Installation Instructions for Wood Frame Construction Replacement

(See other side of this sheet for installation instructions for brick & stucco replacement)

Installers: All garden windows installed in wood frame construction must have head flashing!
• A 1/4” to max. 1/2” distance from outside face of wall or trim to back of hinge!
• All gaps must be filled with a quality sealant!
• Failure to do so will void warranty!

Insulation Board and Trim
• The insulation board and vinyl trim channel are cut to 18-3/8”. They need to be cut to size and attached to the underside of the seat board.
• Size and cut the trim and insulation board so that the front edge of the trim is flush with the bottom front edge of the unit, NOT BEYOND!
• With the vinyl face of the insulation board facing the exterior, attach the vinyl trim channel to the insulation board.
• Apply caulking to the trim where it mates with the bottom of the garden window.
• Attach the trim and board, using the 1-1/2” weather-resistant screws provided. Screw through the trim and insulation board into the seat board near the four corners. Use extra screws on larger units.

WARNING! DO NOT EXCEED 1-1/2” SCREW LENGTH! DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN!
• Caulk gaps between the trims of both boards and where the insulation board meets the wall.

Finishing
1. All interior wood components must be properly sealed. Do not use water-based compounds!
2. Stain: Use an oil-based exterior stain followed by an oil-based polyurethane finish coat.
3. Paint: Use an oil-based primer followed by an oil-based finish coat.

Glass Shelf Option
WARNING! DO NOT exceed the 8 lbs per sq ft limit.

Attention Installer and Homeowner!
Failure to follow these installation instructions may void the warranty of this garden window unit!

In general, do not overload the unit!

Important Note: All replacement garden windows for frame construction with siding require head flashing along the entire opening width and into opening beyond wall sheathing. Caulk top and bottom of head flash. Prior to tear-out, measure overall wall thickness. Under no circumstances should the distance from the back of the hinge to the exterior wall, trim face or masonry face exceed 1/2” - otherwise, warranty is void! This is the area where the wood meets the vinyl frame. LEAKAGE COULD OCCUR.

Use #8 x 3” screws and plugs provided, a minimum of 3 per side. Screw into wall framework.

WARNING for Installer and Homeowner!
1. All units that exceed 72” wide or 60” high require knee brace supports since the garden window exceeds size limitations.
2. Exterior-side wood unprotected by vinyl coverages must not run beyond exterior face of wall. Otherwise, leakage could occur!
3. Concerning removal of prime window mullions:
   First determine if the mullion is load-bearing. If so, a lintel may have to be constructed or installed at the top. Otherwise, the wall above could sag, incurring damage to the garden window unit!
4. Attention Homeowner:
   You are responsible for periodic inspection and maintenance of this garden window.

Replacement Garden Window
in frame construction for wood, aluminum, vinyl siding or stucco.

Important Information for Installer & Homeowner
Homeowner: Please keep this information for your records, do not discard!

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Installation Instructions for Brick & Stucco Replacement

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Installers: Inspect mortar joints and brick prior to installation.
Head flashing may be required for questionable openings!

Important Information for Installer & Homeowner
Homeowner: Please keep this information for your records, do not discard!

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Preparing the Opening
When needed, the preferred method for attaching the coil coverage would be to fasten it to the inside of the existing opening prior to the installation of the garden window.

Coil coverage must be attached in 1. Jamb coverage is installed Second
2. Head coverage is installed Last
3. Sill coverage is installed First

Sequence as shown above. Insulate all gaps and voids. Caulk all seams and joints.
1. **What is the difference between new construction and retrofit?**
   The difference is in the overall jamb depth and required components:
   - For new construction, the flash flange on the head of the unit is left intact; for retrofit, it is removed.
   - Also, on a new construction unit, three more flash flange pieces are supplied (in addition to the one shown in the photo). They are installed on the sides and bottom of the unit during installation.
   - A retrofit unit requires no additional components and should be sized as noted in the photograph below and in the drawings on page 3.

2. **How do I determine the size of unit to order?**
   You should order it sized 1/2" less in height and 1/2" less in width than the rough opening.

3. **Do I have to allow for insulboard in the size of the rough opening?**
   No, the insulboard is only as wide as the unit projection (17" for retrofit, 18.375" for new construction).

4. **What is the “R” value of the insulboard?**
   The insulboard has an “R” value of 5.

5. **This unit is going over a sink and between cabinets. How much clearance do I have for trim; what is the daylight opening?**
   The opening equals the width minus (1.25" x 2). For example: 35.5" - (1.25" x 2) = 33” daylight opening

6. **What is the clearance between the seat board and the operator? Do I have room to lay tile over the seat board?**
   - The clearance between the seat board and the operator is 1.313.”

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**New Construction:** The flange is installed against the exterior face of the wall (either sheathing or insulation board).

As you can see in the photo, there is approximately 1.375” to the left of the flange for J-channel or exterior wall treatment. **Note:** On new construction brick or masonry installations, measure the entire wall thickness.

**Retrofit:** With retrofit, the full wall width should be considered: exterior face to interior face.
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Frequently Asked Questions
New Construction / Retrofit

7. Do jamb extensions come in standard sizes?
No, this is a custom jamb made to order, so proper measurement is very important!
If a garden window unit has been incorrectly ordered because of jamb, head and seat board sizing, we offer two options:
(a) At the customer’s request, we will re-work the unit to the correct jamb thickness. The customer would be responsible for shipping the unit to Ventana and would incur the costs associated with the re-work.
(b) If that is not feasible, the installer can build out the short existing jambs, head and seat board and overlay them with .25” plywood veneer. (Although we have supplied white pionite laminate in the past, we do not supply veneer.)

