective film on the board, leave it in place until the Edge Sealer has dried.

Shake Edge Sealer before use. Apply it in a thin layer with the sponge applicator supplied in the Genesis Edge Sealer set.

Avoid getting excess Edge Sealer on board faces. If this does occur, remove immediately with a lint free cloth.

Ensure that the entire edge has been sealed with a thin layer before continuing to the next edge. Apply Edge Sealer to individual boards separately, not while stacked.

Disposal

Disposal of Genesis Edge Sealer should be done in accordance with local and national regulations.



PANEL JOINTS

Genesis Signature façade boards are installed with an expressed joint between adjacent panels, vertically and horizontally. The joint is to be a minimum of 8mm and maximum of 16mm.

Horizontal Joints

Genesis Signature façade boards can be joined horizontally either closed with a Genesis 3.5mm Back Flashing (see Figure 11) or as an open joint (see Figure 12).

Note: if using an open horizontal joint, the supporting frame is visible. The joints may need to be concealed using tape or paint. Ensure there is not EPDM tape behind the back flashing.



Figure 11.



Figure 12.

Vertical Joints

Genesis Signature façade boards are always joined vertically on a continuous top hat. Genesis Façade Gasket Tape is applied to the central section of the Genesis Joining Top Hat for the full extent of the panels, creating a black-out of the vertical joint (see Figure 14).

Genesis Façade Gasket Tape is also applied to the Genesis Intermediate Top Hat to assist with movement and minimize any vibration in the panels (see Figure 13).

Horizontal Cross Section Intermediate Top Hat

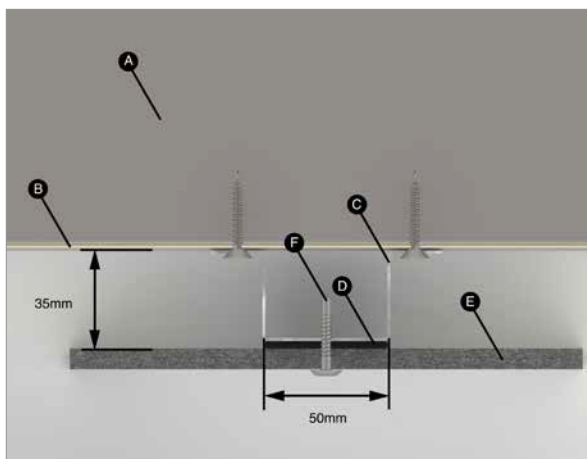


Figure 13.

- A. Steel Framing
- B. Vitrafix Sarking
- C. Genesis Intermediate Top Hat
- D. Genesis Gasket Tape
- E. Genesis Signature Façade Board
- F. Genesis Façade Rivet

Horizontal Cross Section Vertical Joint

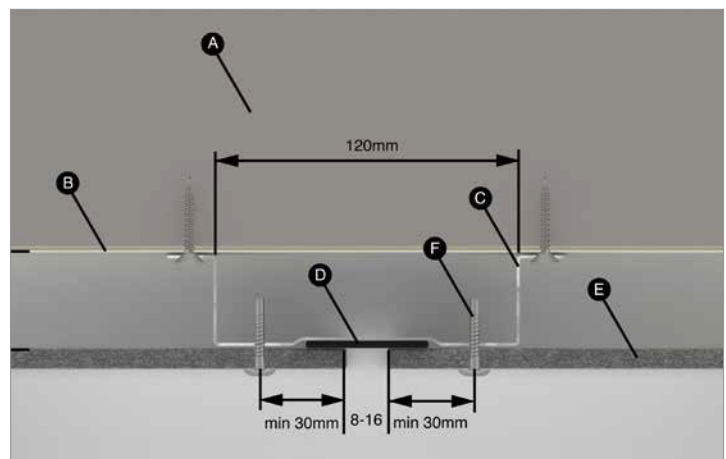


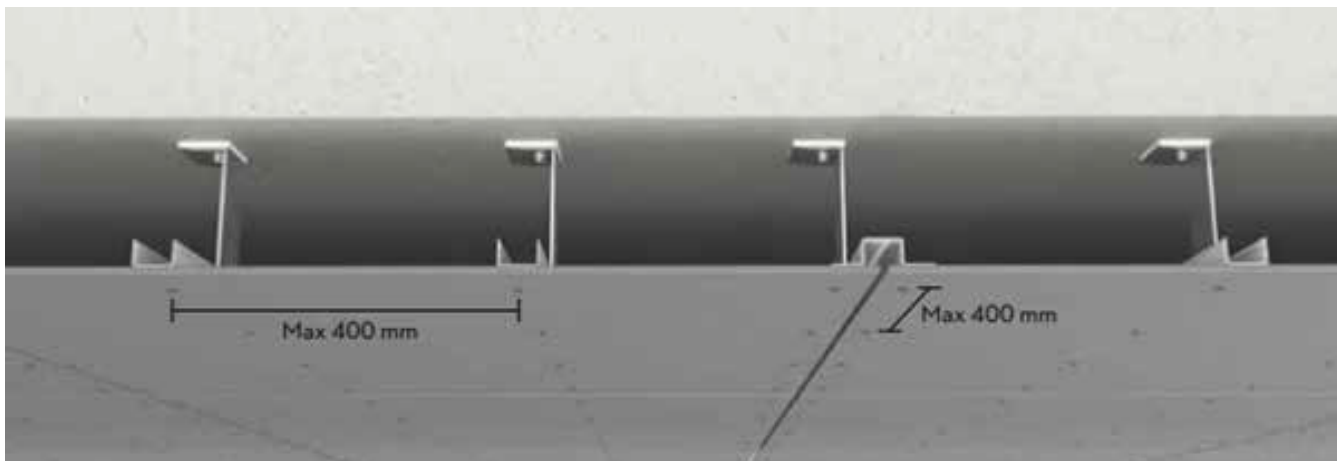
Figure 14.

- A. Steel Framing
- B. Vitrafix Sarking
- C. Genesis Joining Top Hat
- D. Genesis Gasket Tape
- E. Genesis Signature Façade Board
- F. Genesis Façade Rivet

PANEL JOINTS

Genesis Signature façade boards are ideal for use as ceilings and soffits. The solution can be used for both exterior and interior applications. The boards can be installed on profiles directly mounted to a concrete deck or wooden structure, or they can be used as part of a solution with a suspended ceiling system. It is possible to change or remove the Genesis Signature façade boards to access any hidden installations as the boards are mounted using visible rivets.

