



## RESIDENTIAL INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR TEUTONIC™ IMPACT FIXED WINDOWS

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMON INSTALLATION OF FIXED IMPACT  
WINDOWS.

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Installer: DO NOT DISCARD Please leave the Installation Guide with the home owner to file for future reference.

Please read and follow the Installation Instructions completely before installing. If you have any questions about this or any of our products, please call your local Kolbe & Kolbe dealer.

### Proper Installation

Proper installation and maintenance of this product is essential to its performance. The following instructions are to be used as guidelines only. Kolbe recommends consulting a local Kolbe supplier or an experienced contractor, architect, or structural engineer since every installation is different. Installation of this product is the sole responsibility of the architect, contractor, building owner, or consumer and Kolbe has no responsibility in this regard.

- CAUTION: Lead-based paint may be present in older homes, and the removal of windows may cause this paint to be disturbed. In order to minimize exposure to lead-based paint dust, please consult [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead) for more information.
- Care must be taken to properly recycle or dispose of old materials. Any recyclable materials should be separated from non-recyclable or hazardous materials. Please consult with local or state authorities regarding proper disposal of non-recyclable or hazardous materials.

### Job Site Tools for door Installation

- Steel Toe Footwear
- Hard Hat
- Harness and Tie offs (per site regulations)
- Safety Glasses
- Cordless or Pneumatic Reversible Driver
- P2 Phillips Head Bits (6 inches long)
- Cordless or Pneumatic Caulk Gun
- Level
- Tape Measure
- Construction Pencils
- Tap Con screws or Drill Hammer for applying grommets (screw sleeves) into concrete.
- 9/64 Drill Bit
- Exterior Grade Silicone

**STEP #1: PREPARE ROUGH OPENING**

1. The material/lumber quality and the fasteners must be structurally adequate for design load requirements.
2. Typically, the rough opening should be 1/2" (13mm) wider and 1/2" (13mm) higher than the outside measurement of the window frame.
3. The rough opening must be plumb, square, level and in plane.
4. Individual construction members should not be twisted.
5. The floor beneath the unit must be solid and level for proper unit operation.

**STEP #2: PRELIMINARY PREPARATION**

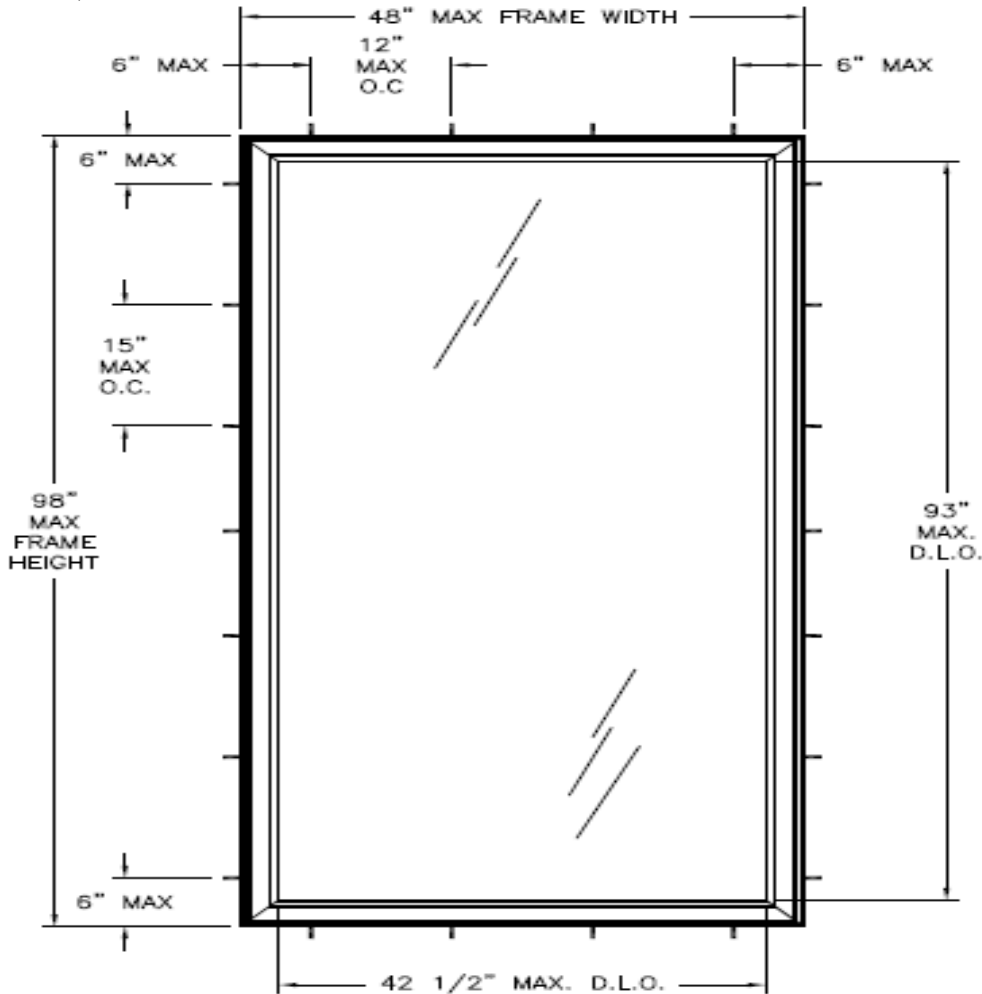
Remove the shipping packaging, skid plates or factory applied bracing. Make sure the unit is not damaged and the dimensions are appropriate for the rough opening. Check that you have all necessary hardware.

