ABSeam Panel Overview and Installation Instructions

**Applications:** The ABSeam panel is an architectural panel that is ideal for residential, agricultural, and light commercial applications. It can be used for roofing, mansards, or fascias. ABSeam should be applied over a properly aligned solid substrate (at least 5/8” plywood applied with a 30# felt or equivalent) held in place with the ABSeam clip every 24" on center that is fastened with (2) #10 x 1 pancake screws. However in certain applications, the ABSeam panel can be applied on purlins over open framing 18” on center.

There are certain minimum, live, snow, dead, collateral, and wind loads that the roof must generally be designed to support. Consult local building officials and professional engineers to determine the appropriate building design load requirements and roof system designs. It is the buyer’s responsibility to verify all applicable code requirements, to check measurements, and to determine suitability of the product for the job.

Note: Oil canning in the flat area of the panels is common to the industry and does not affect the integrity of the panel. Therefore, oil canning is not a reason for rejection.

**Minimum Slope:** The minimum recommended slope for the ABSeam panel is 3/12 pitch.

**Finishes:** The ABSeam panel is available in Acrylic coated bare Galvalume or in 16+ pre-painted Kynar colors. The Kynar paint comes with a 40 year limited warranty*.

*See ABSeam Panel warranty

**Thickness:** The standard thickness of the ABSeam is 24 gauge.

**Weight:** 126 pounds per square, or 2.05 pounds per lineal foot.

**Length:** The available length of the ABSeam panel is 2 feet up to whatever you can comfortably handle (48' Maximum). Panels will not end lap.

**Width and Height:** The standard width for the ABSeam panel is 19.5” with a 1.5” rib. Consult an A. B. Martin sales personnel for other sizes.
**Unloading Instructions:** While unloading, lift all bundles from the center. Do not unload in a jerking or bouncing fashion. Panels greater than 25’ long should be unloaded using a spreader bar to prevent panels from bending. See detail A.

![Unloading Diagram](image)

**Detail A**

**Storage:** If the material is not to be used immediately, it should be stored in a dry ventilated place, because moisture trapped between sheets can cause damage to the paint. If the materials cannot be stored inside, place the panels in an inclined position and on blocks, and then cover with a tarp so that the air can circulate. See Detail B. **DO NOT COVER MATERIALS WITH PLASTIC; THIS CAN CAUSE SWEATING AND CONDENSATION.**

**Handling:** Do not lift panels from the ends while flat. Lift the panels on edge when handling. See Detail C. Dragging the panels over each other will mar the finish.

![Handling Diagram](image)

**Detail C**
**Ventilation**

Proper design and installation of vapor barriers and ventilation systems are important to prevent condensation and the resulting problems of moisture damage and loss of insulation efficiency. Condensation occurs when moisture laden air comes in contact with a surface temperature equal or below the dew point of the air. In addition to providing resistance to heat transfer, insulation can also protect against condensation forming on cold surfaces, either inside the building or within the wall and roof system cavity. Since the arrangement of the building’s insulation system is the responsibility of the building designer, we ask you to follow these basic guidelines.

1. The insulation should have a vapor retardant face on the “warm” side of the insulation. For most buildings, this means that the vapor retardant is on the inside surface (toward the building’s interior).

2. The thickness of the insulation must be designed to maintain the temperature of the vapor retardant above the interior dew point, using the worst case expected outside temperature.

3. All perimeter condition, seams, and penetrations of the vapor retardant must be adequately sealed in order to provide a continuous membrane to resist the passage of water vapor.

4. Building ventilation greatly reduces condensation. The movement of air outside the building reduces the interior level of vapor pressure. On buildings that have an attic space or are being retrofitted with a metal roofing system, vents should be placed at both eaves and at the peak of the roof in order to prevent a build up of moisture (humidity) in the attic space. See detail D. Contact your local building officials or an engineer on proper ventilation practices for your area.

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Considerations

**Safety:** Always work safely when installing metal products. Use extreme caution on the roof at all times, and wear gloves and safety glasses to avoid injury. Hearing protection should be used when power cutting panels. Do not walk on the panels until all the fasteners are applied. Do not walk on the metal panels when they are wet, dusty, frosty, or oily, because they maybe slippery. Wear soft soled shoes to improve traction and to minimize damage to paint finish. Always be aware of your position on the roof relative to any roof openings, roof edges, coworkers, and penetrations. Installing metal panels on a windy day can be dangerous and should be avoided. Consult OSHA guidelines for more complete safety requirements.