Installing 8mm Genesis Signature façade boards on a steel structure - as ceiling or soffit Max support distances: 400mm Max rivet centres: 400mm the edge distances when using Genesis Signature Facade boards as ceiling or soffit are in principle the same as for façade boards in which the direction of the sub-structure and the orientation of the board define the edge distances. This also applies to hole sizes, joints, and distances to other building materials.



When using Genesis Signature façade boards as ceiling or soffit, you can normally use a regular steel system with steel profiles, but for larger cavities, you need to contact a steel manufacturer to make sure the system fits your needs. The number of brackets and types of anchoring used for the type of deck/ ceiling must be calculated, and the manufacturer's instructions should always be followed.

PANEL INSTALLATION

Genesis Signature façade boards are installed with an expressed joint between adjacent panels, vertically and horizontally. The joint is to be a minimum of 8mm and maximum of 16mm.

- When installed in a vertical layout, the boards must have at least two fixed points as close to the centre of the panel as possible. (see Figure 15 & 16)
- If the panel is installed horizontally or runs across two intermediate top hats, the board must have two fixed points as close to the centre of the panel as possible and must be aligned horizontally. (see Figure 17)
- All other fixing positions must be sliding points.
- Genesis Signature façade boards must be fixed in accordance with Table 3 and minimum edge distances as specified in Figure 11 and Figure 12. Appropriate panel fixing layout should be selected for the project Design Wind Pressure and Top Hat Spacing.
- All panels must be pre-drilled using a 9mm fibre cement drill bit.
- When installing Genesis Signature, begin with the two fixed points (1 then 2), followed by the remaining gliding points above the fixing positions and finally the gliding points below. (see Figure 18)
- Genesis Signature façade boards must never cross a joint in the top hat subframe, rather the panel joints should align with the top hat joints.

KEY

● × Fixed Point

○ ○ Sliding Point

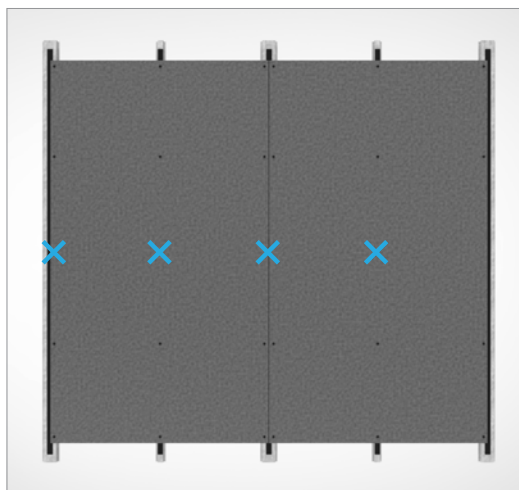


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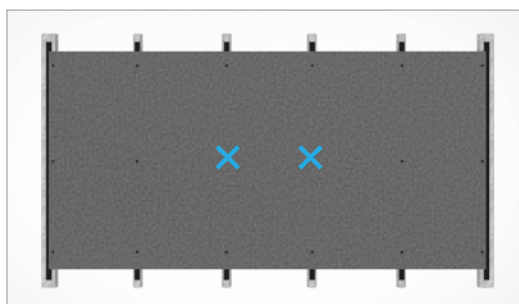


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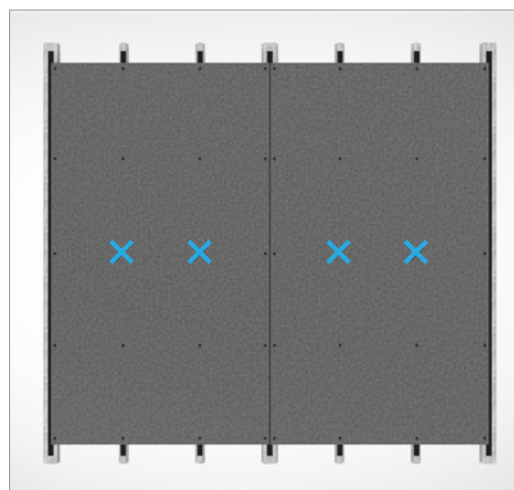


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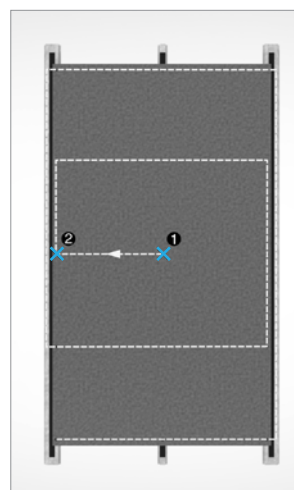


Figure 18.

PANEL FIXING

Design Wind Pressure (Ultimate) kPa	Panel Fixing Requirements and Maximum Top Hat Spacings	
	Spacing of Vertical Top Hats (mm)	Max Fixing Spacing (mm) along Top Hats
	1.0	630
	1.5	630
	2.0	630
	2.5	630
	3.0	630
	3.5	600
	4.0	600
	4.5	600
	5.0	600
	5.5	600
	6.0	600
	6.5	600
	7.0	600

Table 3.

Note: - The Genesis Signature façade boards fixed to Genesis Joining Top Hats and Genesis Intermediate Top Hats using Genesis stainless steel rivet fasteners (4.8x29mm).

