Installation Guidelines for Sealing PTAC Sleeves

Read these instructions completely before starting any installation. Failure to install and maintain our product according to these instructions may void any product warranty. Please visit our website at [www.quakerwindows.com](http://www.quakerwindows.com) or call 1-800-347-0438 for additional information.

### Tools required by installer:
- Safety glasses
- Utility knife
- Drill/Driver
- Caulk gun
- 3/8” Wrench

### Materials required by installer:
- Foam
- Backer Rod (Waterproof)
- Sealant
- Denatured Rubbing Alcohol

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**WARNING**

**Tools**
- Follow manufacturers instructions for safe operation of tools, and ladders/scaffolding. Always wear safety glasses. Failure to do so could result in injury, product or property damage.

**Handling**
- Do not store units outside, or in a hot environment. Doing so could result in product damage.
- **Do not carry flat.** Doing so could result in product damage, injury, or property damage.
- Stack units as straight as possible to avoid bowing. **Do not lay flat!**

**Glass**
- If broken, glass can fragment causing injury. All Quaker products are available with safety glass. In many areas, local building codes require safety glass in certain locations and/or applications. Unless safety glass is ordered, Quaker windows are not provided with safety glass. Before ordering, consult your local building codes for more definitive information.

**Fastening**
- Metal fasteners and components could corrode when used with preservative-treated lumber. Use approved fasteners and components to fasten window or door. Failure to do so could cause a failure resulting in injury, product or property damage.
- Fastener must attach to a structural framing member with 1 1/2” minimum fastener embedment, or minimum 3 full threads with a minimum 5/16” head as products were tested with.
- **Quaker does not supply anchorage/fastener calculations, and is not responsible for determining structural adequacy of the anchorage and fasteners used to install our products, or the openings into which they are installed.**
- **Do not** over drive screws or nails. Doing so could result in product damage.
Installation

- Always support window or door in opening until fully fastened. Failure to do so could result in the window or door falling out or causing injury, product, or property damage.
- Nailing flanges and drip caps (integral or applied) do not take the place of window flashing. All windows and doors must be properly flashed and sealed with material compatible sealant for protection against water and air infiltration around the entire perimeter. Failure to do so could result in product or property damage.
- Do not set window directly on sill plate. Place shims under the side jambs. Window or door must be properly shimmed. Failure to do so could affect operation and product performance and could result in product damage.
- Live or dead loads transferred into our product can affect functionality, damage frame joinery or cause glass failures. Dead loads such as upper levels, roof, etc. Should be constructed before window or door is installed.
- Loads shall be designed to withstand the most critical effects of load factors and load combinations as required by the building code. (Loads are including but not limited to Live, Dead, Collateral, Auxiliary, Thermally induced, Seismic, etc.)
- Maximum vertical deflection of the header under all Load combination should not exceed the Span/720 or 1/4" whichever is less.
- Windows and doors have small parts. Small parts if swallowed could pose a choking hazard to young children. Dispose of unused, loose, or easily removed small parts. Failure to do so could result in injury.
- Do not drill through or into window sill to install alarm wires.

Sealing

- Follow instructions of foam, sealant, and flashing manufacturers regarding safety, material application, compatibility, and periodic maintenance for continued weather resistance of their products. Failure to do so could result in product or property damage. **DO NOT** overfill between the frame and opening.
- Minimally expanding foam insulation must be compliant with AAMA 812-04.
- Quaker recommends 100% silicone (ASTM C920 compliant) neutral cure only sealant. Always clean all areas where sealant will be applied. Failure to do so could result in product or property damage.
- Flashing tape must meet ASTM-D779 performance requirements.
- Maintain a minimum of 1/4” between the window or door frame and exterior finish materials. Failure to do so could result in product or property damage.

Joining

- Do not join any window or door to any window or door not designed for joining. Joined windows and doors must be individually supported in the opening. Failure to do so could affect operation and product performance and could result in product or property damage.

Cleaning

- Acid solutions used for cleaning will damage glass, fasteners, hardware, and metal flashing. Protect these products and follow cleaning products manufacturers instructions. If acid contacts the window or door, wash all surfaces immediately with clean water.
- Do not use razor blades to clean glass surface. Glass damage could result.
- Clean glass using liquid glass cleaner.
- Clean frame, sash, panels, and insect screens using mild detergent and warm water with a soft cloth or brush.

**IMPORTANT**

- Buildings constructed prior to 1978 could contain lead paint which could be disturbed during window or door replacement. For more information on proper management of lead paint, go to: [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead)
- Care must be taken to properly recycle or dispose of old materials. Any recyclable materials should be separated from non-recyclable or hazardous materials. Please consult with local or state authorities regarding proper disposal of non-recyclable or hazardous materials.
- These are generic instructions intended to cover most common situations, which may not be appropriate for all installations due to building design, construction materials, or methods used and/or building or site conditions. Consult a contractor or architect for recommendations.
- Inspect all units for any damage or defects prior to installation. Contact the nearest Quaker distributor if there are any problems.
1. Locate and install sleeve mounting studs (if not already in place). Inspect perimeter sealing flange and clean per sealant manufacturers recommendations.

2. Insure that the ¼” x 3/16” shim is in place across the bottom. Trim corners ¼” from the ends to allow for sealant.

3. Check alignment of mounting fasteners, even clearance around the sleeve perimeter, and most importantly, for continuous contact of the bottom of the sleeve to the shim tape on the louver frame.

4. If unit is to be equipped with an exterior drain, attach drain tube and cover per PTAC manufacture’s recommendation. Note: It may be necessary to remove a knock-out from one of the louver blades for the drain tube. Shim as needed to insure the PTAC sleeve has a 1 degree slope at the bottom to the exterior for drainage.
Remove the sleeve. Apply a continuous bead of sealant across the bottom flange of the louver frame to the exterior side of the shim tape. This bead must be at least 3/8” taller than the shim all the way across.

Install a backer rod if necessary to maintain a consistent gap between the louver frame flange and PTAC sleeve across the top and down both sides. Apply sealant to completely fill this pocket.

Install the sleeve and secure with mounting fasteners. Sleeve must be tight against the bottom shim and fully bedded into sealant. Visually inspect and verify that the shim tape is in place after the louver is set and that there is sealant “squeeze out” into the bottom corner gap between the louver and sleeve. If the shim tape has been pushed back by the PTAC sleeve, remove the sleeve and reapply the shim tape back to its original position and add extra sealant if necessary. Failure to do the above could result in water penetration.

Apply a fillet of sealant across the bottom of sleeve and tool in place. It is critical that the sealant across the bottom joins into the sealant at jamb pockents.
Check to ensure that all overflow holes (and exterior drain tubes if applicable) are open and clear of sealant across the bottom exterior face of the PTAC sleeve. Allow time for perimeter seal to fully cure before installing the PTAC unit. Continue with PTAC installation per manufactures recommendations.
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