

## Rubber Wall base Installation Instructions

Read all literature concerning the product description, product limitations, wall surface inspection, adhesive information, adhesive application, product installation procedures and warranty before installation. Deliver all materials to the installation location in its original packaging with labels intact. The installation area, materials and adhesive are to be maintained between 65°F (19°C) and 85°F (30°C) for at least 48 hours before installation, during installation, and thereafter. **To assist with the installation process, coils should be unrolled and allowed to relax for a minimum of 24 hours prior to installation.** Proceed with the installation only when the conditions **are proper and correct. Inspect all material for proper type and color.**

**Adhesive for Porous Substrates** Use a high-quality Wall Base Adhesive for the installation of Wall Base, pre-molded factory corners on porous substrates.

### Adhesive for Non-Porous Substrates

Use a premium contact adhesive for the application of Wall Base, pre-molded factory corners on non-porous substrates. This includes any and all vinyl wall coverings, metal, FRP panels, laminates, ceramic tile, marble and/or non-porous paints. A bond test should be performed at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled installation to ensure the surface is suitable. There should be difficulty in removing the wall base from the surface but not all situations will result in tearing of paper from gypsum wallboard surfaces. If the back of the wall base becomes soiled prior to installation, clean with a soft cloth dampened with a mild soap and water solution, rinse, let dry.

### Wall Surface Inspection

All surfaces should be inspected prior to installation. Use only on structurally sound interior wall surfaces such as dry plaster, cured drywall, exterior grade plywood (Group 1, CC type), concrete, and masonry that are clean, smooth, dry, and structurally sound. All surfaces must be completely free from moisture, alkali, old adhesive, dust dirt, wax, oil, grease, loose paint, or plaster, non-porous wall coverings or paints, and other extraneous coatings or materials that could prevent a successful bond. Plaster and cement must be thoroughly dry and cured. Any rough or uneven surfaces may telegraph through the wall base. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for any patching materials.

**Warning:** When removing old wall base or adhesives, unless they can be positively identified not to contain hazardous materials, you must presume the materials may contain hazardous materials. Follow the recommended practices for the proper removal and disposal of the materials.

### Installation of Factory Corners

- Apply adhesive to the back of the corner with either a 1/8" saw-tooth trowel or from cartridge nozzle and then spreading with a 1/8" saw-tooth trowel to ensure **90% coverage** of adhesive while not spreading within 1/4" from the top of the corner.
- Place corner appropriately and roll with hand roller or smooth with a soft wet cloth to ensure proper adhesive contact.

### Installation of Job-Site Formed Outside Corners

- Position the wall base tight against the wall and mark the length on the back side of the wall base with a pencil utilizing the wall as a guide.
- Position wall base with the back side up on a flat stable surface.
- Utilize a top-set gouge (Crain 532) to remove approximately (maximum) 20% of the wall base's thickness along the pencil line on the side of the line in the direction the wall base will be installed. Remove the excess on each side of the groove just above the toe of the wall base. Removing more than 20% of the base voids any and all warranties.
- Utilize top-set gouge to make two stress relief gouges above the wall base toe approximately one-inch from the bottom of the Vertical Gouge Line. Stress Relief cuts should be approximately one-inch long
- Fold back wall base to pre-form the corner. The toe is to be rolled upwards which will assist in contouring. The top edge of the cove base should fit tight against the wall's surface and the wall base toe should be rounded and sitting flat against the floor
- Apply adhesive to the back of the corner with either a 1/8" saw-tooth trowel or from cartridge nozzle and then spreading with a 1/8" saw-tooth trowel to ensure **90% coverage** of adhesive while not spreading within 1/4" of the top of the wall base corner
- Install the wall base corner as you would a factory corner above.

### Installation of Job-Site Formed Inside Corners

- Install either piece directly into the corner as normal.
- Position wall base for other side of corner without adhesive on the adjoining wall approximately one inch from the inside corner.
- Set dividers to corresponding width of gap.
- Slowly move the dividers downward in a straight vertical motion allowing one edge of the dividers to follow the profile of the installed wall base.
- After the profile has been transferred, use a utility knife to cut the pattern on the uninstalled wall base. Apply adhesive to the back of the corner with either a 1/8" saw-tooth trowel or from cartridge nozzle and then spreading with a 1/8" saw-tooth trowel to ensure **90% coverage** of adhesive while not spreading within 1/4" of the top of the wall base corner.
- Install the wall base corner as you would a factory corner above.

### Installation of Wall Base

- To assist with the installation process, coils should be unrolled and allowed to relax for a **minimum of 24 hours prior to installation.**
- Do not use a heat gun at any time during the course of installation.
- Install corners **prior** to the installation of the wall base.
- Cut wall base to desired length and fit tightly against corners.
- Apply adhesive to the back of the wall base with either a 1/8" saw-tooth trowel or from cartridge nozzle and then spreading with a 1/8" saw-tooth trowel to ensure **90% coverage** of adhesive while not spreading within 1/4" from the top of the wall base.
- Apply the wall base in a manner that **does not stretch** the wall base. Stretching can cause the wall base to return to its original length and cause gapping.
- It is important to always **roll the wall base in the direction** of the last piece installed. This practice will ensure a tight fit at the seams.
- Bond the wall base to the wall within 15 minutes after adhesive application and **lightly roll** with a hand wall base roller or smooth with a soft wet cloth to ensure proper adhesive contact. The top part of the base must be rolled.

- Periodically check the back of the wall base to make sure good adhesive transfer occurs. Allow wall base to remain undisturbed for 72 hours after installation to allow the adhesive to properly cure.
- Remove any excess adhesive immediately w/a soft cloth dampened with water.
- No Toe (aka Carpet base/straight base): We believe the best installation is to install the base first then install the carpet so that it butts up against the base, and does not rest on top of the carpet.
- Due to packaging requirements, roll base may have a slight bow in it when in the box. This is normal and not a defect. Allow base to relax and acclimate for a minimum of 24 hours before installation. After proper rolling of the base onto the wall, this will disappear.

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