



# VertiLine Vertical Shiplap Weatherboard **Cavity System**

## Installation Specifications

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### 1.0 General Information

#### 1.1 Introduction

The VertiLine Vertical Shiplap Cavity System is a cavity-based external wall cladding system for residential and light commercial type buildings where domestic construction techniques are used.

The cladding system consists of vertically fixed Hermpac shiplap timber weatherboards installed over ventilated battens, flashings and accessories and is finished with a premium penetrating oil/stain or paint finish to Hermpac specifications.

The system incorporates a primary and secondary means of weather resistance (first and second line of defence) against water penetration by separating the cladding from the external wall frame with an 18/20/40-45mm minimum drained cavity.

#### 1.2 BRANZ Appraisal

The VertiLine Vertical Shiplap Cavity System has been appraised by BRANZ. Refer to Appraisal No. 650 (2020).

#### 1.3 CODEMARK Certification

The VertiLine Vertical Shiplap Cavity System has the Codemark Certificate of Conformity. Refer to Certificate No. GM-CM30036.

#### 1.4 Hermpac Vertical Shiplap Weatherboards

Hermpac vertical shiplap weatherboards are manufactured from Canadian Coastal Western Red Cedar. Selected weatherboard profiles are manufactured from DuraLarch (oil/stain or paint finish) and AshinDura (paint finish only).

The weatherboard lap and rebate profiles are in accordance with NZS 3617 and BRANZ Bulletin 411. The weatherboards are minimum 18.5mm thick and are available in a range of widths and face profiles. They are supplied as a random length supply. Select lengths are outside of the general specification and are available by special contract.

#### 1.5 Cavity Battens

The VertiLine Vertical Shiplap Cavity System uses 20, 40 or 45mm thick Vertibat timber cavity battens, or 18mm Cavibat polypropylene cavity battens to separate the weatherboards from the wall frame and form the cavity.

The 20, 40 and 45mm Vertibat batten and 18mm Cavibat batten are installed horizontally over nogs/dwangs to provide support for the weatherboards at fixings points. The 40 and 45mm thick Vertibat batten can be structurally fixed, installed horizontally across the studs and the weatherboards are then fixed into the batten only.

Vertibat cavity battens are 45 x 20mm (V1), 45 x 40mm (V3), 45 x 45mm (V5), 70 x 20mm (V2), 70 x 40mm (V4), 70 x 45mm (V6) thick Radiata pine treated to Hazard Class H3.1 or H3.2. Vertibat 45x20mm (V1) battens are also available as Western Red Cedar. The top and bottom edges are bevelled with a slope. The front and back face of the batten is grooved with 20mm wide x 5mm deep rebates at 95mm centres. The grooves are offset on each face.

Refer to [www.cavibat.co.nz](http://www.cavibat.co.nz) and BRANZ Appraisal No. 524 (2012) for the full Cavibat Cavity Battens specifications.

#### 1.6 Accessories

Accessories supplied by Hermpac for use with the VertiLine Vertical Shiplap Cavity System include:

- Hermpac external corner mouldings – HP40 (40 x 40mm) and HP42 (42 x 42mm) and the Hermpac ‘Smart Corner’ series, profiled external corner moulds.
- Hermpac internal corner mould – HP41 (18.5 x 18.5mm), through to HP110 (39 x 39mm) profiles and the Hermpac ‘Smart Corner’ series.
- Hermpac cover battens – HP201 (69 x 18mm) and HP202 (90 x 18mm).
- Hermpac cover batten fixings – 50 x 2.8mm silicon bronze, Grade 316 stainless steel annular grooved

Hermpac Crown Head, Rose Head or Flat Head nails for oil/stain finish or Grade 316 stainless steel annular grooved Jolt Head nails for paint finish.

