Hopper Rough Opening Installation with Sheathing Intact and Brickmould

**Tools:** (Not supplied by manufacturer)

- Tape Measure
- Utility Knife
- Drill
- Caulk Gun
- Level
- Hammer
- Putty Knife
- Safety Glasses
- Square
- Hand Roller
- Foam Gun

**Supplies:** (Not supplied by Manufacturer)

- 9” flashing tape
- Sealant
- Low expanding Foam
- Non-biodegradable shims
- Fasteners

**Manufacturer supplied items:**

- Nail fin (if applicable)
- Chevrons (if applicable)

**Warnings:**

**WARNING**
Installer is responsible for following any local/Federal laws pertaining to the disturbance or removal of lead based paint or varnish. For general guidelines pertaining to lead removal go to [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead)

**WARNING**
Installer is responsible for proper disposal or recycling of all job site materials. Check your state and local laws for proper procedures for disposal and recycling of site waste.

**WARNING**
Windows should never be stored in direct sunlight when still in packaging. Be sure to store windows in a dry shaded area prior to installation.
Step One: Rough Opening (RO) Prep

- Check opening for level, plumb and square. Note any discrepancies for proper shimming in later steps, or if possible, adjust rough opening to create a level, plumb and square opening.
- The exterior surface of the home should already have a weather barrier such as but not limited to Tyvek, TYPAR, or PINKWRAP.
- At the opening, create a modified I cut running from the top middle portion of the opening running down the middle stopping high enough to allow a diagonal 45 degree cut from bottom left and bottom right to meet your middle cut. (fig.1-1 Steps 1 and 2)
- Finally, cut along the top or head of the window opening. (fig 1-1 Step 3)
- Fold the wrap toward the interior of the home and staple along the rough framing.
- Cut any excess house wrap off.
- At the top left corner of the opening, come up 9” and out away from the opening 9” and make a mark.
- Repeat this step for the Right side.
- From each of the corners using a utility knife, cut from the created mark down to the top corner of the rough opening.
- From the left mark, cut down to the upper left of the rough opening.
- From the right mark, cut to the upper right corner of the rough opening. This will create a flap at the top of the window opening.
- Fold the flap up and temporarily tape. (fig. 1-1 Fold line)

Below is the formula to determine the flashing tape lengths:

- Sill is RO width + 18”
- Jamb is RO width + 17”
- Head is RO width + 20”
- Cut the self-adhesive flashing tape to size using the formula provided above. If 9” flash tape is not being used, formulas will need to be adjusted. 9” is the minimum width permitted.

- At the bottom left corner of the opening, come down 9” and out 9”; mark this spot and repeat for the bottom right corner.

- Apply your precut sill flashing tape starting at the one of the predetermined spots made in the previous step and end at the other pre-marked spot. The flashing tape should touch both marks and reach up to the outside bottom of the rough opening. (fig. 1-2)

- Use a hand roller to ensure a smooth even application of the flashing tape.

- Using a single piece of self-adhesive flashing tape, make a sill pan with end dams (sides) that run up the rough framing jamb at least 6” and fold over on to the face of the rough opening and extend outward from the rough opening at least 2”. (Figure 1-3 and 1-4)

- Next, set your level on the sill of the rough opening and shim accordingly.
Step Two: *Window installation*

- Remove packaging from the replacement window using utility knife making sure not to cut or damage interior or exterior frame/sash areas or screen.
- Apply the left side and right side flashing tape. Each piece should extend 8.5” above the head of the window and set 1/2” above the bottom of the sill flashing tape. (Fig. 2-1)
- Apply flashing tape to the head of the unit. The flashing tape should overlap the left and right jamb flashing by 1”. (2-2)
- Using a hand roller, press the flashing tape into the previously applied sealant while make sure that the flashing tape is smooth and evenly applied.
- Apply two 3/8” beads of sealant around the perimeter of the rough opening on top of the previously applied flashing tape.
- Remove the screw cap cover from around the brickmould.
- Insert brickmould window into the rough opening bottom first and tilt the top into place afterward and press the window into place. Squeeze out should be present around the entire perimeter of the window.
- Starting at the top left corner, measure down the jamb 4” and place a fastener in the screw channel of the brickmould.
- Check the unit for level, plumb and square and adjust accordingly.
- Apply a second fastener 4” up from the bottom right corner sill in the brick mold screw channel and check level, plumb, and square. Adjust accordingly.
- Coming up 4” from the sill on the bottom left apply another fastener and come over 4” from both the right and left jamb and apply a fastener.
• Fasteners should also be applied every 10” - 12”.
• Apply a bead of sealant along the top/head of the unit where the brickmould meets the flashing tape.
• Place a drip cap on top/head of the brickmould and press it into the previously applied sealant and attach the drip cap with a fastener on the up turned leg of the drip cap making sure to apply sealant on the head of each fastener.

*A drip cap should have an upward turned leg that is at least 6” and a downward turned leg that is between 1/8” and ¼”. It should cover the top of the brickmould and come down the jambs far enough to meet up with down turned leg.

• A piece of self-adhesive flashing identical to the previously applied head flashing should then be applied over top of the drip cap.
• Shim at interior screw points. (fig. 2-1)

• Operate the sashes making sure that they operate correctly, that all locks function smoothly, and that all sight lines are even.
• Check for level, plumb and square.

Step Three: Interior Finishing

• Secure the window using the provided installation screws in the pre-drilled screw holes leaving all screws loose to allow adjustments. (Fig.2-1)
• Use low expansion foam insulation around the interior of the window unit making sure to follow the manufacturer’s instruction on proper usage. Loose insulation can be substituted for low expansion foam.
• Finish as desired.

NOTE: There are many variations of install that may be encountered when replacing windows. One conventional installation is described in these instructions. For questions on appropriate installation procedures, refer to your GENERAL CONTRACTOR, LOCAL and STATE BUILDING CODES, ARCHITECTURAL SPECIFICATIONS, and ASTM E2112.