

Change or restore home with aluminum siding and trim

If the exterior of your old home needs a fresh new look, aluminum siding will enable you to either duplicate its original architectural style or change it to suit your taste.

Available in a myriad of muted to deep-toned colors, and in textures that authentically resemble wood grains, this versatile material will also eliminate the bother and expense of periodic repainting.

Even if the old siding is still in good condition, you can give the house a lift by adding new aluminum trim such as soffits (the roof overhang), fascia (the front of the roof), gutters, downspouts, window frames, columns and cornerposts.

Match or contrast

This trim comes in a wide variety of colors to match or contrast with paint, brick, wood, masonry and other surfaces, as well as with aluminum siding. It will also reduce maintenance.

In the 35 years aluminum siding has been in existence, it has been used to reside almost 13,000,000 homes, and has remained in good condition even in damp beach areas where it has proven durable and resistant to corrosion and cracking.

Today's new high-quality aluminum finishes, baked on at the factory, are guaranteed to last up to 40 years without any more maintenance than an occasional hosing.

A sound choice

This makes aluminum siding a sound choice economically as well as aesthetically, especially when you consider painting costs.

Suppose your painter estimates \$1500 to cover the exterior of your house. Even if that figure were to remain constant, repainting every four years would cost you \$4500 over a 12 year period. However, even at an inflation rate of 10 percent a year, you'd be spending \$10,000 for painting over that same 12-year period.

Installing aluminum trim on a house that does not need residing can be equally rewarding. The trim areas generally take the hardest beating from the elements, and thus require more frequent painting than the rest of the house. Because they are generally less accessible than the surface, painting comes especially high.

Modern aluminum siding and trim, properly installed, give you the most options for remodeling to express your individual preferences.

If you want to retain the original style of the house, however, you can enhance its charm by duplicating the appearance with aluminum that looks exactly like the original surface.

Aluminum siding comes in eight-inch deep horizontal panels, which are the most popular for achieving a contemporary look, and in double-four-inch horizontal panels, which duplicate traditional or colonial-style architecture.

Imaginative uses

There's also vertical aluminum siding which can be combined effectively with the horizontal panels. Used imaginatively in a carefully designed remodeling installation, vertical panels can visually reduce the height of an excessively tall house, or offset the effect of an overly wide building.

They can also be used to accent gables of colonial type homes or give a board and batten appearance to modern or rustic style houses.

You can even keep the prized architectural details of an old Victorian gem. Improved finishes and new application techniques for aluminum trim allow the installer to bend or form aluminum coil stock to virtually any shape.

Aluminum most popular

By contrast, vinyl plastic

cannot follow intricate contours of windows and other curved trim because it cannot bend easily. That's one of the reasons why, even on a house resided with other materials, aluminum is by far the most popular choice for windows and other trim.

Where the detailing is much too intricate to be covered with aluminum, it is generally re-finished and repainted to blend with the new material used elsewhere.

Color and texture, in both siding and trim, form the biggest news in aluminum siding today. While white is still the most popular color choice, over 50 percent of the homes being resided with this material are now opting for pastels, deep reds, blues, greens, dark browns and earth tones.

Ivory, cream and beige are especially in vogue, with yellow, gold, brown and blue following closely behind them. Lively new blue-greens and bright yellows add to your choices.

New textures simulate wood grains so realistically that, when skillfully installed, you must go up and touch the siding to distinguish the aluminum from wood.

They have become as popular as smooth aluminum surfaces for remodeling older homes and for new homes surfaced with this metal.

Realistic simulation

The wood-grain effects are achieved by embossing and by new two-tone coating systems that give a more pronounced wood grain appearance from a distance. Some even have the texture of a natural sawmill wood.

This wide variety of colors and textures is unique to aluminum, for it cannot be achieved with pre-finished vinyl plastic siding, hardboard or steel. Nor does aluminum expand and contract or buckle under weather extremes like vinyl. It does not warp like wood or red-rust like steel.

Colors are available in aluminum trim to match or contrast with aluminum siding or other surfaces. Currently, brown trim used with beige or cream color siding is very much in demand, and white trim used on gold, brown or blue siding has become very popular. For a little drama, consider a darker color trim to accent white siding on your house.

Remember, though, to coordinate colors and textures carefully. Be sure they suit the style of your home and will look appropriate in the neighborhood.

Once you've decided on the siding, determine the kind of insulation you want behind it. Insulated siding is standard today because it helps to conserve energy.

Temperature maintenance

The insulation helps to maintain interior wall surface temperature closer to room air temperatures winter and summer,

LAND TRANSACTIONS IN HISTORY

A vast array of federal, state and local laws and regulations has forever changed the way people exchange property.

In Colonial times, land transfers took place on the actual property with buyer, seller and a few witnesses present. Conditions of the transaction were declared and the seller symbolized the transfer by presenting the buyer with a twig and a handful of earth. If there was a home, the buyer was given the door knocker.

Kept Clean

The canvas, plastic and cord webbing on outdoor furniture can be kept clean with warm detergent or soap suds and brisk scrubbing. Always rinse well, and wipe off excess water.

thus making you more comfortable and enabling you to use less heat and air conditioning.

It's important for you to know about the different kinds of insulation available in order to determine which will best protect your particular house.

Insulating systems are measured by thermal resistance values (R values), and the higher the number the better the insulation properties.

Aluminum siding over a foam plastic board and reflector foil is particularly efficient, with an R factor of 5.

As important as the materials you choose is the contractor you select to do the job. It is his competence that will make the job satisfactory.

Look for one who will take the time to study your house and offer some innovative ideas, even if you don't want to go along with all of them. It generally indicates that he knows his business.



ALUMINUM SIDING CAN DRASTICALLY CHANGE the style of a house, where desired. On this 50-year old residence, the new gold color aluminum siding already installed on the side stands out in sharp contrast to the old, peeling clapboard on the front of the house. When remodeling is completed, brown aluminum trim will contrast effectively with the light color siding and add further interest to the renovated house.

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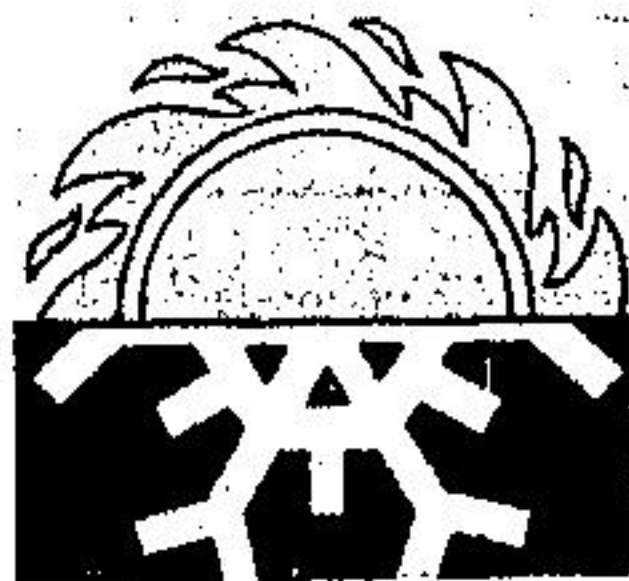
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