- Hermpac eaves moulding – HP32 (40 x 27mm), HP33 (26 x 15mm) and HP7 (30 x 18mm) bevelled profile.
- Screw fixings for 40-45mm thick Vertibat cavity batten fixed to studs only – 12 gauge x 65-75mm long Grade 304 stainless steel screws. Minimum 25mm penetration to frame required.
- Hermpac scribes – HP11 – HP18, with bevelled or radiused edges (cut to suit as required).
- Hermpac scribe fixings – length to suit scribe size (minimum 50 x 2.8mm) stainless steel annular grooved Hermpac Crown Head, Rose Head or Flat Head nails for oil/stain finish or Jolt Head nails for paint finish.
- Oil/Stain finished weatherboard fixings – Silicon Bronze or Grade 316 Stainless Steel annular grooved Hermpac Crown/Rose or Flat Head nails. NB: Nail shank diameter and length as per Hermpac construction drawings. Must allow minimum 30mm embedment into framing timber or structurally fixed cavity batten.
- Paint finished weatherboard fixings – Grade 316 Stainless Steel annular grooved Hermpac Jolt Head nails. NB: Nail shank diameter and length as per Hermpac construction drawings. Must allow minimum 30mm embedment into framing timber or structurally fixed cavity batten (for AshinDura or DuraLarch) and 35mm (for Western Red Cedar). NB: If Crown/Rose or Flat Head nails are used with paint finished weatherboard, refer to fixing clause above.
- Hermpac clinch nails – Grade 316 stainless steel annular grooved nails with an off-set flat head.
- Hermpac aluminium flashings – widths to suit specified corners – 2.4m or 3.0m lengths.
- Hermpac J Mould Flashing – for window jambs – 20mm or 29.5mm, 2.4m or 3.0m lengths.
- Hermpac aluminium Cavity Closure – 20/40/45mm, 2.4m or 3.0m lengths.

#### 1.7 Handling and Storage

Hermpac vertical shiplap weatherboards must be stacked flat and true, clear of the ground by a minimum of 150mm and supported on dry and clean timber bearers at maximum 900mm centres.

The weatherboards must be kept dry at all times either by storing within an enclosed building or when stored externally an additional secondary cover to the plastic wrapping is required. Care must be taken to avoid damage to edges, ends and the weatherboard surfaces.

### 2.0 Design Information

#### 2.1 Design Responsibility

The Specifier for the project must ensure that the details in this literature are suitable for the intended application and that additional detailing is provided for specific design or any areas that fall outside the scope and specifications of this literature.

#### 2.2 Scope

This specification covers the use of the VertiLine Vertical Shiplap Cavity System as an external vertically fixed wall cladding system for buildings within the following scope:

Stain finished weatherboards with crown/rose/flat head nails. Paint finished DuraLarch and AshinDura weatherboards fixed with annular grooved jolt/crown/rose/flat head nails. Paint finished Western Red Cedar weatherboards fixed with annular grooved crown/rose/flat head nails:

- the scope limitations of NZBC Acceptable System E2/AS1, Paragraph 1.1; and,
- constructed with timber framing complying with the

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- NZBC; and,
- with a risk score of 0-20, calculated in accordance with NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, Table 2; and,
- situated in NZS 3604 Wind Zones up to, and including 'Extra High'.

Any oil/stain or paint finished weatherboards if fixed with annular grooved flat/crown/rose head nails, only for weathertightness and structural wind loading for buildings within the following scope:

- the scope limitations of NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, Paragraph 1.1 with regards to building height and floor plan area; and,
- constructed with timber framing complying with the NZBC; and,
- situated in specific design wind pressures up to a maximum design differential ultimate limit state (ULS) of 2.5 kPa.

CedarOne or other paint finished Western Red Cedar weatherboards if fixed with annular grooved jolt head nails:

- the scope limitations of NZBC Acceptable System E2/AS1, Paragraph 1.1; and,
- constructed with timber framing complying with the NZBC; and,
- with a risk score of 0-20, calculated in accordance with NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, Table 2; and,
- situated in NZS 3604 Wind Zones up to, and including Medium when nogs/dwangs or structural Vertibat cavity battens are at maximum 480 mm centres, and NZS 3604 Wind Zones up to, and including Very High when nogs/dwangs or structural Vertibat cavity battens are at maximum 400 mm centres.

For applications which are outside the scope of this literature and details which are not in this literature the specifier must ensure that the design meets the relevant performance requirements of the NZBC.