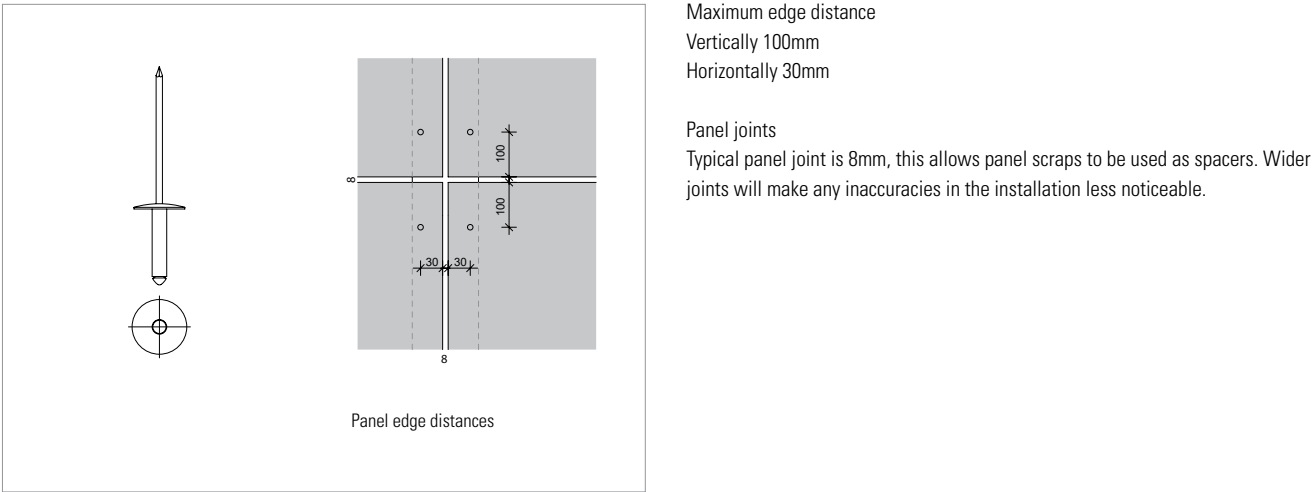


Figure 19.

GENERAL DISTANCES

Ensure to install according to the following guidelines regarding distances described in this manual.

- The façade board should finish between 10 and 30mm below the bottom end of the substructure.
- For overhang and similar, the maximum distance is 100mm.
- The distance to terrain from the bottom edge of the façade board should be a minimum of 150mm.
- The distance to flat roofs, balconies and other horizontal structures, where the water can drain away, should be a minimum of 50mm.
- Vertical clearance to profiles such as Genesis Back Flashing or corner profiles should be a minimum of 4mm.
- For horizontal clearances at windows and doors etc., you must leave a minimum of 10mm for ventilation.
- The clearance to other building materials should be minimum 8mm for movement and water drainage.

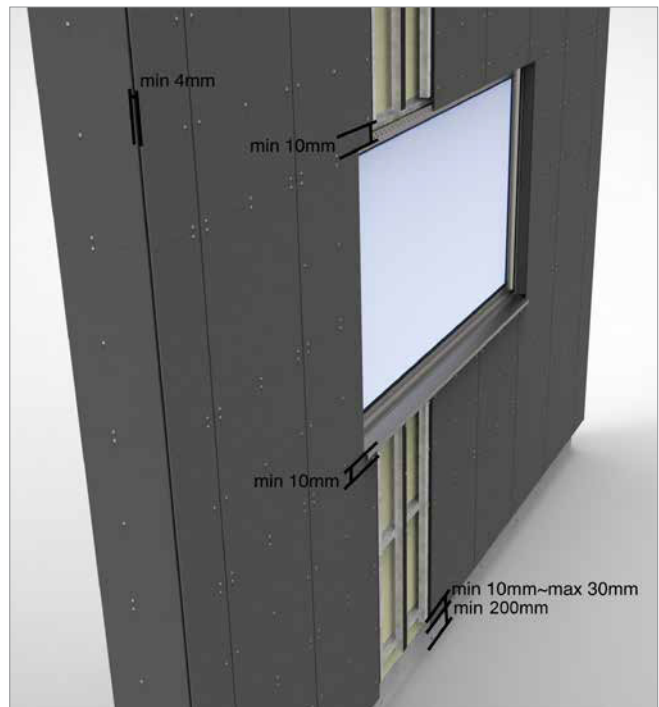


Figure 20.

GENERAL DISTANCES

Cut Outs

To avoid cracking the Genesis Signature façade boards when installing around windows, doors and other openings, ensure the boards are installed in accordance with the following instructions:

- Avoid cutting single, exact apertures in boards, rather to cut smaller sections and install them individually.
- Ensure that there is support behind the joints, onto which the façade board can be mounted.
- If the small cut outs are no wider than 150mm, they can be mounted with one rivet fixing in the middle of the board width (see Figure 13).



Figure 21.

Correct installation of Genesis Signature façade boards at windows, doors and openings

a: If the small cut-outs are not wider than 150mm, they can be mounted with only one rivet in the middle of the board.

Incorrect installation of Genesis Signature façade boards at windows, doors and openings

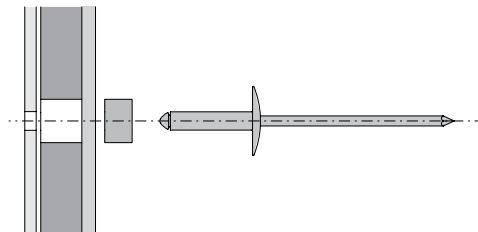
PANEL FIXING

Genesis Signature Façade Boards can be installed using Genesis Signature Façade Rivets.

Genesis Façade Rivets

Genesis Signature Stainless Steel Rivets are to be used when fixing Genesis Signature façade boards to steel top hats.

For all Fixing Positions, the Genesis Fixing Sleeves must be used. Insert the rivet into the Genesis Fixing Sleeve.

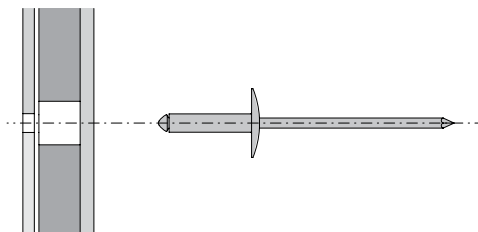


Fixing Position

Pre-Drilling Boards

For pre-drilling the Genesis Signature boards it is recommended to use the Genesis Signature Fibre Cement Drill Bit. This leaves you with the best results and the optimum number of drilled holes per drill bit. Dust from cutting or drilling must be removed immediately after the work has been completed, otherwise it can mark the surface of the boards.

The hole diameter is to be $\varnothing 9.5\text{mm}$.



Sliding Position

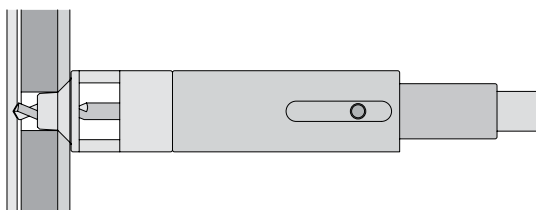
Top Hats

The Genesis top hats must be pre-drilled once the board is in the correct position. Pre-drill the top hats using a centring drill with a 4.1mm drill bit.