**Cutting Steel Panels:** Steel panels maybe cut with a straight cut snips, electric or pneumatic, a portable profile shear, or an electric nibbler. Some installers prefer using a circular saw with a metal cutting abrasive blade, but this method is not recommended and can void warranty. See the following notes:

1. Saw cut edges are jagged and burn the paint and galvanizing, causing the metal to rust prematurely.

2. Saw cutting produces hot metal fillings that can embed in the paint and can cause rust marks on the face of the panel.

3. Panels to be saw cut must be turned face down and cut in a location downwind and well away from the building and other panels to avoid embedding of metal filings on the other panels.

4. Saw cut panels must be thoroughly wiped to ensure the removal of all metal filings.

**Touchup Paint:** Touchup paint is used to cover and protect unexpected scratches on the paint finish that may occur during installation of the panel. Touchup paint will not weather as well or at the same rate as the original finish. First test in an area that will not be noticeable, and then apply in small inconspicuous areas.
# A. B. Seam Panel, Trim & Accessories

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Eave & Valley Preparation

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Panel Installation

ABC Standard Clip

A. B. Seam 19.5"

Clip To Panel Installation

A. B. Seam 19.5"

ABS Standard Clip

Pancake Screw

A. B. Seam 19.5"

Panel Installation Detail

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Eave Installation

ABS Standard Clip
A. B. Seam 19.5"

Pancake Screw
Tube Sealant
Field Bend Open Hem
Vapor Barrier
ABS Residential Eave Trim
See Detail "A"

ABS Residential Eave Detail "A"
(Code: ABSREcc)

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Ridge Cap Or Hip Installation

ABS Metal "Z" Closure Trim
See Detail "B"

ABS Ridge Cap
Or Hip
See Detail "A"

Pancake Screw

Vapor Barrier

Butyl Tape

Pop Rivet

ABS Standard Clip
A. B. Seam 19.5"

Pancake Screw

Tube Sealant

6"
6"

3/8" Hem

ABS Ridge Cap Or Hip
Detail "A"

(Code: ABSCPcc)

1"
1 1/2"

ABS Metal "Z" Closure
Detail "B"

(Code: ABSZcc)

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Vented Ridge Cap
Installation

ABS Vented "Z" Closure
See Detail "B"

ABS Ridge Cap
OR Hip
See Detail "A"

Butyl Tape

Pop Rivet

ABS Standard Clip
A. B. Seam 19.5"

Pancake Screw

Vapor Barrier

Tube Sealant

Pancake Screw

6”

3/8” Hem

ABS Ridge Cap OR Hip
Detail “A”

(Code: ABSCPcc)

7/8”

Cobra Vent Material

1 1/2”

2 1/2”

ABS Vented "Z" Closer
Detail “B”

(Code: ABSZVcc)

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Endwall Installation

- Siding Pancake Screw
- Vapor Barrier
- ABS Universal Endwall See Detail "A"
- Butyl Tape
- Pop Rivet
- ABS Metal "Z" Closure See Detail "B"
- ABS Standard Clip
- A. B. Seam 19.5"
- Tube Sealant
- Pancake Screw

ABS Universal Endwall
Detail "A"
(Code: ABSEWcc)

ABS Metal "Z" Closure
Detail "B"
(Code: ABSZcc)

For more information visit www.abmartin.net
Endwall/Counter Flashing Installation

ABS Counter Flashing
See Detail "C"

Tube Sealant

ABS Seam Universal Endwall
See Detail "A"

Tube Sealant

Vapor Barrier

Pancake Screw

Pop Rivet

Butyl Tape

ABS Metal "Z" Closure
See Detail "B"

ABS Standard Clip

A. B. Seam 19.5"

Tube Sealant

Pancake Screw

ABS Counter Flashing
Detail "C"
(Code: ABSCFcc)

ABS Metal "Z" Closure
Detail "B"
(Code: ABSZcc)

ABS Universal Endwall
Detail "A"
(Code: ABSEWcc)

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Sidewall Installation

Vapor Barrier

Butyl Tape

Pancake Screw

Tube Sealant

ABS Sidewall Flashing
See Detail "A"

