

# INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

# ACROVYN<sup>®</sup> INTERIORS .040 & .060 Rub Strips

Please read these instructions thoroughly prior to beginning the Acrovyn<sup>®</sup> Interiors Rub Strip installation! This instruction sheet is intended to provide a specific guide to follow for the installation of Acrovyn<sup>®</sup> .040 or .060 Rub Strips. Contained within is the technical information and installation techniques required to complete an efficient, neat and long-lasting installation.

ACROVYN<sup>®</sup> INTERIORS .040 and .060 Rub Strips must be installed in accordance with these instructions! **Failure to follow these instructions may void any product warranties and result in an unsuccessful installation.** For specific questions regarding the installation of .040 or .060 Acrovyn<sup>®</sup> Interiors Rub Strips please call the factory at (800) 233-8493 or in Canada (888) 895-8955.

## I. REQUIRED TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

### C/S Supplied Materials

1. .040/.060 Rub Strip
2. Mastic Adhesive (if required; see section III)

### Materials Available from C/S\*

Crain #333 Ext. Roller  
Notched Trowel

*\*Optional kit supplied if purchased separately.*

### Installer Supplied Materials

1. Straight Edge
2. Chalk Line
3. Heater or Hot Air Gun
4. Tape Measure
5. Utility Knife

## II. WALL PREPARATION

All wall surfaces must be clean, smooth, dry and free of any loose paint or any other irregularities which would prevent good adhesion.

Where the rub strip 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.

## III. RECOMMENDED ADHESIVES

### Smooth Finishes: Painted drywall or plaster, metal, etc.

The rub strip will be supplied with a strippable, pressure sensitive adhesive. Mastic adhesive is not required.

### Rough Finishes: Concrete block, precast concrete, ceramic tile, etc.

Rub strips used over these types of finishes should be installed using the C/S supplied Mastic adhesive.

\*\*For jobs with both smooth and rough finishes, Mastic adhesive should be used throughout.

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#### IV. INSTALLATION – RUB STRIP w/STRIPPABLE, PRESSURE SENSITIVE ADHESIVE

1. Prepare the area of the wall to receive the rub strip as described in section II. Wall Preparation.
2. Establish the rub strip height as per the architectural and/or the C/S supplied shop drawings. Using a chalk line, make a level line to be used as a guide for aligning the rub strip top or bottom.
3. Measure the area to receive the rub strip and cut to size prior to installing the strip.
4. 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.
5. Using the No. 333 Crain roller, roll the strip you have just installed.
6. Thoroughly clean the rub strips upon completion of the installation.

#### V. INSTALLATION – RUB STRIP w/MASTIC ADHESIVE

1. Prepare the area of the wall to receive the rub strip as described in section II. Wall Preparation.
2. Establish the rub strip height as per the architectural and/or the C/S supplied shop drawings. Using a chalk line, make a level line to be used as a guide for aligning the rub strip top or bottom.
3. Measure the area to receive the rub strip and cut to size prior to installing the strip.
4. Use the Notched Trowel to apply Water Base Mastic 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.
5. Starting at one end of the run, begin installing the rub strip, aligning either the top or bottom with the chalk line.
6. Using the No. 333 Crain roller, roll the strip you have just installed.
7. Thoroughly clean the rub strips upon completion of the installation.

#### VI. SPECIAL NOTES

1. **IMPORTANT:** Room temperature for Acrovyn® Rub Strip installation must be between 65°F (18°C) and 75°F (24°C). Materials must be allowed to reach room temperature for a minimum of 24 hours prior to installation.
2. Due to thermal expansion and contraction in the material, a minimum of 1/32" gap at the butt joints must be maintained throughout the installation.
3. Outside corners can be field formed\* using either a heater or a hot air gun; however, care must be taken so that the heat is not so intense that it erases the texture and distorts the strip. If you have never formed rub strips using heat, it is recommended to practice on some scrap pieces before attempting it on a good piece.

When forming a corner, concentrate the heat in the area where the outside corner occurs. Once the strip becomes soft or pliable, you may start forming it to the configuration of the corner by hand. After you've formed the corner you may then apply the adhesive or remove the strippable backing.

4. All inside corners should be cut and "butted".\* Forming of an inside corner is not necessary.
5. It is recommended that clean-up be done as the installation progresses, especially when using Mastic adhesive. Adhesive should not be applied prior to forming the outside corner.

\*Preformed outside and inside corners are available from the factory. Please call (800) 233-8493 or (888) 895-8955 in Canada for pricing and availability.

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