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Windows 10 installation superguide

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Back on the day, most window installations went something like this: Set, level, square, nail, foam spray, then for the next. There are a few more steps these days, and not all of this has to do with preventing water from getting in. Many modern window plant steps are designed to allow water out, if it ever finds a way in. To make sure we get it right, we asked local Tyvek rep Lori Gunderson and Marvin Window installation guru Eric Klein to guide us through the process. In addition to proper procedures, Eric shared a bunch of pro tips, tips, and tricks. In this story we will show how to install a Marvin double hung window. Many of these steps are shared by window manufacturers, but not all. Always follow the specific instructions for the other brands you install. 2/26 Build Pro Tips
Roll the home wrapper, or WRB (Weather Resistant Barrier), throughout the window opening. Then cut the center of the WRB and cut it to the top and bottom of the opening. 3/26 Build Pro Tips
Cut at an angle of about 6-in. above and away from the four corners. Note: Bottom corner cuts are not required by all window manufacturers. 4/26 Build Pro Tips
Fold back the side-fins and keep them in place temporarily with seal seam or tape home wrap, no fasteners. Use a small piece of tape to prevent WRB from tearing when removed. Patch any tears that occur with the seam seal tape. If there are no connectors on the road, fold the WRB back under itself. 5/26 Build Pro Tips
Even with a perfect installation, the water can still find its way into the opening. It's a good idea to tilt the ledge into the rough opening to help the unwanted water find its way out again. An easy way to achieve a slope is to rip down and install a beveled piece of weather resistant siding. Plan ahead and build rough openings about 1/2 higher to censor the width of the siding. Shim down the siding if the opening is super off the level, but avoid the window higher than other windows nearby. The difference in height will be noticeable and unsightly. 6/26 Construction Pro Tips
I'm installing Dupont FlexWrap in this window. There are other accepted products on the market, but FlexWrap has a great track record and is recommended by folks at Marvin. Rip the 6-in. behind the flashing tape and put the tape down over the ledge rinse with the Configuration. Run the tape at least six inches up to the sides of the opening. PRO TIP: Eric pushes the tape tightly into the corners at speed or beam square. 7/26 Construction Pro Tips
Ensing the smallest strip of support and press the tape down on the wall. This flash is sensitive to pressure and should be pressed into place with a cylinder. PRO TIPS: On extremely cold days his outstretched corners Can curl up back a little. Eric keeps them in place with a seam seal tape. 8/26 Build Pro Tips
Set the bottom shims (preferably composite) in place before setting the window. PRO TIP: Eric dabs a little sealant under the shims. This helps to keep them in place when setting the window, but keeps them loose enough that they can be moved for minor adjustments later. Space the shims near the edges, in