Herrpac recommends that professional design advice is sought in these circumstances.

### 2.3 Building Regulations

The VertiLine Vertical Shiplap Cavity System if designed, used and installed in accordance with the statements and conditions of this literature and the supporting BRANZ Appraisal, will meet the following provisions of the New Zealand Building Code:

- Clause B1 Structure
- Clause B2 Durability
- Clause E2 External Moisture
- Clause F2 Hazardous Building Materials

### 2.4 Ground Clearances

The finished floor level must have a minimum clearance to paved or unprotected ground as required by NZS 3604:2011.

Herrpac weatherboards must overhang the bottom plate on a concrete slab by a minimum of 50mm as required by NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, Table 18.

The bottom edge of the VertiLine Vertical Shiplap Cavity System must finish a minimum of 100mm above paved surfaces or 175mm above unprotected ground.

At deck or low pitch roof/wall junctions, the bottom edge of the Herrpac weatherboards must be kept clear of any adjacent surface, or above the top surface of any adjacent roof flashing by a minimum of 35mm.

### 2.5 Structure & Framing

Timber wall framing behind the VertiLine Vertical Shiplap Cavity System must be treated as required by NZBC Acceptable Solution B2/AS1.

Timber framing must comply with NZS 3604 for buildings or parts of buildings within the scope limitations of NZS 3604. Buildings or parts of buildings outside the scope

of NZS 3604 must be to a specific design in accordance with NZS 3603 and AS/NZS 1170. Where specific design is required, the framing must be of at least equivalent stiffness to the framing provisions of NZS 3604. Use of timber framing must be in accordance with framing manufacturer's specifications.

In all cases studs must be at maximum 600mm centres. Where Vertibat or Cavibat cavity battens are fixed to nogs/dwangs, the nogs/dwangs must be fitted flush between the studs at maximum 480mm centres. Where 40-45mm thick Vertibat cavity battens are structurally fixed at studs only, nogs/dwangs are not required. Refer Paragraph 7.2 of BRANZ Appraisal No. 650 (2020) for more information.

**Note:** For CedarOne or painted cedar weatherboards fixed with annular grooved Grade 316 stainless steel Jolt Head nails, nogs/dwangs or structurally fixed Vertibat cavity battens must be at a maximum 480mm centres for NZS 3604 Wind Zones up to, and including Medium and at a maximum 400mm centres for NZS 3604 Wind Zones High and Very High.

### 2.6 Framing Tolerances

In order to achieve an acceptable wall finish, it is imperative that framing is straight and true. Framing tolerances must comply with the requirements of NZS 3604:2011.

### 2.7 Cavity Closure Strip

The VertiLine Vertical Shiplap Cavity System must incorporate a cavity closure strip to close off the bottom of the cavity and provide resistance against the penetration of vermin. The cavity closure strip must be in accordance with NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, Paragraph 9.1.8.3. The cavity closure strip must be manufactured from uPVC, aluminium or stainless steel, and be punched with 3-5mm holes or slots which provide a minimum ventilation opening area of 1000mm<sup>2</sup> per lineal metre of wall.

### 2.8 Wall Underlay

The VertiLine Vertical Shiplap Cavity System must be installed over wall underlay complying with NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, Table 23, or wall underlays covered by a valid BRANZ Appraisal.

All external walls of buildings must have barriers to airflow in the form of interior linings with all joints stopped for wind zones up to and including 'Very High', and rigid underlays for buildings in the 'Extra High' wind zone and specifically designed buildings up to 2.5 kPa design differential ULS wind pressure.

Unlined gables and walls must incorporate a rigid sheathing or an air barrier which meets the requirements of NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, Table 23. For attached garages, wall underlays must be selected in accordance with NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, Paragraph 9.1.3.4. Where rigid underlays are used, the weatherboard fixing lengths must be increased by a minimum of the thickness of the underlay.

### 2.9 Inter-storey Junctions

Inter-storey drained joints must be constructed in accordance with the Technical Literature. Inter-storey drained joints must be provided to limit continuous cavities to the lesser of 2-storeys or 7 metres in height, in accordance with the requirements of NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, Paragraph 9.1.9.4(b).

