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## VINYL RUB RAIL INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

### Important Notes:

- Materials should reach 65°F min. to 75° max 24 hours prior to installation. This is essential to minimize expansion and contraction of the material.
- If the material arrives coiled, remove from box and allow material to completely relax prior to installation.

### WALL PREPARATION

ALL WALL SURFACES MUST BE CLEAN, SMOOTH, DRY AND FREE OF OIL AND ANY LOOSE PAINT OR ANY OTHER IRREGULARITIES WHICH WOULD PREVENT GOOD ADHESION.

WHERE THE RUB RAIL IS TO BE APPLIED OVER PAINTED SURFACES, THE SURFACE SHOULD BE LIGHTLY SANDED, THEN THOROUGHLY WIPED DOWN, (DUST FREE) TO IMPROVE ADHESIVE GRIP.

IN THE CASE OF BLOCK OR CERAMIC TILE, EXCESS MORTAR MUST BE REMOVED USING A MASONS STONE (OR OTHER ADHESIVE TOOL) PRIOR TO PROCEEDING WITH THE INSTALLATION.

### INSTALLATION

1. PREPARE THE AREA OF THE WALL TO RECEIVE THE RUB RAIL AS DESCRIBED ABOVE UNDER WALL PREPARATION.
2. ESTABLISH THE RUB RAIL HEIGHT AS PER THE ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS, WHEN AVAILABLE. USING A CHALK LINE, MAKE A LEVEL LINE TO BE USED AS A GUIDE FOR ALIGNING THE RUB RAIL TOP OR BOTTOM.
3. MEASURE THE AREA TO RECEIVE THE RUB RAIL AND CUT TO SIZE PRIOR TO INSTALLING THE STRIP.

NOTE: DUE TO THERMAL EXPANSION AND CONTRACTION IN THE MATERIAL, A MINIMUM 1/32" GAP AT BUTT JOINTS MUST BE MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE INSTALLATION.

#### 4. INSTALL RUB RAILS TO WALL:

##### A. STRIPPABLE PRESSURE SENSITIVE ADHESIVE APPLICATIONS

- BEGINNING AT ONE END, PARTIALLY REMOVE THE ADHESIVE BACKING AND START APPLYING THE STRIP. CONTINUE TO REMOVE THE BACKING AND PROGRESSIVELY APPLY THE STRIP TO THE WALL.

B. WALLGUARD.COM'S WATER BASED MASTIC ADHESIVE APPLICATION USE THE NOTCHED TROWEL TO AN AREA OF THE WALL SURFACE THAT CAN BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE CURE TIME OF THE ADHESIVE. MAKE SURE THE ENTIRE AREA RECEIVES AN EVEN COAT. DO NOT ALLOW THE ADHESIVE TO OVER CURE. WHEN APPLYING THE ADHESIVE, MAINTAIN A MINIMUM 1/8" TO A MAXIMUM 1/4" CLEARANCE AT THE TOP AND BOTTOM OF THE STRIP. UNDER IDEAL CONDITIONS, THE PROPER CURE TIME OF THE ADHESIVE SHOULD BE APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES. WHEN APPLIED, THE ADHESIVE IS WHITE AND CREAMY, AS IT CURES THE ADHESIVE WILL BECOME TRANSLUCENT AND TACKY.

- STARTING AT ONE END OF THE RUN, BEGIN INSTALLING THE RUB RAIL, ALIGNING EITHER THE TOP OR BOTTOM WITH THE CHALK LINE.

5. USING THE HEAVY PRESSURE ROLLER, ROLL THE PREVIOUSLY INSTALLED STRIP.

6. THOROUGHLY CLEAN THE RUB RAILS UPON COMPLETION OF THE INSTALLATION.

