

# Fast... Faster... **Fastest!**



**Gauge and install fiber-cement siding up to 48% faster\* with the Gecko Gauge.**

**30% faster**  
than Overlap Gauge  
with Lap Gauge combo

**36% faster**  
than Break-away clips

**48% faster**  
than lines on a wall



Working as a pair, the Gecko Gauge clamps to each siding course, acting as a second set of hands to gauge and support the next course for nailing. Get fast, accurate installation with less fatigue and with virtually no layout.

Using a patented Friction-Cam mechanism, the Gecko Gauge will securely support heavy full-length siding.

#### **SA903**

- For use with 5/16" fiber cement siding products
- Adjusts at 1/4" increments for 4"-8" siding reveals

#### **SA90376**

- For use with 7/16" LP siding products
- Adjusts at 1/4" increments for 4"-8" siding reveals

#### **SA90338**

- For use with 3/8" LP siding products
- Adjusts at 1/4" increments for 4"-8" siding reveals

In recent tests, the Gecko Gauge was recognized as the fastest and simplest fiber-cement siding tool of the popular brands tested.\*

#### **Works with shingles!**

For fast shingle installation, simply attach your own ledger board for fast and easy one-person shingle installation with the Gecko Gauge.

#### **SA902**

- Adjusts for 5", 6", 7", and 8" siding reveals
- Durable aluminum construction

#### **SA902A.01**

- For use with 5/8" thick Jame Hardie Artisan™ Lap siding
- Adjusts for 4", 6", 7", and 8" siding reveals
- Durable aluminum construction

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# Read what James Hardie says about the PacTool Gecko Gauge\* on page 12 of their Labor and Efficiency Manual...

\*PacTool product formerly called "Siding Gauge".



## Alignment Method & Tool Evaluation

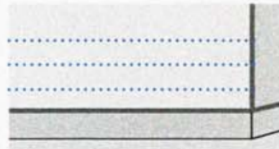
All of the tested methods produced the required results, over lap of minimum 1.25" and a consistent exposure.

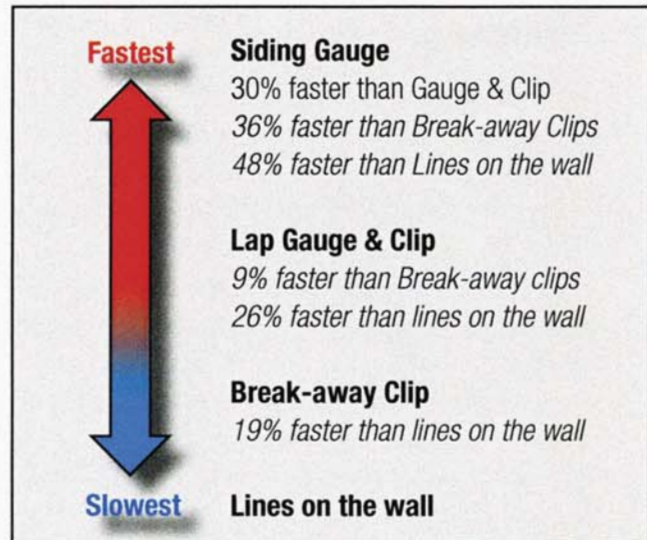
To the surprise of the installers, the siding gauge tool outperformed the other tools by a very large margin. The siding gauge tool was simple to use; held the boards securely in place; and stayed securely in place until removed.

Lap gauges and overlap gauges were used in conjunction with each other. Both are necessary to properly gauge the exposure and hold the next course in place. Because two tools are required, it is difficult to find a rhythm, and dropped tools are common. When working with a partner, the lap gauge can be used independent of the overlap gauges.

The break-away clip was problematic for most of the installers. The installers with the least amount of siding experience performed well with the clip, but the most experienced installers struggled to find a rhythm with the tool. Several clips broke during the trial and in some cases the product fell from the wall. During the trial this was a nuisance; at height, broken clips can be dangerous. Also, the break-away clip is not reusable, and is the only tool that adds cost to each piece of siding.

## Tools Evaluated

| Siding Gauge                                                                        | Overlap Gauge                                                                       | Lap Gauge                                                                           | Break-away Clip                                                                      | Chalk Lines on wall                                                                   |
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A line on the wall was a very time consuming process and required very precise measurements. To be most effective, it required two people to create the line. Lines can be used at different points on the wall to ensure the siding is level but should not be used as the primary alignment device.

## Recommendations

The Siding Gauge leads all other alignment devices in ease of use, speed, and effectiveness. James Hardie recommends the use of Siding Gauge when installing lap siding.