**CAUTION:** Before applying sealant, make sure the area to be sealed is clean, dry, and frost-free. Use color-matching or transparent sealant.

**STEP #3: SELECT YOUR INSTALLATION TECHNIQUE**

These techniques are general guidelines only, and may not be appropriate for all performance requirements. Kolbe recommends two installation types.

1. Installation clip method
  - a. Installation clips are not factory applied and are installed in the field. If using installation clips, the installation clips are installed by turning the clip catches into the frame.
2. Screw through frame method
  - a. From the factory when choosing drill for installation the frame head, sill and jambs will have 3/8" pilot holes drilled into the frame at the spacing as shown below on page 3.



**STEP #4: SEALANT AND FLASHING**

Kolbe recommends following ASTM E 2112-01 guidelines for sealing and flashing exterior windows. Maintain a gap of at least 1/4" (6mm) between the window frame and the rough opening structure. Create a proper seal between the window and the building exterior. For more details, see our pamphlets *Sealant Information* and *Flashing Information*. These publications are available from your Kolbe Window and Door supplier or visit our website to download a copy.

**See Fig 1. For Sealant on Nailing Fin.**

Apply a 3/16" (5mm) bead of sealant to the nail fin. Silicone is required at the head and jambs. No sealant required at the sill.

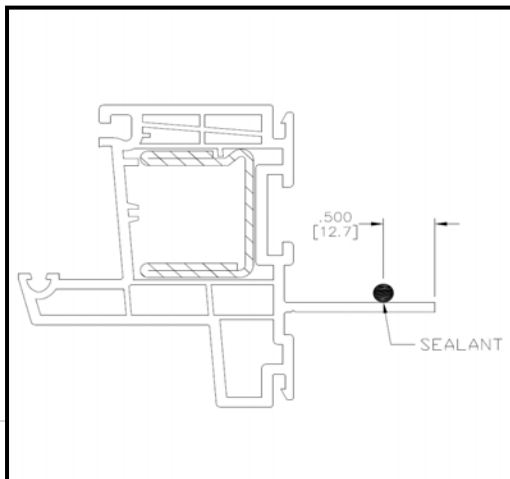
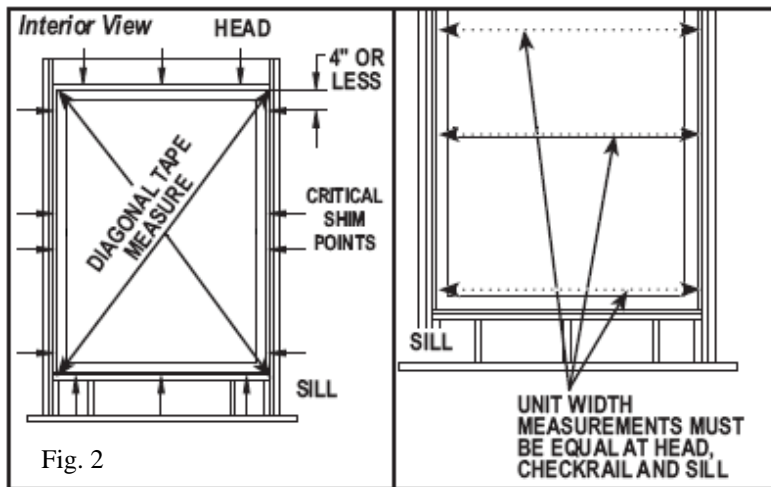


