

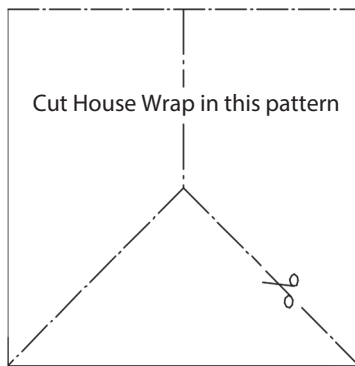
# Installation Instructions for Earthwise Brand New Construction Windows manufactured by Earthwise Windows & Doors Dallas

NOTE: These installation instructions require that some type of weather resistant "house wrap" has been installed on the exterior of the sheathing prior to the installation of the windows. Installation directly against the sheathing is not recommended. Additional materials needed to complete the installation are: silicone caulking, 6" wide (minimum) membrane water barrier tape, shimming material, 1-½" galvanized or stainless steel screws or nails for installation.

## Construction of the Opening

New construction window openings must be square, plumb, level, using materials that are free of warps, twists, etc. Check opening for squareness by measuring the diagonals as shown to the right. The opening is square if the measurements are the same. The opening should be ½' larger than the tip to tip window frame size to allow for any necessary shimming.

IMPORTANT – be sure the construction of the opening meets all applicable building codes and standards.

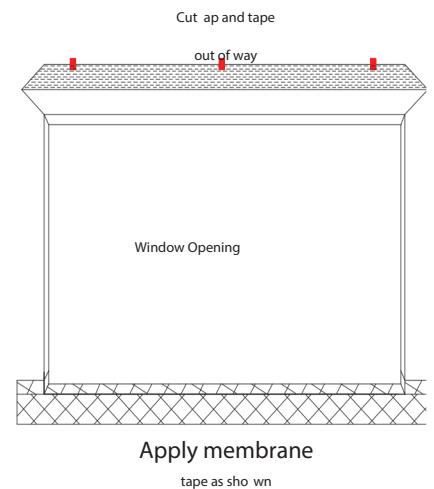
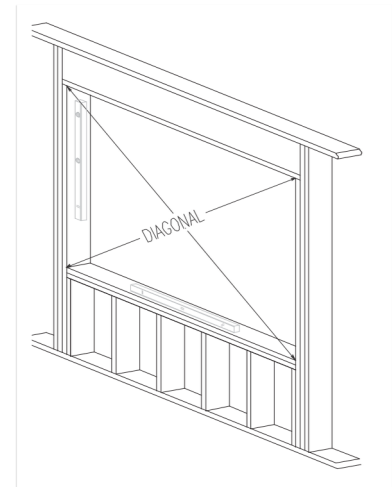
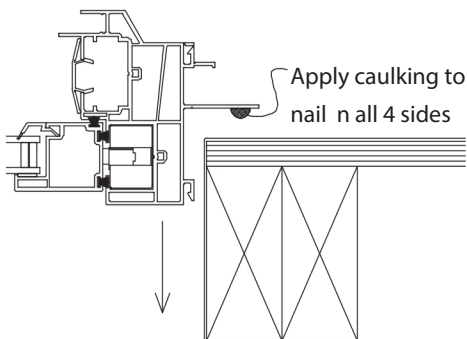


## Preparation of the Opening

1. Cut the house wrap material that covers the window opening using the modified "I" pattern shown to the left. Fold the wrap back into the opening, stapling it to the framing and trimming the excess material.
2. Next make diagonal cuts in the house wrap 10-12" long at the two upper corners of the opening to create a flap that will go over the head of the

window, as shown to the right. Tape this flap up and out of the way for now.

3. Apply one strip of membrane tape along the edge of the opening at this sill as shown, extending it 10-12" past the corners. Apply a second strip overlapping the first one that turns into the opening, covering the sill plate. Run this strip up the sides of the opening for several inches as well, notching at the corners.
- NOTE – always be conscious of the sequence of these installation steps. Flashing is always applied from the bottom up, in "weatherboard" fashion.