### 2.10 Herrpac Vertical Shiplap Weatherboards

Herrpac vertical shiplap weatherboards shall be fixed with an approximate 2mm vertical expansion gap at the overlap between boards. Herrpac vertical shiplap profiles are all manufactured in accordance with BRANZ Bulletin 411 (Refer to E2/AS1 page 121, Paragraph 9.4.1.1) and have a 27mm rebate for a 25mm lap.

The weatherboards shall be pre-coated with the selected coating (prior to site delivery and installation) by Herrpac associate Machinecoat (NZ) Ltd, by the flood coat inundation method or in-line spray coat system (subject to coating type selected).

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Pre-finished vertical shiplap weatherboards shall be over-coated and maintained in accordance with the coating manufacturer's specification. All cut ends and/or uncoated surfaces shall be double coated during installation to protect against the penetration of moisture, post installation.

The weatherboards shall be fixed to nogs/dwangs (or structurally fixed to 40-45mm Vertibat cavity battens) at 400-480mm maximum centres using Herculap shiplap weatherboard fixings (refer to Section 1.5 of this specification).

External corners shall be weatherproofed by the use of corrosion resistant corner flashings and corner facings, e.g. Herculap proprietary profiles HP40, HP42 the Herculap 'Smart Corner' series or cover battens HP201 and HP202.

Internal corners shall be weatherproofed by the use of corrosion resistant internal corner flashings along with internal mouldings, e.g. Herculap profiles HP41 and HP110 or the Herculap 'Smart Corner' series.

### 3.0 Installation Information

#### 3.1 System Installation

The selected wall underlay and flexible sill and jamb tape system must be installed by the building contractor in accordance with the underlay and tape manufacturer's instructions prior to the installation of the cavity battens and the rest of the VertiLine Vertical Shiplap Cavity System.

Flexible building underlay must be installed horizontally and be continuous around corners. Underlay must be lapped 75mm minimum at horizontal joints and 150mm minimum over studs at vertical joints.

Generic rigid sheathing materials must be installed in accordance with NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1 and be overlaid with a flexible wall underlay. Proprietary systems shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Particular attention must be paid to the installation of the building underlay and sill and jamb tapes around window and door openings to ensure a continuous seal is achieved and all exposed wall framing in the opening is protected.

The selected cavity closure strip must be installed so a minimum 15mm drip edge to the bottom of the weatherboards is maintained at all times.

There are several options available for the installation of cavity battens as outlined below.

##### Vertibat Cavity Battens to Nogs/Dwangs

Vertibat cavity battens must be installed horizontally over the building underlay to the wall framing (nogs/dwangs) at 400-480mm maximum centres. The battens must be installed with the top edge sloping away from the wall underlay towards the back of the weatherboards. The cavity battens must be fixed in place with 40 x 2.5mm flat head hot-dipped galvanised nails or 50 x 2.8mm hot-dipped galvanised gun nails (for 20mm thick battens), or 60 x 2.8mm flat head hot-dipped galvanised nails or 60 x 2.8mm hot-dipped galvanised gun nails (for 40 or 45mm thick battens) to temporarily fix the battens in place prior to installation of the cladding.

##### Cavibat Cavity Battens to Nogs/Dwangs

The Cavibat cavity battens must be installed horizontally over the building underlay to the wall framing (nogs/dwangs) at 400-480mm maximum centres. The cavity battens must be fixed in place with 40 x 2.5mm hot-dip galvanised flat head nails or galvanised or stainless steel finishing brads at 400mm centres. Refer to BRANZ Appraisal Number 524 (2012) for further information.

##### 40 or 45mm thick structurally fixed Vertibat Cavity Battens to Studs

40 or 45mm thick Vertibat cavity battens must be installed horizontally over the building underlay to the wall framing

(studs) at 400-480mm maximum centres. The battens must be installed with the top edge sloping away from the wall underlay towards the back of the weatherboards. The cavity battens must be fixed in place with one 12 gauge x 65mm long (for V3 or V4) or 12 gauge x 75mm long (for V5 or V6) Grade 304 stainless steel screw at each stud crossing (maximum 600mm centres). A 25mm minimum penetration of the framing is required.