Pre-drilling the top hats using the centring tool ensures the rivet is fixed in the centre of the hole, allowing for movement of the board.

Fixing

The Stand-Off Head must be used on the rivet gun when fixing all Genesis Façade Rivets. This provides a small space between the board and the rivet head to allow for movement caused by moisture or temperature changes.



FIXING DETAIL

3D Model - Vertical Joint

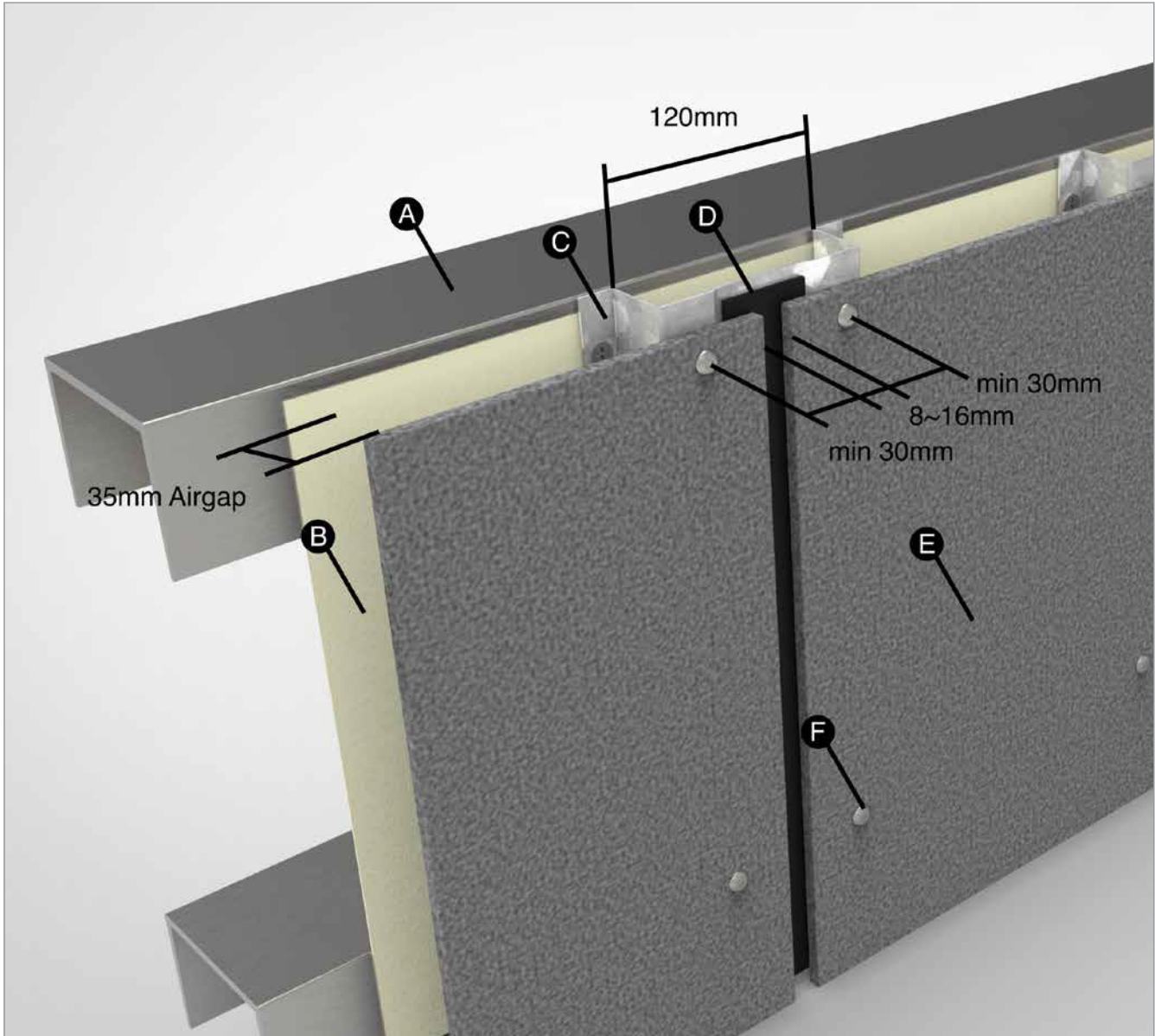


Figure 22.

- A. Steel Framing
- B. Vitrafix Sarking
- C. Genesis Joining Top Hat
- D. Genesis Gasket
- E. Genesis Signature Façade Board
- F. Genesis Façade Rivet