## Installation of Window

4. Apply a generous bead of silicone caulking to all 4 sides of the nail fin in the location shown to the left. (typical for all new construction windows)
5. Place the window in the opening and press it firmly against the wall to squeeze the caulking under the fin. Secure to the wall in a temporary fashion to allow for shimming and leveling of the frame.

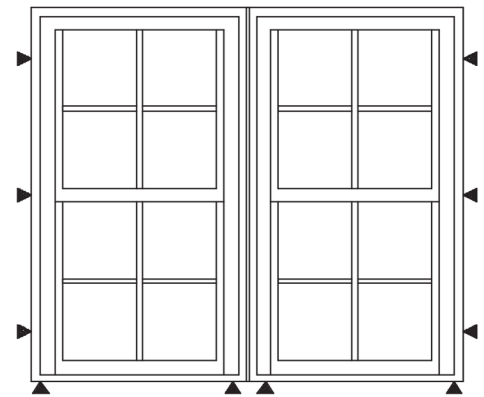
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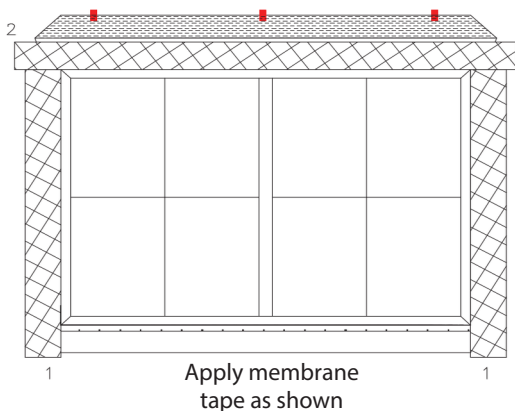
6. Shim under the window sill as needed to level the unit(s) in the opening, following the general guidelines shown to the right. Use tapered shims in pairs to create a parallel spacer.

NOTE: Shimming under the center of operating windows is not recommended as it may cause a crown in the sill and impair the performance of the window.

7. Next shim along the sides of the window to ensure there is no bow or twist in the window jambs. Check the function of the window throughout this step to maintain the smooth operation of the sashes.
8. Complete the attachment of the window frame to the exterior sheathing of the house using nails or screws in the slotted holes on the nail fin.

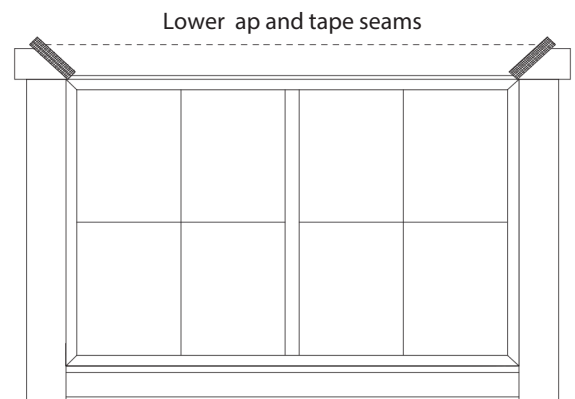


Typical shimming locations depending  
on conditions of rough opening



9. Apply membrane strips over the nail fins on the window jamb and head as shown to the left. First apply the two strips marked 1 along the window jambs. This material should extend below the membrane strip at the window sill, and up to the bottom edge of the flap of house wrap material at the head of the window. These strips should be at least 6" wide. Next apply another strip over the nail fin at the head of the window. (marked 2). Overlap the jamb pieces by at least 3" on both ends.

10. Remove the tape holding up the flap of house wrap material and let it overlap the membrane tape strip over the head of the window. Using the seam tape specified by the house wrap manufacturer, tape over the diagonal cuts in the house wrap as shown.
11. Install exterior siding or finish material around the window, utilizing the integral "J" channel on the window frame if appropriate.



## Finish-up and Adjustment

- Using fiberglass batt insulation material fill the inside cavity between the sides of the window frame and the rough opening being careful not to overstuff this pocket.  
NOTE: Do not use expanding foams in this area as it may damage or distort the window frame.
- Check the operation of the window and make final adjustments as necessary. Pay close attention that the window jambs are not bowed as this will make operation difficult and diminish performance.

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