the center, and for larger windows one no more than 14 inches apart. 9/26 Build Pro TipsWrap the two WRB side fins inside, around, and inside configuration. Staple or tape in place. 10/26 Build Pro TipsRun a 3/8-in. bead sealant about half an inch through the edge of the opening. Leave a 3/4-in. gap on each side of all four corners. Leaving the corners without caulk ensures the corner flanges have a clean, smooth surface to keep. Don't caulk under the bottom flange. Most exterior grade window, door, and siding sealant will work. 11/26 Construction Pro TipsNo reason to plumbing the window because if the wall is out of bob, so goes the window. But carpenters trim a favor, and double check that window jambs are as much as possible even with framing. If one side of the window protrudes further than the other, installing the housing can be a difficult proposition. Make only small adjustments. Excessive twisting of the window could cause the bands to jam or stick instead of running smoothly. 12/26 Construction Pro Tips You have your assistant inside the window center in the opening. Adjust the shims so that the bottom of the window is flat and so that each is in contact with the window. Install two 2-in. external grade connectors on each side near the bottom of the window, and then check the bottom again with a level. PRO TIP: Eric prefers screws for nails because it is easier to adjust the window if something comes out of whack. GRK cabinet screws are his favorite. 13/26 Construction Pro TipsCheck that window is square with diagonal measurement both ways. Adjust the top of the window one way or another until the measurements are the same. PRO TIP: To ensure an accurate measurement, always hook the tape under the vinyl drip cap. The drip cap also helps to keep the tape measure in place. Install two connectors at the top near the corner, and then check for square again. Do not install other fasteners until the window is shimmed and sealed inside. 14 / 26 Construction TipsThe next several pages will guide you through the process of sealing around the window. Here's what it should look like when you're all ready. Note: Again, this is an approved method for installing Marvin Windows. Other manufacturer methods will differ. 15/26 Build Pro TipsPres from installing any more shims, place a backer rod on both sides and the top, but not the bottom. Press rod tightly onto the back of the nail flange. PRO TIP: Eric uses his speed/square beam to make several passes by pushing only a few inches at a time. The idea behind this backer rod is to eliminate thermal bridging and water penetration. It prevents the shims side from buttying up against the nail flange, which could channel heat and water. 16/26 Construction Pro TipsSuperly there are three ways to check that the jambs are straight before installing the side shims: Inspect the revelations (space) between the jambs and the bands. It should still be. The distance between the two side jambs should be equal at the top, center, and bottom. This can be controlled simply by measuring. PRO TIP: Instead of measuring, Eric uses the top stop as a history pole and compares the gaps between the stop and the jamb at the top, bottom and center. Create your own history pole if the window you install doesn't have a top stop, and you have a bunch of them to install. Open and close both zones to make sure they are running smoothly. 17/26 Build Pro TipsInstall shims on the sides of the window in the center, and about 4 inches below the top and above the bottom. Some windows have dedicated holes to fasten the jambs to the configuration (see next page). Place shims in these positions. Often times, the center of the side jambs should be pushed in a while. PRO TIP: Eric pushes the jambs over with an Air Shim bag in the exact location he wants, and then installs the shims. Don't inhale at the top of the window. If the building fits, the window could get compressed, which would probably cause the window to stop properly and could even lead to broken glass panes. 18/26 Build Pro TipsIn addition to the connectors in the nailing flange, this window is kept in place with screws running through a bracket called the receiver block. It is located on the guardrail and can be accessed by removing the lower belt. Shims must be in these positions. PRO TIP: A long bid holder will make it easier to avoid drilling the window with the drill chuck. 19/26 Build Pro TipsRun a bead of low-expansion foam in the vacuum along the backer rod. Don't overdo it. Just distribute enough foam to create a 1 or 1-1/2-n. bead that bridges the entire gap between the window and the configuration. Run the bead out a little ways along each side of the shim. Do not fill the entire space inside because even low-expansion foam can expand enough to distort the PRO TIP: Spread a practice bead on a piece of cardboard so you can adjust the gun, and measure how quickly to move the edge along into the gap. 20/26 Build Pro TipsStarting into one of the lower shims, press on a rod backwards around the bottom and up to the other shim. Don't push it as hard as you did with the other rod. Just push almost to the point where the jamb meets the window window (see Seal the interior). 21/26 Build Pro TipsFill the gap from the lower backer rod almost all the way to the inner edge of the configuration. Tool on the sealant with your finger or a small piece of backer rod to ensure that the entire vacuum gets filled. This rear barrier will prevent any water that gets over the other lines of defense from getting inside the house. If the window is properly installed there should be nothing to stop the water from escaping back to the great outdoors. 22/26 Build Pro TipsFill in the rest of the gap on the sides (above the bottom shims) and top with fiberglass or rock wool insulation. Fill the whole gap, but keep it loose and fluffy. Insulation loses its effectiveness the tighter packaged it gets. 23 / 26 Construction Pro TipsIf the window you install requires corner flanges, now is the time to install them. 24/26 Construction Pro TipsSome windows have a nailing flange that is an integral part of the window (usually vinyl windows), but this window doesn't. So, in order to seal the area where the flange meets the window, the flashing tape should run onto the side of the window at least 1/4-in. Install the tape on the sides first, about four inches past the bottom of the window and about an inch higher than the upper nail flange. Run the flashing tape on top at least six inches past the window on each side. 25/26 Build Pro TipsFold under the top flap of the WRB and cover the two angular cuts with tape seam seal. Don't tape the entire bottom of the wing. Instead, just use a few small strips of tape to keep it in place. yes, you guessed it. The gaps between the tape are there to create an escape route for any water that gets behind the WRB over the window opening. 26/26 That's all there is too much of it! Okay, we admit that installing windows isn't as simple and easy as it used to be... but neither are water damage and callbacks. We want to thank our two experts for stopping and walking us through the whole process: Meet the expertsLori GundersonLori has been a Tyvek Specialist for over 12 years. It works closely with architects, general contractors, builders, and installers to help build a quality, energy efficient building. Before becoming a Tyvek Specialist, he worked for a national builder for over 10 years, where he managed single family and multi-family projects. She is very passionate about her work and enjoys great respect in the construction industry. Klein, AttiverEric's Senior Installation and Service has been hired by Marvin Windows and Doors since March 1984 and has trained thousands of installers at the facility in Warroad, MN and on his trips that have taken him around the globe. He is an accredited instructor and certifies installers in residential, light commercial, and commercial installation of windows and doors. Eric also works with several and vendors on how to best serve installers, contractors, and service technicians with the best tips and tricks, and plant know-how. More resources: //www.marvin.com/ resources: //www.marvin.com/

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