

Storage and Handling – Best Practices

In the Yard

1. XT TRIM must be stored flat, off the ground in a clean and dry environment (preferably in the warehouse or in covered racks) until the time of delivery.
2. Maintain vertical alignment of stickers when stacking multiple bundles.
3. Avoid direct contact with the ground, concrete, or standing water. Avoid storage in the extreme sun or hot weather for prolonged periods of time.
4. Leave units wrapped to prevent punctures or tears. When breaking units, leave remaining product neatly stacked and covered.
5. All XT Products have finish tolerances on ends, edges and faces. Use extreme care with forklifts and manhandling to avoid damaging product.



At the Job Site

1. Store in garage or on flat surface away from standing water.
2. To help minimize movement after installation, cut the banding after delivery and allow XT TRIM to acclimatize to ambient conditions prior to installation. Do not leave product exposed to direct sunlight for prolonged periods of time.
3. Before installation, check the moisture content of the wood. Installing wet product (above 18% MC) may result in excessive shrinkage, moisture encasement from finish painting, and product degradation. Belco Forest Products (“Belco”) IS NOT responsible for damage caused by improper storage, maintenance, or installation of XT Products.
4. The structure to which XT TRIM is applied should be well vented and dry. DO NOT install XT TRIM over soaked sheathing, structures that have excessive moisture conditions or out of plane walls/buckled sheathing.
5. Stack neatly and re-cover any unused product to prevent exposure to elements.
6. Minor surface mildew on wood is not a threat to product integrity. If present, clean the surface with a 1-part bleach to 3 parts water solution.



- Maintain stackheights within safe limits.
- Align stickers when stacking bundles.

ABOUT BELCO FOREST PRODUCTS – In business since 1978, the company operates three manufacturing plants on 16 acres in Shelton, Washington. Belco produces a variety of exterior wood products including the best-selling XT brand, a line of premium treated trim for residential and commercial applications. All Belco products are available through leading distributors nationwide.