FIXING DETAIL

Vertical Cross Section - Foundation

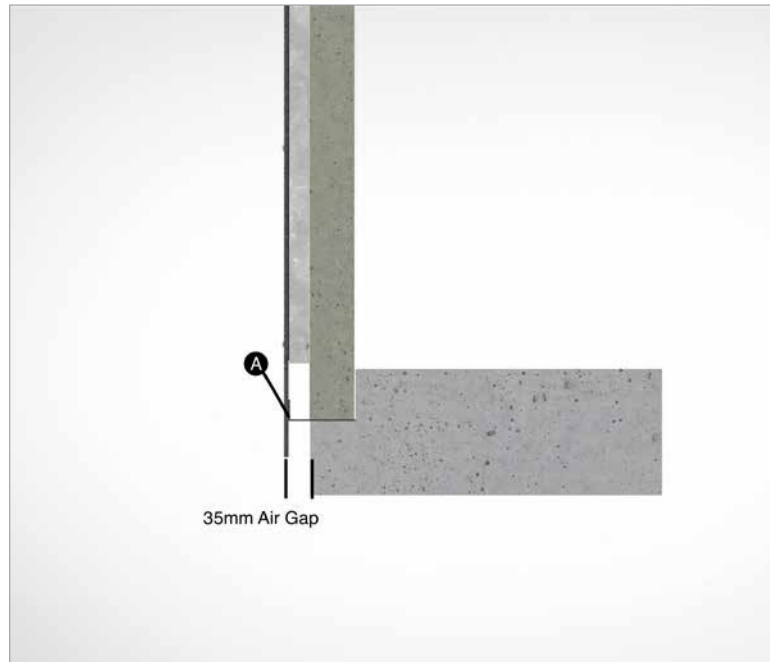


Figure 23. A. Anti-vermin perforated angle

3D Model - Foundation



Figure 24. A. Anti-vermin perforated angle to sit flush against façade board

FIXING DETAIL

Horizontal Cross Section - Exterior Corner OPM Joint

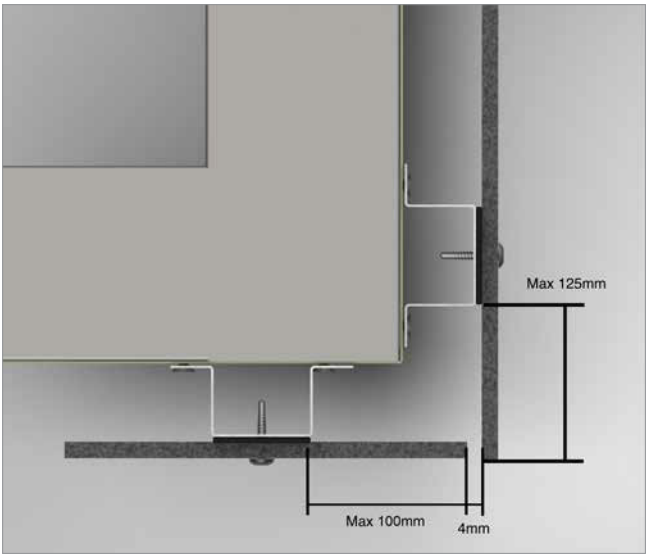


Figure 25.

Horizontal Cross Section - Exterior Corner Closed Joint

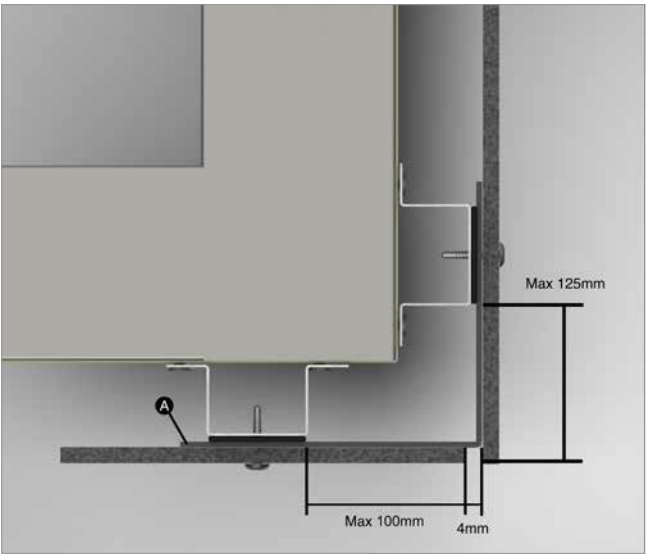


Figure 26.

A. Metal angle supplied by others (0.5mm)

Horizontal Cross Section - Interior Corner Open Joint

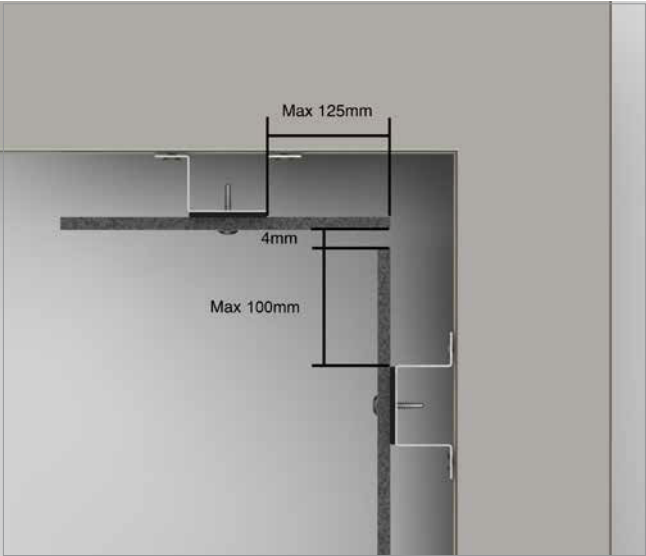


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Horizontal Cross Section - Interior Corner Closed Joint

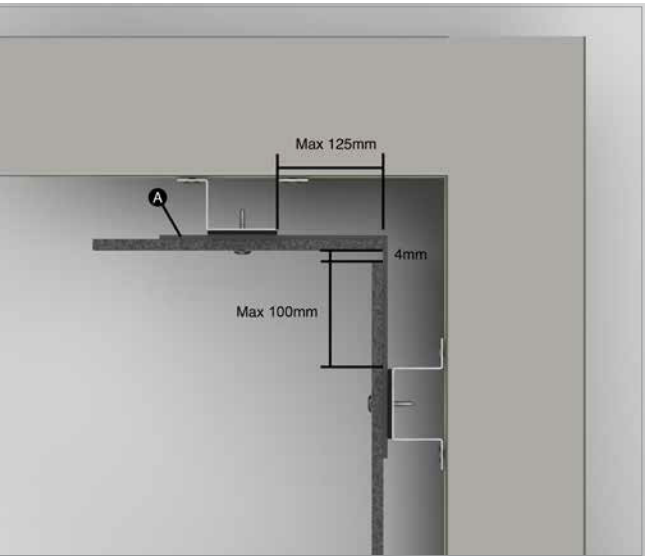


Figure 28.

FIXING DETAIL

Vertical Cross Section - Parapet

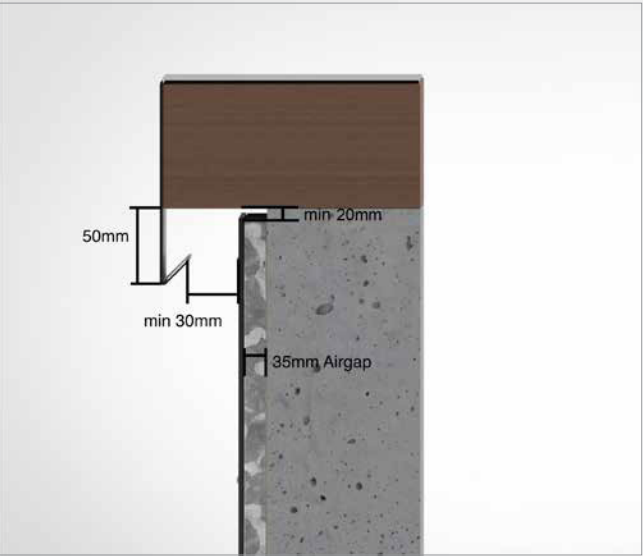


Figure 29.

