



Architectural Specifications Nichiha Fiber Cement Products

NichiSoffit™

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1.1 SCOPE

- A. Furnish and install NichiSoffit™ fiber cement soffit where shown on drawings or specified herein.

1.2 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. Division 06 - Wood and plastics.
- B. Section 13112 - Steel framing and bracing.
- C. Section 07210 - Insulation.
- D. Section 07915 - Sealants, caulking and seals.

1.3 REFERENCES

- A. ASTM C1185, Standard Test Methods for Sampling and Testing Non-Asbestos Fiber Cement Flat Sheet, Roofing and Siding, Shingles and Clapboards.
- B. ASTM E84, Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials.

1.4 SUBMITTALS

- A. Drawings: Submit detailed drawings showing installation details.
- B. Product Data: Submit manufacturer's product description, indicating material types and thicknesses, and installation details.
- C. Samples: Submit samples of each product type proposed for use.
- D. Certificates: Submit documents certifying that products meet or exceed requirements herein.

1.5 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Performance requirements: NichiSoffit is a fiber cement board product with the following typical properties:
 1. Flexural Strength: Dry: 2,308 psi, Wet: 2,183 psi
 2. Moisture Movement Linear Change: 0.10 %
 3. Water Tightness: No water droplets were observed on any specimen
 4. Freeze-Thaw Flexural Strength (% wet retention): 123 %
 5. Warm Water: No evidence of cracking, delamination, swelling, or other defects were observed
 6. Heat-Rain: No crazing, cracking, or other deleterious effects, surface or joint changes were observed in any specimen
 7. Accelerated Weathering Test: No apparent change was observed
 8. Surface Burning: Flame Spread: 0, Smoke Developed: 0

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1.5 QUALITY ASSURANCE (continued)

10. Fire Resistant: The walls successfully endured a 60-minute fire exposure without developing excessive unexposed surface temperature or allowing flaming on the unexposed side of the assembly.
11. Non-combustibility: meet the requirements of ASTM E-136-99.

1.6 WARRANTY

- A. Provide manufacturer's 25-year limited warranty against manufactured defects.

II Products

2.1 MANUFACTURER

- A. Manufacturer: Nichiha USA, Inc., 3150 Avondale Mill Road, Macon, GA 31216, Tel: 478-238-9070, Fax: 478-238-9160, www.NICHIHA.com
- B. Sales Office: Nichiha USA, Inc., 6659 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Suite-AA, Norcross, GA 30092 – Toll free: 1-866-NICHIHA 1[1.866.424.4421] Tel: 770-805-9466; Fax: 770-805-9467; www.NICHIHA.com

2.2 MATERIALS

- A. Nichiha fiber cement boards are based on autoclaved, organic fiber reinforced cement boards. Organic fibers are prepared in accordance with Nichiha specifications and are mixed with Portland cement, additives, and powdered rejects.

2.3 PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

- A. NichiSoffit™ - Non-vented & Vented
 1. Widths: 12", 16", 24" or 48".
 2. Lengths: 8' (24" or 48" width) or 12' (12" or 16" width).
 3. Thickness: 1/4"
 4. Weight: 1.8 lbs/sq. ft.
 5. Coverage: 16 sq. ft. /24" width x 8' length board; 32 sq. ft./48" width x 8' length board; 12 sq. ft./12" width x 12' length board or; 16 sq. ft./16" width x 12' length board.
 6. Exposed Coverage: 16 sq. ft. /24" width x 8' length board; 32 sq. ft./48" width x 8' length board; 12 sq. ft./12" width x 12' length board or; 16 sq. ft./16" width, 12' x length board.
 7. Factory sealed on five [5] sides.
 8. Vented soffit provides 5 inches of net free ventilation per linear foot.

III Execution

3.1 HANDLING

- A. NichiProducts™ boards MUST be stored flat and off the ground (on pallets) prior to installation. Nichi-Products MUST be kept dry and stored in a covered area or covered with wrap before installation. Moisture saturation before installation can cause shrinkage and board damage. If boards are exposed to water or water vapor prior to installation, allow boards to completely dry before installing. Nichiha is not responsible for damage caused by improper storage.
- B. NichiProducts™ boards MUST be carried on edge. Do not carry or lift boards flat. Improper handling may cause cracking or board damage. Nichiha is not responsible for damage caused by improper handling.

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3.2 PREPARATION

- A. Job site conditions:
 - 1. NichiSoffit can be installed directly on APA rated sheathing, braced wood or steel stud (20GA or heavier) construction, spaced at max. 24" o.c. over sheathing. Fasteners must penetrate wood studs a min. of 1" and 1/2" in steel studs.
 - 2. These instructions are only intended for site construction applications. For application on modular, panelized or manufactured housing, please contact Nichiha directly.
- B. Surface conditions:
 - 1. Do not begin installation until unacceptable conditions have been corrected.