8. What should I know about shelves, standards and brackets?
See page 4 for installation.
To avoid breakage, it is critical that the standards be located correctly!
The shelf is not tempered, the middle of the shelf must be supported, the standards and brackets are available at hardware stores.

9. How much weight can I put on a shelf??
No more than 8 lbs. per square foot.

10. What do I need to consider when ordering a shelf?
If it is a shelf to replace a damaged shelf, only the shelf is needed.
If it is for a unit which did not have a shelf for the original order, a shelf kit is required. The kit contains a shelf, brackets, standards, hardware and installation instructions.
Note: Follow the instructions when installing the standards! Damage could occur if done incorrectly!

11. Is bracing/support needed under the unit?
No, not under normal circumstances; only if large plant pots or exceptionally heavy loads are placed inside the unit, or if the unit is oversized. (We do not make oversized units and we do not supply braces.)

12. How do I install the insulation board after the unit is installed?
See page 5.

13. Do I need a snap-in interior trim profile?
No, although this item was listed in our previous literature, we no longer stock it because it is no longer needed.

14. What are the minimum and maximum sizes?
The recommended sizing parameters are as follows:

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15. Are the screens aluminum?
Garden window screens have aluminum frames with a fiberglass mesh screen fabric.

16. Do you provide touch-up paint?
We supply bottles of touch-up paint (.6 oz) with painted profiles.

17. If my seatboard is wood, what kind of stain can I use?
Anything that is not water-based. All interior wood components also must be properly sealed with polyurethane. Do not use water-based compounds.
Simonton Garden Window
Frequently Asked Questions

Measuring New Construction and Retrofit

1-3/8" Shim at Screws

Jamb Thickness
New Construction

Head

Interior Wall Face

Caulk Here

#8 x 3" FHP (Every 12" to 16")

Shim at Screws

Caulk Here

Plug

Jamb Thickness
Retrofit

Head

Interior Wall Face

Caulk Here

Exterior Wall Face

#8 x 3" FHP Installation Screw
(As Required)

Backer Rod
1. Place standard (vertical track) 1/8" in from inside corner of vinyl frame, placing notched portion down, setting on step of vinyl frame. 

   **Warning! Do not exceed 1/8" dimension or glass breakage could occur!**

2. Mark hole locations with a pencil.

3. Drill pilot holes through the first wall only.

4. Position vertical standard and attach using 1-1/2" screws. 

   **(Do not over tighten screws!)**

   **Note:** Larger units require additional standards, spaced equally between end standards, attached top and bottom only!

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**Inside view with shelf bracket screw location**

(Inside Looking Out)

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**Screws used for shelf brackets must be located within the .5" areas indicated or glass breakage will occur.**

The mullion dimension is from the bevel down toward the glass .5".

The deadlite dimension is from the inside vent toward the glass .5".

Screws can be placed along the entire length of these frame members adhering to these measurements.

Recommended screw size is #6x1.5".
To apply the insulboard after the unit is installed, screw through the insulboard into the seatboard around the perimeter of the unit.
If locking system problems occur, make adjustments as explained below.

Check to see that the operator moves freely with the window in the open position. If binding occurs, the problem will be with the lock handle or corner drives: one (or both) may need to be greased or replaced. Another possibility is that the screws in the lock bar are not centered and the bar is rubbing against the ferrules.

If the locking system moves freely, close and lock the window. A binding or hard-to-lock condition indicates a tight keeper or misaligned lock bar. Removing each keeper and working the lock handle up and down may help locate the keeper/lock bar pin combination binding. To remedy the problem, the keeper can be relocated by moving it slightly inward (away from the sash toward the lock bar pin), and slightly upward or downward, depending on the lock bar pin location.

If visual inspection indicates a lock bar that does not run parallel with the frame, the bar slots can be opened slightly, or the ferrule can be moved outward to place the pin closer to the keeper.

A rubbing or grinding sound will be the lock bar rubbing against a ferrule. Look for this condition on the lock bar to pinpoint the lock bar pin/keeper location. Also inspect the center link between the corner drives: the bent portion of the link can be rubbing or binding on the operator if there is not enough clearance between the two components.
Deglazing the unit

Remove the exterior bead (four pieces per IG), place a .25" wood chisel approximately 2" in from either bottom end, and push forward and downward. Place a screwdriver into the gap that develops, and while prying upward, work your way down the entire length of the bead until it lifts out.

Insert a razor blade or EZD Glazer tool between the interior surfaces of the IG and the interior vinyl wall. Cut around the entire interior surface to separate the IG; several attempts may be necessary. Remove the IG by pushing it forward and out.

Glazing the unit

Clean surfaces to which glazing tape or silicone is to be applied.

If using tape, use 1/8" x 1/2" tape for the sloped IG, and 1/16" x 1/2" glazing tape for the vertical deadlite and side vents.

Install the tape across all of the horizontal and vertical rails, trimming the length at each end. Peel back approximately 4" of red plastic coating on the two-sided tape and fold at a 90-degree angle into the opening. Apply a small bead of clear silicone caulk along the seams and in the corners where the glazing tapes join.

Place 1/8" setting blocks along the sill and tilt the IG into place. DO NOT block any weep openings with the setting blocks! Insert remaining blocks around the perimeter of the window. Check the sightline through the window, making sure that the spacer doesn’t show.

Press the IG into position and, while holding an end of the glazing tape plastic coating, slowly pull straight down to remove the remaining coating. Do this around the entire perimeter of the inside opening.

Snap the pieces of bead into position, pushing the end into the corner. It may be necessary to adjust the bead side-to-side or up and down for the final fit.

Apply a bead of caulk to the adjoining bead corners of the sloped lite.