3D Model - Parapet

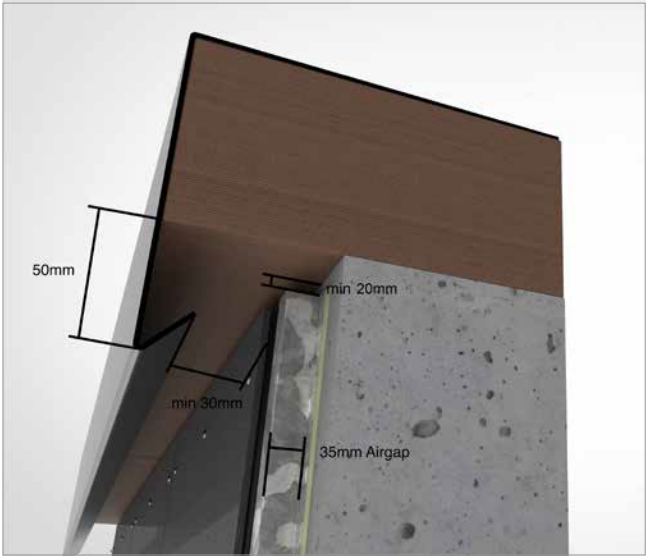


Figure 30.

Vertical Cross Section Soffit

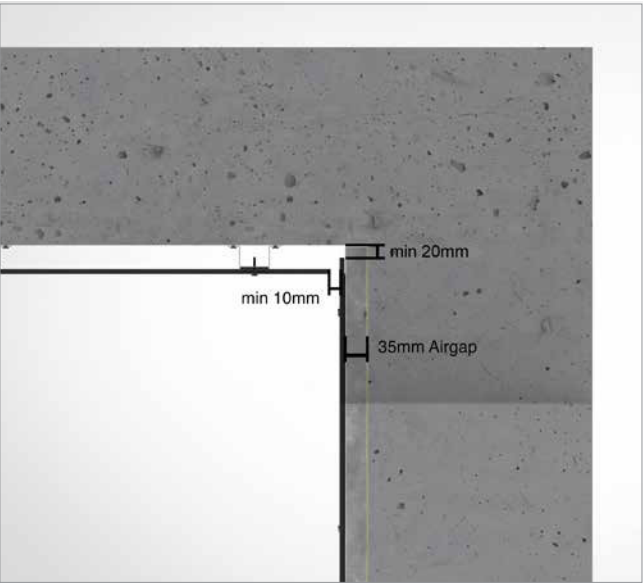


Figure 31.

3D Model - Soffit



Figure 32.

FIXING DETAIL

Vertical Cross Section - Window Sill

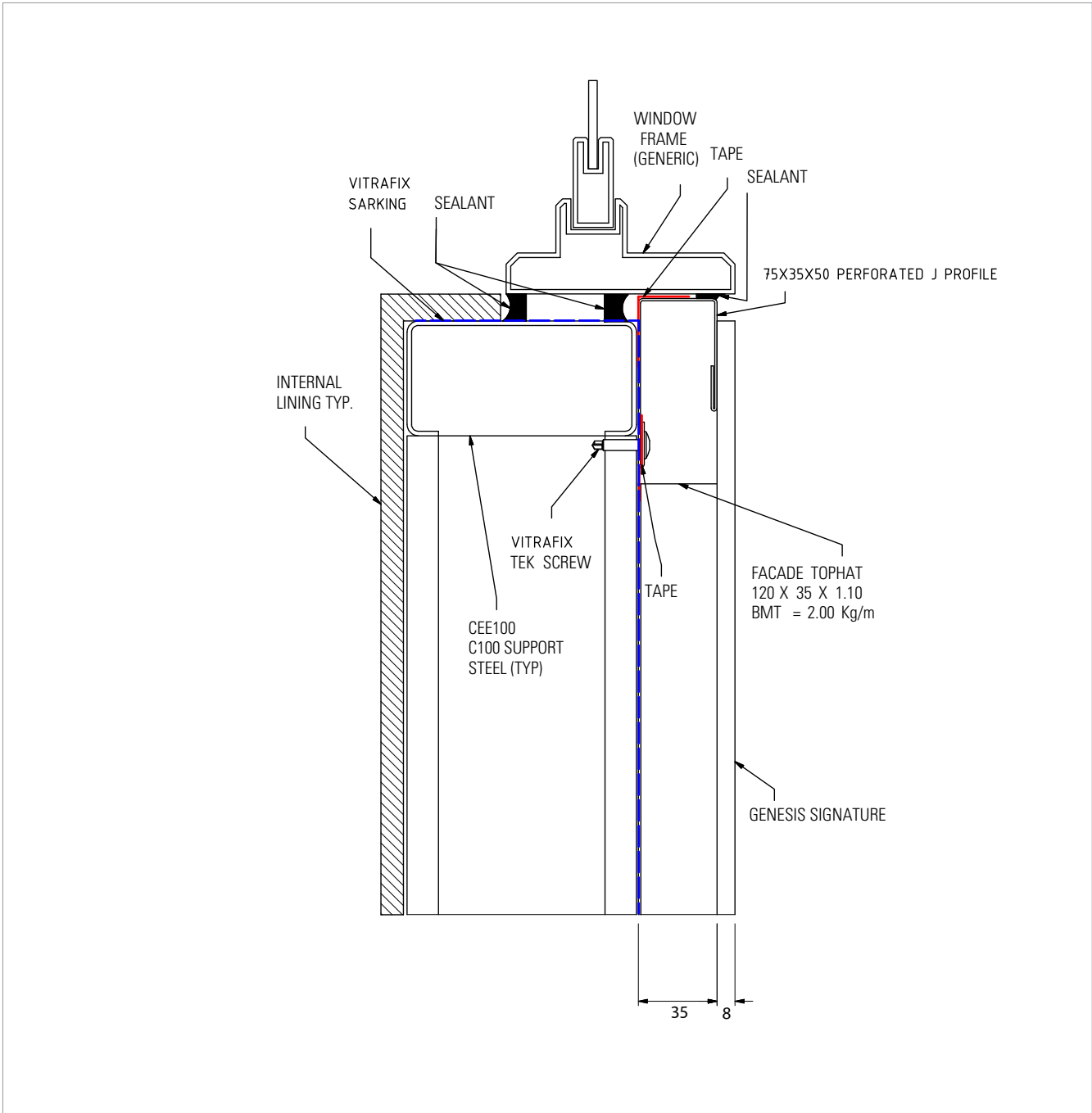


Figure 33.