3.3 FASTENING

- A. Corrosion resistant fasteners, such as hot-dipped galvanized nails and screws that are appropriate to local building codes and practices must be used. Stainless steel fasteners are highly recommended in high-humidity and high-moisture regions.
 - 1. Nichiha is not liable for the corrosion resistance of fasteners.
 - 2. Do not use aluminum fasteners, staples, clipped head nails or fasteners that are not rated or designed for intended use.
 - 3. Fasteners must penetrate studs at least 1" into wood studs and 1/2" into steel studs.
 - 4. Fastener head must be flush to the board surface.
 - 5. NichiSoffit must be jointed at the framing member.
 - 6. Fasteners should be placed no closer than 3/8" from board edges.

3.4 CUTTING

- A. Whenever cutting, drilling, sawing, sanding or abrading the product, users must observe the following safety practices:
- B. Use best work practices to reduce airborne dust concentrations.
- C. Use a fiber cement circular saw with dust collector for cutting (e.g., Makita 5057KB—recommended blade: Tenryu Board-Pro Plus PCD Blade #BP-18505). The dust collector must be connected to a HEPA vacuum. A jig saw can be used for complicated cuttings, such as service openings, curves, radii and scrollwork.
- D. **Silica Dust Warning:** NICHHA products contain crystalline silica [a.k.a. sand, silicon dioxide], which is a common Earth's naturally occurring mineral. Inhalation of crystalline silica into the lungs and repeated exposure to silica, can cause health disorders, such as silicosis, lung cancer, or a potentially death depending upon various factors. To be conservative, Nichiha recommends that whenever drilling, cutting, sawing, sanding or abrading the product, users must observe the following safety practices. 1] Use best work practices to reduce airborne dust concentrations. 2] Use a fiber cement circular saw with a dust collector for cutting (e.g., Makita 5057KB). The dust collector must be connected to a HEPA vacuum. 3] Do not use compressed air for cleaning dust. 4] Work outdoors where feasible, otherwise use mechanical ventilation. 5] Everyone handling Nichiha products or in the vicinity of others using Nichiha products must wear safety glasses and properly fitted respirators prior to handling Nichiha products. Nichiha requires that users wear a **NIOSH/OSHA approved respirator with a rating of N100, O100, P100, or R100** in accordance with applicable government regulations and manufacturer instructions. 6] All employers must comply with the OSHA PEL and ACGIH TLV-TWA. 6] Warn others in area. These requirements are designed to help minimize exposure to crystalline silica. We also require that you read all instructions and warnings [including MSDS] prior to using NICHHA's products. For further information

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3.4 CUTTING (continued)

D. **Silica Dust Warning:** (continued)

or questions, please consult the MSDS or your employer. The MSDS for Nichiha products are available at www.nichiha.com, at your local Nichiha dealer or through Nichiha directly at 1.866.424.4421. FAILURE TO ADHERE TO OUR WARNINGS, MSDS, AND OTHER INSTRUCTION MAY LEAD TO SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH.

3.5 INSTALLATION

- A. General: Install product in accordance with the latest installation guidelines of the manufacturer and all applicable building codes and other laws, rules, regulations and ordinances. Review all manufacturer installation, maintenance instructions and other applicable documents before installation.
- B. NichiSoffit must be installed to nominal 2x4 framing and spaced at a max. of 24" o.c. The long dimension of soffit board must be perpendicular to framing, with all edges supported by framing.
- C. Soffit must be fastened to a solid substrate such as 2x4 wood sub-fascia.
- D. Soffit vents can be installed into un-vented NichiSoffit panels.
- E. Joint Methods: All soffit panels must be installed with moderate contact at ends, leave appropriate gap and apply sealant. PVC. Metal joints and battens can also be used, install in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

3.6 FINISHING AND MAINTENANCE

- A. Use exterior grade high-quality sealant that complies with either ASTM C-834 (for primed products) or ASTM C-920 (for prefinished products) for all gaps that require filling with sealant. Follow the manufacturer's written instructions for use.
- B. All field cut edges should be covered with fiber cement sealant or paint.
- C. Dents, chips, scratches, etc. on the products shall be filled with exterior grade cementitious patching or putty. Follow the manufacturer's written instructions for use.
- D. All unfinished [pre-primed] products should be painted within 12 months of installation. Exterior grade 100% acrylic latex paints are recommended. Follow the manufacturer's written instructions for use.
- E. Cleaning: Rub boards with a soft brush using a diluted neutral detergent. Do not use hard tools such as a wire brush or other abrasive materials.

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