A. B. Seam 19.5"

ABS Metal "Z" Closure
See Detail "B"

ABS Sidewall Flashing
Detail "A"
(Code: ABSSWcc)

ABS Metal "Z" Closure
Detail "B"
(Code: ABSZcc)
Sidewall/Counter Flashing Installation

- Tube Sealant
- ABS Counter Flashing See Detail "C"
- Pancake Screw
- Pop Rivet
- Tube Sealant
- ABS Sidewall Flashing See Detail "A"
- A. B. Seam 19.5"
- Pancake Screw
- ABS Metal "Z" Closure See Detail "B"
- Butyl Tape
- 3/8" Hem
- 1 1/2"
- 1"
- 1 1/2"
- 3/8" Hem
- 1"
- 1/2"
- 2"

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Rake & Starter "J" Installation

ABS Starter "J"
See Detail "B"

ABS Rake trim
See Detail "A"

A. B. Seam 19.5"

Pop Rivet
Tube Sealant

Vapor Barrier
Roofing Screw

Pancake Screw

ABS Rake Trim
Detail "A"
(Code: ABSRTcc)

ABS Starter "J"
Detail "B"
(Code: ABSSJcc)
Rake & Starter "J"
With Cut Panel
Installation

ABS Starter "J"
See Detail "B"

ABS Rake Trim
See Detail "A"

A. B. Seam 19.5"
(Cut In Field)

Pop Rivet
Tube Sealant

Vapor Barrier

Roofing Screw

Pancake Screw

ABS Rake Trim
Detail "A"
(Code: ABSRTcc)

ABS Starter "J"
Detail "B"
(Code: ABSSJcc)

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Gable & Gable Cleat Installation

- Tube Sealant
- ABS Gable Flashing
  See Detail "A"
- ABS Metal "Z" Closure
  See Detail "B"
- Pop Rivet
- Vapor Barrier
- Pancake Screw
- ABS Gable Cleat
  See Detail "C"

A. B. Seam 19.5"

2 1/2"

1 1/2"

5/8"

5/8"

Open Hem

ABS Gable Flashing
Detail "A"
(Code: ABSGFcc)

ABS Metal "Z" Closure
Detail "B"
(Code: ABSZcc)

ABS Gable Cleat
Detail "C"
(Code: ABSCcc)

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Gable & Gable Cleat
With Cut Panel
Installation

A. B. Seam 19.5"
(Cut In Field)

Butyl Tape

Pop Rivet

Tube Sealant

ABS Gable Flashing
See Detail "A"

ABS Metal "Z" Closure
See Detail "B"

Vapor Barrier

Pancake Screw

ABS Gable Cleat
See Detail "C"

2 1/2"

1 1/2"

2 1/2"

1/2"

5/8"

Open Hem

ABS Gable Flashing
Detail "A"
(Code: ABSGFcc)

ABS Metal "Z" Closure
Detail "B"
(Code: ABSZcc)

ABS Gable Cleat
Detail "C"
(Code: ABSGCcc)

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90 Deg Residential Eave Gable
With Field Bent Panel
Installation

A. B. Seam 19.5”
(Field Bent)

Pancake Screw

ABS Residential Eave
Bent At 90 Deg
See Detail "A"

Tube Sealant

Vapor Barrier

4 3/8”
1 1/2”

2”

3/8”
Hen

90 Deg ABS Residential Eave
Detail “A”
(Code: ABSREcc)

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Slim Line Rake
With Field Bent Panel
Installation

CLOSE OVER
A. B. Seam 19.5"
Panel In Field

Pancake Screw

A. B. Seam 19.5"
(Field Bent)

ABS Slim Line Rake
See Detail "A"

Tube Sealant

Vapor Barrier

1 1/8"
1 1/2"

ABS Slim Line Rake
Detail "A"
(Code: ABSSLRcc)

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Formed Valley Installation

ABS Standard Clip
A. B. Seam 19.5"
Tube Sealant
Butyl Tape
Vapor Barrier
Pancake Screw

ABS Formed Valley
See Detail "A"
ABS Offset Cleat
See Detail "B"

ABS Formed Valley
Detail "A"
(Code: ABSWVcc)

ABS Valley Cleat
Detail "B"
(Code: ABSOCcc)

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