FIXING DETAIL

Vertical Cross Section - Window Sill

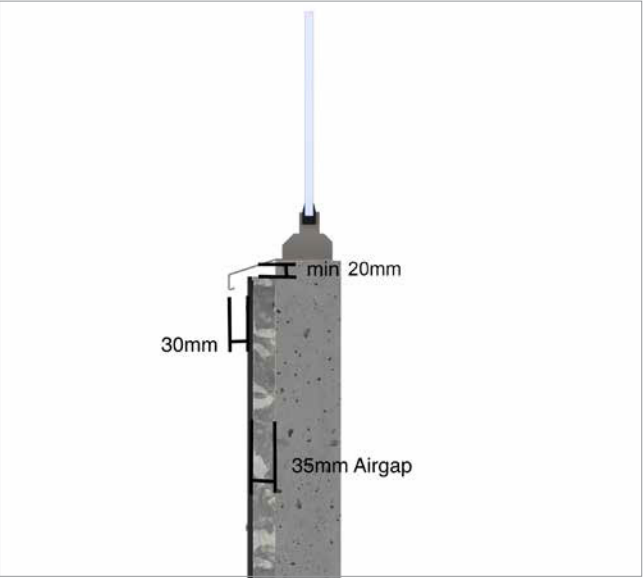


Figure 34.

3D Model - Window Sill

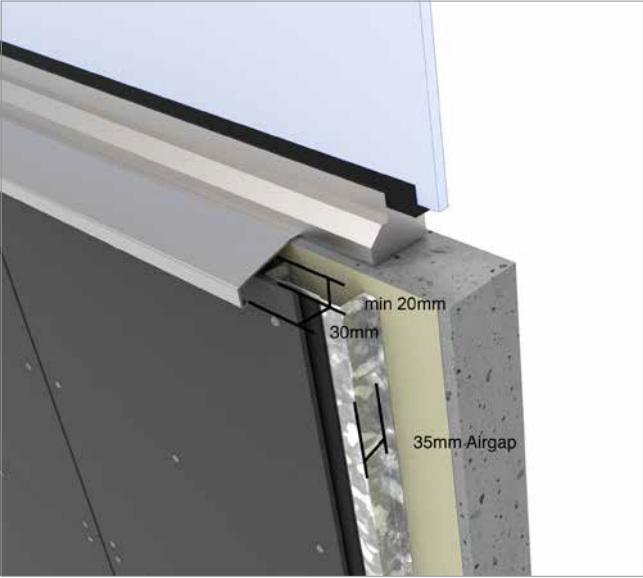


Figure 35.

Vertical Cross Section - Window Head

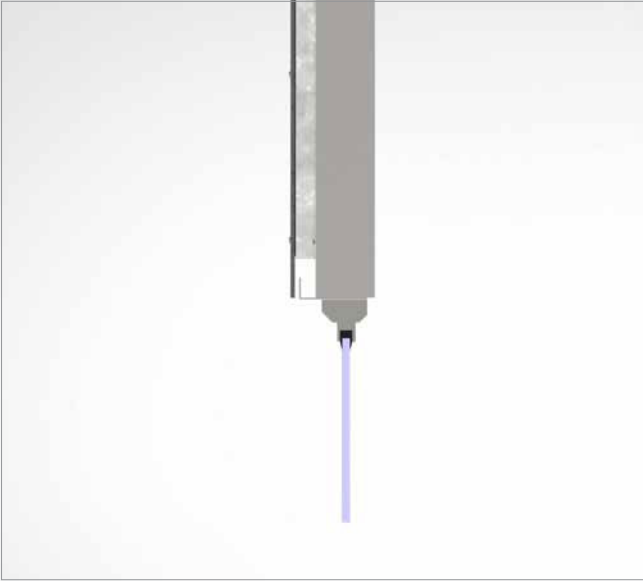


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3D Model - Window Head

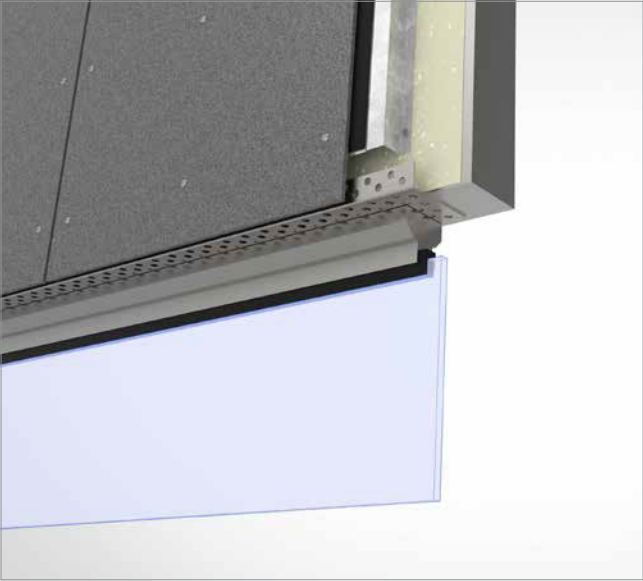


Figure 37.

