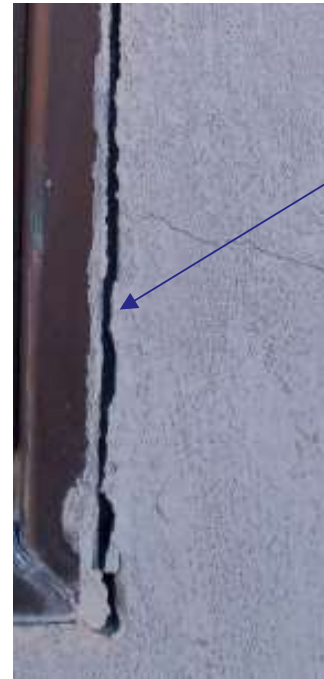


Installation Mistakes That Will Void Your Warranty

Installing a backer rod between windows and a dissimilar surface such as stucco, masonry, Hardie, etc. allows the two products to expand and contract at different rates which they must be allowed to do. Failure to install a backer rod will result in cracked stucco, warped trim and crucially windows that warp or distort because they are prevented from expanding and contracting.



Damaged Stucco

Fixed interlock bowed because expansion is thwarted due to no backer rod/expansion joint.



The purpose of backer rod and an expansion joint

A backer rod allows a flexible sealant to adhere to the window frame and the stucco or other exterior surface without adhering to the third surface (backer rod). This allows expansion and contraction to occur without damaging the window frame or the exterior stucco/siding.