Fig. 1

### **STEP #5: GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR TWO INSTALLATION TECHNIQUES**

From the exterior, carefully tilt unit, sill first, into the rough opening. Press the nailing fin evenly against the exterior sheathing. Center the unit, equalizing the frame to rough opening gap. **See installation detail drawings attached to the instruction.**

**See Fig. 2.** Shim along the head, sill, and side. If a mull is used shim between the frame and the rough opening directly on the mull posts. Shimming will ensure correct margins, parallel jambs, a level unit, and proper operation. Do not bow the side jambs. Do not over shim.



Measure the distance from the interior upper left frame corner diagonally down to the lower right frame corner, and then measure the other two corners. These measurements must be within 1/16" (2mm) of each other. In addition, the height of the frame at the center must be the same as the height at each end. The margins around the window should be even on all sides.

#### **Technique #1: Kolbe Installation Clips**

**See Fig. 3.** Double-check to ensure the sill is straight and level. Plumb the side jambs and level the head jamb. Shim on both sides of every installation clip to prevent the frame from bowing. Starting with an interior upper corner, bend clips to the rough opening frame and fasten using #8 x 2" wood screw into wood frame, or 3/16" x 3" tapcons into masonry/concrete, or #8 x 1-1/4" sms/self-drilling screw into metal structure. Continue around the perimeter, making sure the jambs are straight and the unit is square.

#### **Technique #2: Screw Through The Frame**

Double-check to ensure the sill is straight and level, and plumb the side jambs. Level the exterior head jamb. Adjust the shims if necessary. Follow the recommended fastener spacing and also shimming underneath each fastener. Check to ensure the unit is still level. Drill a 9/64"(4mm) diameter hole at each screw location in the head, sill and jamb. Fasten using #8 x 2" wood screw into wood frame, or 3/16" x 3" tapcons into masonry/concrete, or #8 x 1-1/4" sms/self-drilling screw into metal structure, fasten through the head, sill, jambs, shims, and into the rough opening framing. When all fasteners are installed apply silicone and insert the 3/8" plugs into each fastener location to seal out water.

### **STEP #6: COMPLETE THE EXTERIOR**

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**See Figure below.** Install backer rod and silicone around the interior and exterior perimeter of the frame. Both components are required to seal the window to the self-adhering flashing when no nailing fin is required. Also a drip cap must be installed to direct water away from the window and lessen the chance of water seepage. Seal the side edges of the drip cap to the window. Seal between the drip cap and the exterior sheathing.

**STEP #7: MAINTENANCE TIPS AND PROCEDURES**

Inspect your Kolbe products periodically/yearly to see if the exterior sealants and/or finishes have any gaps, cracks, or signs of damage and deterioration. Caulk any cracks immediately with a high quality sealant to maintain the seal integrity and to prevent air and water infiltration.

**CLEANING**

A yearly cleaning with a mild unscented soap and sweet water (tap) solution is recommended for the panel and frames; rinse well. Clean glass with standard glass cleaner, keeping it from running onto the panel and weather strip.

**CAUTION:** Do not pressure wash. Do not use any kind of abrasive. Abrasives can cause permanent damage to the PVC and finish.

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