

# MORTAIRVENT

## FAQ

**Q: With what types of cladding should Mortairvent be installed?**

**A:** Mortairvent solves the moisture problem by effectively draining and venting moisture from behind Stone, Stucco, EIFS and other masonry applications.

**Q: What is the difference between drainable housewrap and Mortairvent?**

- A.** 1. Drainable housewraps are only adequate in regions where wind-driven rain is not a concern and in areas that receive less than 40 inches of rain a year. However, structures being constructed in areas that do receive 40+ inches of rain a year, or are susceptible to wind-driven rain, should use Mortairvent® to create a rainscreen system.
2. Drainable housewraps are only 18 mils thick at the highest point. Because water can span gaps up to an 1/8" [125 mils], drainable housewraps do not provide the necessary capillary break needed to prevent water from bridging at the back of the cladding onto the housewrap. Only a true rainscreen system can accomplish this.

**Q: How is Mortairvent installed...**

**A: ...around Windows?**

Mortairvent should be installed over the window flange after windows have been properly installed.

**...behind trim and corner boards?**

Mortairvent is recommended under trim and corner boards. It is also suggested that each wall section be compartmentalized to equalize pressure which will help to reduce water intrusion.

**...if I'm not able to leave the top part of the wall open for air flow on an existing home?**

Although you will not receive the benefit of a fully ventilated rainscreen assembly, Mortairvent will still dramatically enhance the drainage and drying capability of the entire wall assembly when compared to a wall that is not ventilated with a rainscreen. Install weep vents at the bottom of the wall to allow air movement and drainage.

**Q: What type of drip edge should be installed with Mortairvent?**

**A:** The drip edge selected depends on the exterior cladding being installed. In applications where a drip edge is not installed, utilize the 4" flap of non-woven fabric by wrapping the material around the blue matrix on the starter course. This non-woven fabric will prevent bug infiltration without preventing moisture from draining from the rainscreen..

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- Q: How do you install Mortairvent when a masonry shelf exists in the foundation?**  
**A:** Weep vents should be used to allow moisture drainage out of the wall when a shelf exists. Weep vents are intended to be installed vertical in masonry joints between two bricks at the base course. In natural stone, cut a notch in the non-woven fabric and push the weep vent into the channels of the Mortairvent leaving the fabric over the top of the vent so mortar cannot clog the vent. For stucco applications, use a stucco stop or weep screed with weep holes.
- Q: What can I use to install Mortairvent?**  
**A:** Generally, an ordinary hammer-tacker is used to install Mortairvent. It can also be installed using roofing nails and a hammer.
- Q: Where can I purchase Mortairvent?**  
**A:** Mortairvent is distributed through ErthCOVERINGS.
- Q: How is Mortairvent packaged?**  
**A:** Mortairvent® is packaged in a roll that covers 130 square feet and measures 39 inches wide (without the flap of non-woven fabric) by 61.5 feet long. Each skid of Mortairvent® includes 9 bags of product.
- Q: Does Mortairvent have a warranty?**  
**A:** Yes, Mortairvent is backed by a 50 year limited warranty.