FIXING DETAIL

3D Model - Expansion Joint Closed Joint

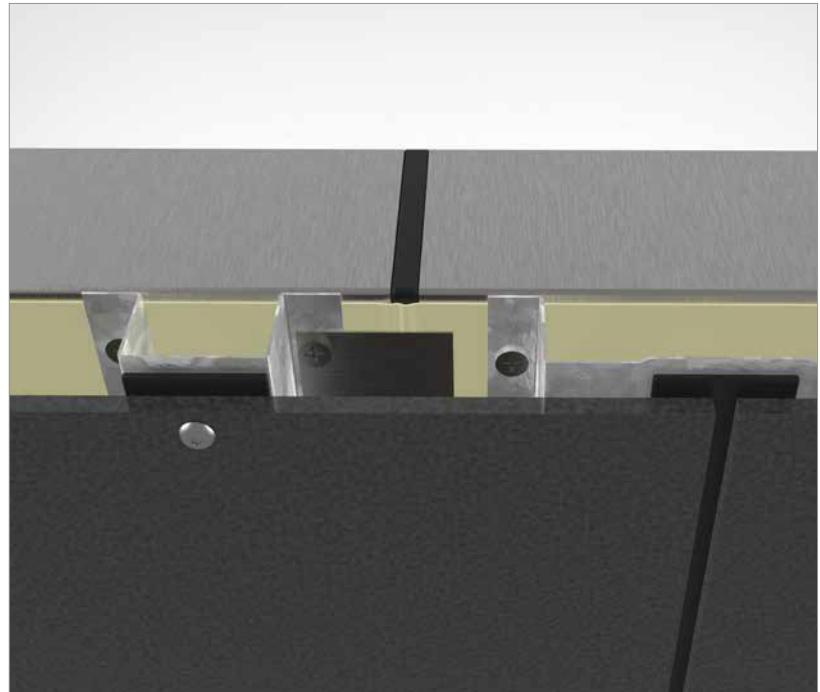


Figure 38.

Vertical Cross Section - Horizontal Joint

- A. Steel Framing
- B. Vitrafix Sarking
- C. Genesis Intermediate Top Hat
- D. Genesis Signature Façade Board
- E. Genesis 3.5mm Back Flashing

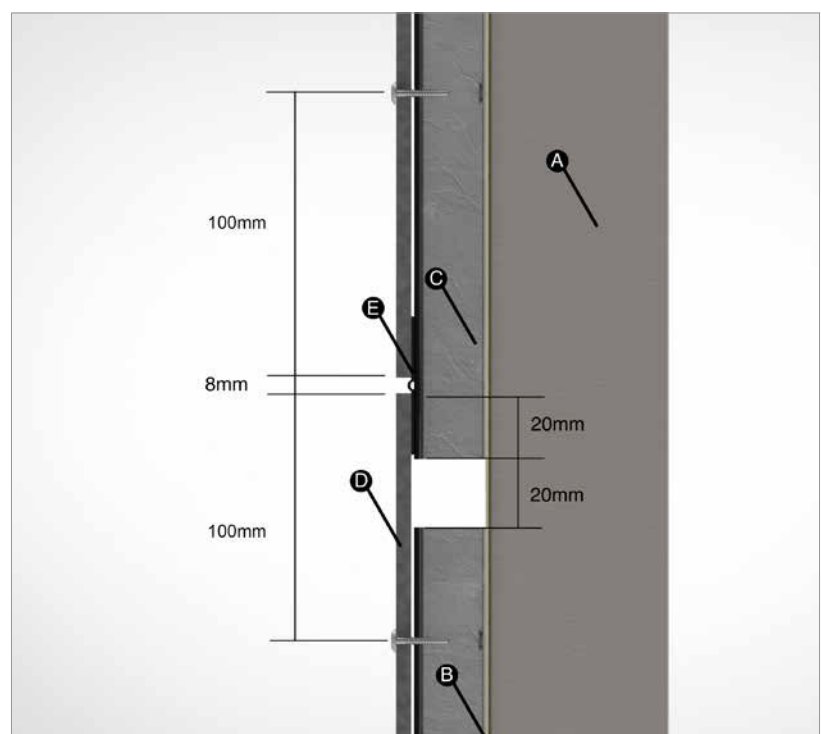


Figure 39.

CARE & MAINTENANCE

Annual Inspection

Normally, a Genesis Signature façade does not require maintenance to maintain its strength, properties and function. Environmental impacts may, however, influence the visual appearance of the façade. Therefore, an annual inspection of the surface, ventilation gaps, joints and fixings is recommended. Detection and repair of possible damages secure a prolonged lifetime for the façade.

Cleaning

Genesis Signature façade boards can be cleaned with cold or lukewarm water, if necessary with the addition of a mild household detergent not containing solvents. Rinse with plenty of clean water until the façade is perfectly clean. Before cleaning full scale, it is recommended to test the selected cleaning method on a smaller area to ensure it works and does not damage the board surface.

Warning: High pressure cleaning is not recommended as it may damage the surface.

Moss and Algae

Moss and algae growth can be removed with common detergents available on the market. Care should be taken to ensure that the cleaning agent does not cause damage to the surface of the Genesis Signature façade boards. Confirm the compatibility of your cleaning agent with your cleaning agent supplier, and ensure it is applied according to the supplier's instructions. It is advised that before conducting a large-scale application a test is carried out on a small, inconspicuous area to ensure that the cleaning agent has no effect on the colour of Genesis Signature façade boards.

Efflorescence

Efflorescence is a naturally occurring, white, powdery deposit that can appear on cement-based building materials (including bricks, cement walls, grout, and fibre cement). It is the result of a process in which moisture draws salt crystals to the surface, evaporates, and leaves a chalky substance behind.

Efflorescence occurs when all three of the following conditions exist:

1. Water-soluble salts are present in the building material.
2. There is enough moisture in the wall to turn the salts into a soluble solution.
3. There is a path for the soluble salts to get to the surface.

Efflorescence may also be a sign of water ingress behind the façade. Make certain that all openings are properly covered. While some efflorescence may weather away naturally on its own, it is best to take steps to treat it. Efflorescence can be removed with household white vinegar and water. For most cases of efflorescence, Step 1 - 3 works well. But for substantial deposits of efflorescence go to Step 4.

For best results, follow these cleaning instructions:

1. Protect areas that are not to be cleaned. Rinse all plants and vegetation around the façade with water before and after application of the vinegar.
2. Generously coat the entire surface area with vinegar. Allow the solution to sit on the surface for 10 minutes.
3. Rinse the treated area thoroughly with water from the top down and allow the area to air dry.
4. For extra tough efflorescence: Use a 10% acetic acid solution and apply to affected area with cotton cloth. A light scrubbing with the cotton cloth may be required. After about 20 seconds rinse with water.

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