Residing your home is a significant investment. As you consider your options, keep in mind which product will best meet your needs: Variform vinyl siding with its low maintenance good looks, or fiber cement siding, a product that looks good, but that also requires careful installation and eventual painting, caulking and maintenance?

### Variform® Vinyl Siding

- Withstands the handling and impact of installation without damage
- Designed to hide scratches and resist UV fade
- Will stay maintenance free for the lifetime of your home with occasional washing
- Never needs painting, sealing or caulking

### Fiber Cement Siding

- May chip and scratch during installation and from daily wear
- Will need touch-up paint
- Primed or unpainted siding must be painted and regularly repainted, which adds costs and labor
- Some products can be ordered with a colored finish, but are only covered by a 15-year warranty
- Seams require caulking and periodic repainting to prevent water damage
- Requires special cutting tools and occasional use of respirators
- Does not lock panel to panel
- Possible cracks and nail holes require touch-up

### Health Risks

- Is safe to cut for installation — no special equipment required
- Cutting releases silica dust into the environment
- Silica exposure may cause silicosis, lung cancer and more

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**Controlling Silica Exposure in Construction**

**Accu-Lock®**
### Variform® Vinyl Siding

- NAHB Green Approved
- Can help projects earn certification points in green-building programs
- Insulated panels can increase comfort and overall efficiency of a home
- Engineered to withstand weather extremes; can be installed in any climate and at any altitude
- Cannot absorb or hold water
- Every panel is designed to drain any moisture that may get behind the panel away from the home’s exterior

### Fiber Cement Siding

- Not NAHB Green Approved
- Panels may require sealing, caulking and painting, which increases possible environmental exposure to VOCs
- Some products only approved for use in specific climate “zones”
- Exposed areas (nicks, scratches, cracks and cut edges) can absorb and hold water
- Any moisture that gets behind a panel from weather or normal day-to-day living can get trapped in the wall, and moist environments can harbor dangerous mold

### Warranty

- Variform® Vinyl Siding
  - Backed by an industry leading Limited Lifetime Transferable Warranty
- Fiber Cement Siding
  - Warranty coverage varies by product and application

### Color

- Variform® Vinyl Siding
  - Wide range of profiles
  - Extensive color palette
  - Certified to hold color
- Fiber Cement Siding
  - Fewer profile options
  - Regional limited color palette
  - Not certified to hold color

### Lifetime Cost

- Variform® Vinyl Siding
  - No long-term or ongoing maintenance costs over the long life of the product
  - Lower total installed cost (including material and labor) and more efficient at the job site — no additional finishing after installation
- Fiber Cement Siding
  - Requires ongoing maintenance, painting and caulking to maintain appearance and resist moisture infiltration
  - Initial purchase price (including labor and finish costs) is higher than vinyl siding

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1 Variform Vinyl Siding has been Green Approved by the NAHB Research Center. This means you can be assured that this product complies with specific green practice criteria in the National Green Building Standard. Visit www.GreenApprovedProducts.com for details.

2 Some products require priming and one or two coats of paint, which increases labor costs.
**Variform Vinyl Siding and Accessories**
- Broad range of coordinating siding profiles, accents and accessories

**Fiber Cement Siding**
- Limited coordinating profiles and accessories
Finish your home, your way.

Beauty truly is in the details. That’s why Variform by Ply Gem offers a full line of matching accessories in a variety of colors and styles to complete the look of your home.

From corners to columns, guttering to soffits, door surrounds to fascia, Variform has all the details you need to define the look you want for your home. And with our enhancements — Leaf Relief® by Ply Gem gutter protection, Ply Gem Stone, Monticello Columns® by Ply Gem and Richwood® by Ply Gem exterior finishings — you’ll enjoy worry-free maintenance and a beautiful finish down to the last detail.