

# The Technical Sophistication Is in the Engineering Process

**While to the naked eye SmartSystem™ products and standard OSB sheathing look alike, the similarity between them is only skin deep.**

OSB sheathing and the SmartSystem family of treated engineered wood siding products are engineered for entirely different purposes:

- Standard OSB sheathing is just that – sheathing. It's not designed to withstand exterior weather conditions without the use of a cladding product.
- SmartSystem products, on the other hand, are engineered for use as exterior siding, and are developed with that in mind every step of the way – from the selection of the raw material right down to the final proprietary edge coating.

**SmartSystem treated engineered wood siding is the most technically sophisticated engineered wood siding on the market.**

### Features and Benefits:

- \* Treated with the borate-based SmartGuard™ process to resist termites and fungal decay
- \* Backed by a transferable 30-year warranty with a 7-year repair and replacement feature – one of the most comprehensive warranties in the business
- \* Pre-primed, paint-based overlay for exceptional paintability, allowing for better performance against moisture and weather
- \* Deeply embossed cedar grain texture for natural beauty and maximum curb appeal
- \* Engineered to be dimensionally stable so it lays flat and cuts easily
- \* Requires no special cutting or fastening tools, which saves time and money
- \* Highly resistant to splitting, warping, delaminating and face checking allowing for long-term performance

Each strand is saturated with special binders, adding strength and moisture resistance

Treated with the borate-based SmartGuard process to resist termites and fungal decay

Wood strands are laid geometrically to maximize dimensional stability

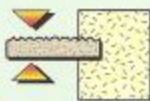
Deeply embossed cedar grain pattern for visual appeal

Resin saturated, paint-based overlay for moisture resistance and better paintability

Proprietary edge coating adds moisture resistance

### An Overview

- 1 The SmartSystem manufacturing process begins with small diameter, fast-growing, regenerative trees.
- 2 The logs are pre-soaked in an extensive conditioning process to improve year-round consistency and to promote uniform strand geometry.
- 3 The logs are debarked and slashed to a more manageable size before being cut into specific strand dimensions.
- 4 Dry strands are fed into a blender where they are mixed with binders and wax that allow for better structural performance.
- 5 Zinc borates are added to provide resistance to termites and fungal decay.
- 6 The strands are transported to the forming line, where they are laid out in a proprietary pattern that utilizes strand geometry to maximize dimensional stability.
- 7 A proprietary, resin saturated, paint-based overlay is placed on each mat to increase moisture resistance and provide a uniform, pre-primed surface for easy finishing.
- 8 The mats then go through a press, which transforms them into completed boards using thousands of pounds of pressure and extremely high temperatures. This same press also embosses each board with a deep cedar grain texture.
- 9 The boards are trimmed to size and finished with a proprietary edge and groove coating designed to increase durability and moisture resistance.



**SmartSystem™**

Treated Engineered Wood Siding & Exterior Products

