

STORAGE & HANDLING GUIDE



STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

PROPER PROTECTION FROM THE ELEMENTS:

- **Moisture Considerations:** Keep uninstalled Diamond Kote® products dry at all times. Moisture can impact the ease of installation for the contractor. Snow and rain should not accumulate on shroud or bottom of unit.
- **Factory Shroud:** The factory shroud provides initial protection during delivery, but the shroud is not designed for long-term outdoor storage. Diamond Kote products must be stored under roof.

PROPER SUPPORT:

- **Flat Storage:** Ensure the storage surface is flat and level to prevent warping or damage. Ensure Diamond Kote products are stored off the ground on a well-drained surface.
- **Adequate Support:** The storage surface shall be strong enough to support the weight of the stacked materials.

STACKING REQUIREMENTS

AVOID OVERLOADING: Do not exceed the below stacking heights. Overloading can lead to instability and damage to the materials.

- **Maximum Heights:**

SIDING & TRIM	Stack up to 7 units high.
CORNERS	Stack up to 3 units high.

EVEN DISTRIBUTION OF WEIGHT:

- Ensure the weight is distributed evenly across the stack to prevent damage to the lower units.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

STORAGE LOCATION:

- Choose a clean, well-ventilated storage area.

REGULAR INSPECTIONS:

- Periodically inspect the stored materials for any signs of moisture intrusion as well as rotation of inventory. FIFO (first in first out) is a best practice, as well as limiting excessive handling.

TOUCH-UP PAINT & CAULK:

- Touch-up paint and caulk cannot freeze and must be stored above freezing temperatures. For best practices, store indoors.

SHIPPING & STRAPPING:

- Follow DOT requirements and utilize protection to prevent strapping damage to materials (such as corner guards).

By following these guidelines, you can help ensure that your Diamond Kote products remain in excellent condition throughout storage and installation.