Where stud spacings are greater than 450mm and a flexible wall underlay is being used, wall underlay support (eg. Polypropylene/Polythene tape, galvanised mesh / wire or additional battens) is required to be installed vertically at a maximum of 300mm centres. The wall underlay support is required to restrain the flexible wall underlay and insulation to prevent bulging into the drained cavity as required by E2/AS1, paragraph 9.1.8.5.

#### 3.1.1 Aluminium Joinery Installation

Aluminium joinery and associated head flashings must be installed in accordance with the window manufacturer's instructions. A 7.5-10mm nominal gap must be left between the joinery reveal and the wall framing so a PEF rod and air seal can be installed in accordance with NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, Paragraph 9.1.6 after the joinery has been secured in place.

#### 3.1.2 Herculap Vertical Shiplap Weatherboard Installation

Herculap vertical shiplap weatherboards must not be wet prior to installation. Prior to installation, the back face and edges of the Herculap shiplap weatherboards must be sealed with an exterior grade oil-based penetrating oil/stain or paint. During installation, cut ends and edges and all fresh cuts or exposed timber must be double sealed with an exterior grade oil-based penetrating oil/stain or paint.

Herculap shiplap weatherboards must be installed starting at the corner of the wall section being clad. The first weatherboard must be installed plumb to assist with the installation of subsequent weatherboards. The weatherboards must overhang the bottom plate by a minimum of 50mm. The weatherboards should be installed with the lap facing away from the prevailing winds.

Immediately prior to installing the weatherboards over the internal and external corner flashings, a continuous bead of sealant must be applied to the face of the flashing along the fixing line.

Herculap shiplap weatherboards must be overlapped a minimum of 25mm with an expansion gap of 2mm at the overlap. The top of the weatherboard lap should be restrained using the Herculap clinch nail at every cavity batten.

NB: Clinch nails are a proprietary component of this cladding system. We recommend their use on all installations for best performance. Use of clinch nails is mandatory for installations in 'Extra High' wind zones and above.

Herculap shiplap weatherboards must be pre-drilled on a slight up-slope, with a hole slightly smaller than that of the nail. Fix each weatherboard with one nail per board at every cavity batten.

The fixing must be located 30-35mm in from the weatherboard lap, be located no closer than 32mm (where practical) from the end of the board, and must finish flush onto the surface of the weatherboard, not into or below the surface.

Fix weatherboards in full lengths where possible. Where joints are required, scarf the weatherboard at 30° over a cavity batten and fix as per detail 'HC-SHIP-413' or 'HC-SHIP40-413'.

##### For oil/stain finished weatherboards:

Weatherboard fixings must be either Silicon Bronze or Grade 316 Stainless Steel annular grooved Herculap Crown/Rose or Flat Head nails. The nail shank diameter and length as per Herculap construction drawings. Must

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allow minimum 30mm embedment into framing timber or structurally fixed cavity batten. Finish flush onto the surface of the weatherboard, not into or below the surface.

### For paint finished weatherboards:

Weatherboard fixings must be Grade 316 Stainless Steel annular grooved Hermpac Jolt Head nails. The nail shank diameter and length as per Hermpac construction drawings. NB: Must allow minimum 30mm embedment into framing timber or structurally fixed cavity batten (for AshinDura or DuraLarch) and 35mm (for Western Red Cedar). Punch nails 2mm below the weatherboard surface, prime nail holes and fill prior to sanding and finishing. NB: If Crown/Rose or Flat Head nails are used with paint finished weatherboards, refer to fixing clause above.

### 3.1.3 Boxed Corners, Cover Battens and Mouldings

External and internal corners must be finished in accordance with the installation detailing.

Most Hermpac 'Smart Corners' mouldings can be fixed by applying a continuous bead of sealant to the inside surfaces of the moulding or the faces of the flashing to which the moulding is to be bonded. Excess coating should be wiped off areas of the moulding intended to contact the adhesive.

Wherever possible, the moulding should be bonded to the flashing prior to installation. If this is not possible, the moulding shall be temporarily held in place while the sealant cures.

A continuous bead of sealant should also be applied at the join between the moulding and the end-grain cross section of any butted weatherboard and direct to flashing along the line of weatherboard nail fixing (if the weatherboard fixing will pierce the flashing).

Sealant options for Wood-X, Traditional Oil/Stains or Resene Waterborne Oil/Stains include Bostik Seal N Flex FC or Sikaflex AT Façade (NB: for other coatings please check with the manufacturer to determine the most suitable sealant).

Further or sole mechanical support of the Moulding-Flashing interface can be achieved in some cases with a pre-drilled and suitably placed Hermpac nail. The requirement for a continuous bead of sealant as detailed above still applies.

### 3.1.4 Finishing

At least two coats of an exterior grade quality oil-based penetrating oil/stain must be used over the front face of the Hermpac shiplap weatherboards to protect the weatherboards and give the desired finish colour to the exterior walls. The oil/stain must be recommended for use as a wall cladding oil/stain by the manufacturer and must be brush or Machinecoat NZ Ltd applied. Hermpac recommends the use of oil based stains manufactured by Wood-X and Resene.

Follow the oil/stain manufacturer's instructions at all times for application of the oil/stain finish.

For paint finish the paint must be recommended for use as a wall cladding paint by the manufacturer and must be brush or Machinecoat NZ Ltd applied.

To ensure a top quality paint finish:

1. Any sharp edges should be removed to provide a radius to aid in uniform paint film coverage.
2. Use a premium alkyd oil or acrylic based primer to envelope prime all cut ends and bare timber surfaces twice.
3. Punch nail holes and prime promptly after punching.
4. Fill holes with a suitable filler and allow to dry.
5. When filler is fully dry and cured, sand area smooth.

6. Apply one coat of an alkyd oil or acrylic based primer to sanded area and allow to fully dry before sanding lightly.
7. Ensure surface is clean and free from any chalking, dirt, dust, mould or other contaminants prior to painting top coats.
8. Apply two coats of premium high quality 100% exterior grade acrylic to surface allowing adequate time for drying between coats.

Timber is a natural product and for best results use a colour with a LRV of 40-45% or above. Please consult with us for a specific recommendation minimum for your chosen timber.

Follow the paint manufacturer's instructions at all times for application of the paint finish.

Refer to Section 4.0 for maintenance requirements.

## 4.0 Maintenance

Building owners are responsible for the maintenance of the VertiLine Vertical Shiplap Cavity System. Annual inspections must be made to ensure that all aspects of the cladding system, including flashings remain in a weatherproof condition. Any damaged areas or areas showing signs of deterioration which would allow water ingress, must be repaired immediately. Sealant, coatings, flashings or the weatherboards must be repaired in accordance with the relevant manufacturer's instructions.

Regular cleaning (at least annually) of the surface finish with water and a mild detergent is recommended to remove grime, dirt and organic growth, to maximise the life and appearance of the cladding.

Recoating of the oil/stain finish will be necessary throughout the life of the cladding system. Re-staining must be carried out every 2-3 years in accordance with the oil/stain manufacturer's instructions. Re-staining will be required more frequently on exposed northern and western facing walls. When re-staining, care must be taken to ensure bottom edges and shiplap edges are well covered and penetrated with the stain.

Recoating of the paint finish will be necessary throughout the life of the cladding system. Re-coating must be carried out every 7-10 years in accordance with the paint manufacturer's instructions. When re-coating, care must be taken to ensure bottom edges are well covered and penetrated with the paint.

## 5.0 Health & Safety

Cutting of Hermpac shiplap weatherboards must be carried out in well ventilated areas and dust masks, eye and hearing protection must be worn.

All relevant sections of AS/NZS2311:2017 "Guide to the painting of Buildings" should be adhered to. Technical Data Sheets and Safety Data Sheets for the specified coating should be obtained from the coating supplier and consulted prior to commencing work. MBIE guidelines and regulations must be followed at all times.



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